

# Howard County Citizens Association

## Minutes of the Board of Directors

May 8, 2024

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

**Board Attendees:** Stu Kohn, President, Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, Brian England, Howard Johnson, Paul Verchinski, Kristy Hartman Mumma (by zoom), and Alan Schneider, Secretary. Meeting commenced at 7:15 PM., JD Smith, Jervis Dorton, Karina Fisher and Susan Garber were not present.

1. Treasurer JD Smith sent by e-mail the account balance and his report was approved.
2. The April 3, 2024 minutes were approved with amendments.
3. **Arrangements and details for the June Annual Meeting were discussed.** An overflow crowd is expected. The meeting will be recorded for by Brent Loveless for viewing by those unable to attend. Lisa Markovitz will be the moderator.
4. **Legislation and HCCA Testimony.** Potential testimony was discussed. Discussed were resolutions, budget work sessions, and proposed tax increases. Stu Kohn raised concern regarding the details of the change in the Property Tax not being provided to the public before the hearing on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Transparency requires more advance disclosure of analysis and details, including “where is the money going”.
5. Paul Verchinski discussed the Climate Solutions Now Act and the County Executive’s report.
6. Brian England discussed his meeting with the Department of Planning and Zoning. Discussion ensued regarding the interaction of DPZ and the Planning Board. Discussion included the impact of covenants on land use and zoning. Responses by DPZ will be published on HCCA’s list serve.
7. Archiving HCCA records discussion was to be continued.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Alan Schneider, Secretary