

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

September 8, 2021

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

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

Meeting commenced at 7 PM.

Treasurer's Report and minutes were approved.

Reviewed arrangements for HCCA's Annual Meeting on October 6 with Honored Speakers County Council Members Liz Walsh, Deb Jung and 1986-1990 County Executive Liz Bobo.

Paul Verchinski will give a presentation at the Annual Meeting on HoCo by Design.

Lisa Markovitz updated the Board on Smart Growth Alliance and progress on webinars to provide information to the public on important issues.

Discussion was held on the conclusion of the public hearing on Zoning Board Case ZB 1118M Erickson at Limestone Valley, rezoning Rural Conservation land to a CEF zone to enable 1440 units on environmentally sensitive land. The next Zoning Board meeting will be to discuss a vote on the proposal. Procedural problems continue. Amendments are needed for due process. Meetings will be requested with county officials regarding land use planning and fair procedures.

Proposed legislation scheduled for Howard County Council hearing on September 20th was discussed including CB51, CR140-143 regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes by Solar Companies and the Property Owner. A motion authorizing testimony by HCCA officers was moved, seconded and unanimously passed.

Hiruy Hadgu updated the Board on Police Body Cameras in Howard County.

Possible Bylaw Amendments were discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Alan Schneider, Secretary