

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

November 9, 2020

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

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

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

Discussion to recommend initiation of a bill to require pre-submission meetings for commercial development.

Update by Susan Garber on results to protect the Savage Mill historic area, protect open space, protect residential communities, and to protect against flooding created by overdevelopment affecting the river.

Update on compliance issues regarding the Royal Farms Gasoline Station and proposed high density growth in Scaggsville and Fulton.

Erickson Living at Limestone Valley. The proposed change in zoning from RC to CEF at the proposed location does not comply with the code, nor procedures, nor does it provide enhancements outweighing significant detriments to the community and to Howard County. HCCA testify to the Zoning Board.

Regulation of Land Use in Howard County. Meetings will be ongoing with elected officials for recommended improvements at the Board of Appeals and Planning Board. Discussion will include use of Redlines and ZRAs.

HCCA Success. County Counsel Approval of HCCA recommended revisions Technical Staff Report to remove the "Recommendations Section". CB57-2020.

Discussion of changes underway to The General Plan – HoCo by design.

Discussion led by Paul Verchinski to facilitate the use of Electric Vehicles by requirements for charging stations.

Discussion of listserv communications, bylaws revisions, and community support.

Discussion of Prefiled legislation, and possible HCCA testimony.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Alan Schneider, Secretary