

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

January 23, 2023

Location: Virtual

Board Attendees: Stu Kohn, President, Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, JD Smith, Jervis Dorton, Howard Johnson, Susan Garber, Hiruy Hadgu and Alan Schneider, Secretary. Lisa Markovitz presided. Paul Verchinski and Brian England were unable to attend. Meeting commenced at 7:15 PM.

Treasurer JD Smith presented the Treasurer's Report. Alan Schneider presented the minutes for approval. Minutes amended to include reference to 2022 email meetings.

1. Zoning Board Rules. HCCA testimony on points including subpoena of witnesses, due process time requirements, mediation only if both parties agreed to mediation, and other clarifications were reviewed.
2. Status of pending land use zoning requirement waiver requests were reviewed: Lawyers Hill and Taylor Service property.
3. Coalition with other groups on zoning and land testimony was discussed. Various alternatives were reviewed.
4. Organization with common interest include those prioritizing water quality, smart growth, environmental protection, ethics, conservation, and sustainable buildings.
5. Electrify Howard County, CB5, was favorably reviewed.
6. By-laws revisions and membership dues were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Alan Schneider
Secretary