

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

April 3, 2024

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

Board Attendees: Stu Kohn, President (by telephone link), Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, Brian England, Howard Johnson, Paul Verchinski, Kristy Hartman Mumma, Jervis Dorton and Alan Schneider, Secretary. Lisa Markovitz presided. Meeting commenced at 7:10 PM., JD Smith, Karina Fisher and Susan Garber were not present.

1. Treasurer JD Smith reported the account balance and his report was approved.
2. The March 6, 2024 minutes were approved.
3. **Speak Out.** Karin Emery discussed community concerns in Columbia. Individuals in other groups could associate in a group and assist HCCA in working on mutual community concerns. Discussion ensued regarding the different forms of association.
4. **HCCA Testimony.** Potential testimony was discussed. Discussed was the status of HoCo by Design (the General Plan) and the status of planning for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).
5. **Library Survey.** Noted was the large number of list serve responses regarding the library site. Many questions are unanswered regarding State Highway Input for the need for an Route 29 exit requiring moving the existing library, who pays the construction and other continuing costs of moving the library, the relationship to the Howard Hughes entity, and the overall relationship to the county budget, taxation and infrastructure.
6. **Gateway Masterplan Advisory Committee.** Brian England reported. There is a plan proposed by benefiting entities. Other impacted interests are under represented. Regional planning needs to be address, such as the relationship to the airport and its strategic location on Route 95 between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The Committee needs more information, and attention to "What is the process?"
7. **Testimony.** Potential testimony was discussed. Concerns have been expressed regarding Accessory Dwelling Units, and its precursor CB 16. Also discussed were RR and RC zones
8. **Responses to HCCA e-mails.** Stu Kohn discussed the need for responsiveness from County Officials. E-mails and phone calls from HCCA need to be answered.
9. **Annual Meeting.** Plans, speakers, advocate of the year and arrangements were discussed, and to be continued before the next meeting.
10. **Archives.** Arrangements to archive HCCA records will be continued at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Alan Schneider, Secretary