

Howard County Citizens Association
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the HCCA Board
February 6, 2019, 7 PM

Location of Meeting:

BA Auto Care
9577 Berger Rd
Columbia, Maryland 21046

Present at Meeting: Stu Kohn, JD Smith, Howard Johnson, Lisa Markovitz, Jervis Dorton, Susan Garber, Hiruy Hadgu, Brian England

Absent from Meeting: Paul Verchinski, Alan Schneider

The regular meeting of the HCCA Board of Howard County Citizens Association was called to order at 7:10 PM on February 6, 2019 at BA Auto Care by Stuart Kohn.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Membership Speak Out (Therese Meyer)
Therese expressed her concerns about the development of a solar farm on agricultural land surrounding her property. There is only 30% of the land that is used for farming, horse stable and the rest is woods. The solar array will take 100% of the agricultural land and conform to the regulations. Therese pointed out that this was not the intent of the regulations. The board gave input. A motion was proposed by Lisa "To have the HCCA oppose solar power usage on the agricultural preserved Khademi parcel in a letter to DPZ" it passed 8 for 0 against.
2. Membership Speak Out (Gail Brown And Karen Meyer)
Both Gail and Karen expressed concerns about the development of the land that is used by the milk producers off Route 216. The issues related to traffic, density, overcrowded schools, safety, the environment, stormwater runoff. Gail and Karin also said that 397 units on this land would have a grave effect on the surrounding developments.
3. Working With Other Civic Groups (Hiruy)
Hiruy and Lisa spoke about how to find out what issues we have in common with other civic groups then work together with them.
Lisa has spoken to some. The board agreed to support their efforts. Hiruy and Lisa will report to the board during the next month.
4. CB04 And CR3 (Lisa And Susan)
The board was updated on the issues related to the CB04 that tightened the regulations related to the environment. There is major concern with how the Council voted on CR3 and 3 Council Members with how the Council voted on CR3, have the 3 Council Members who voted in favor of the Resolution received campaign money from Erickson?

5. Erickson Development (Lisa And Hiruy)
The Planning Board meeting for this development is on March 21. Hiruy will testify and Lisa will concentrate on the issues related to CEF and its legality.
6. New Town (JD, Brian, And Jervis)
JD and Brian request the Board agree to write a letter requesting that the HCCA be represented on the HC New Town plan task force. Stu agreed to review the letter and make suggestions.
Later in the evening Jervis agreed to give input on development plans in NT.
7. Delegate Millers Bill 12-19 (Lisa)
Lisa described the purpose of the bill and how it would affect developers' contributions. Hiruy will testify Feb 20th 2019.
8. Treasurers Report And Membership Renewals (JD and Howard)
JD presented the current status of our account.
Howard updated the board on membership renewals. Renewals are following a normal pattern for this time of the year.
9. Zoning Board Rules Of Procedure (Stu)
Stu updated the board on the changes to Zoning Board procedures. Stu also said he has talked to Val Lazdins about the review Planning Board procedures.

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. Movie (Lisa)
Lisa said there was a chance the Ellicott City historical society might show the Columbia at 50 movie.
2. Transition Team (Stu)
This item was put on hold until next month

V. V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7 PM on March 6, 2019 at:

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The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

- Transition team report
- Selection of Charter review commission

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM by Stuart Kohn.

Minutes submitted by: Brian England

Minutes approved by: HCCA Board