

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

January 8, 2020

Location: BA AUTOCARE, 9577 Berger Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046

Board Attendees: Stu Kohn, President, Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, Brian England, Howard Johnson, Jervis Dorton, Paul Verchinski, and Alan Schneider, Secretary. Absent: Susan Garber and Hiruy Hadgu.

Treasurer's Report and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Membership Report. Howard Johnson reported that a dues reminder mailing will be sent to members in February. Favorably noted was HCCA's Facebook video.

Charter Review Commission. Stu Kohn reported on meetings of the Charter Review Commission.

Howard County Council Legislation.

Stu Kohn began discussion of a meeting with Councilman David Yungmann. Councilman Yungmann was responsive to HCCA concerns regarding ZRAs. ZRAs are introduced for approval without transparency, and without comprehensive information regarding the initiator and the effect of approval on zoning, land use planning, and the forthcoming comprehensive rezoning. ZRAs have unintended consequences, and benefits to unknown beneficiaries. Councilman Yungmann understood HCCA's concerns and indicated that he would take action to resolve.

Technical Staff Reports. Councilman Yungmann shares HCCA concerns regarding the use of TSRs by eliminating DPZ's Recommendation. Councilman Youngman will be introducing a Bill.

Discussion of Testimony on Pending Legislation.

CB1. Montgomery County bans development if schools are full. The proposed legislation contains a 7 year limit. After discussion it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed authorizing

CR13. Transit Oriented Development. TOD should go through the zoning process to resolve issues not addressed and required in similar previous approvals; access roads, downstream traffic issues, etc. What would a planning expert recommend to be included and required in the approval process?

CR98. Approval of the Housing Unit Allocation Chart. Discussed.

Board of Education Candidate Forum. HCCA will support The Peoples Voice candidate forums to be held in February at the Miller library and another location. The events will be recorded for later viewing.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

The next meeting will be February 5.

Alan Schneider, Secretary