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Howard County Citizens Association

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From: Stu Kohn

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To: shawnmacinnes@columbiaassociation.org

Cc: Brian England

Subject: Invitation to Howard County Citizens Association Meeting

Dear Shawn MacInnes,

The Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA) Board of Directors are following up regarding our “New Town Committee” communications with you as reported by Brian England.

We cordially invite you and any member of your staff to meet with our Board. We would like for the discussion to center on your perspective of the future of Columbia as well as concerns and suggestions we have for potential improvements such as the following:

It is very important for our Board to understand the Columbia Association, (CA) Columbia Redevelopment Process, especially the roles of the CA, the interface of Howard Hughes, DPZ and DILP. Clarification is needed because we want to provide accurate input in a timely manner to our members which many reside in Columbia.

One of the major concerns we have is by the time a Columbia redevelopment project has become known it's often too late to give meaningful input. The CA Development Tracker database was previously available and was a very useful asset. Hopefully this tool can be re-established for the community. Covenants and design guidelines are critical to upholding the Columbia Scheme of Development.

We hope you have seen the “[Columbia at 50 - a Bridge to the Future](#)” movie that the HCCA and CA sponsored. It is worth viewing to appreciate the Columbia atmosphere and attitude.

Hopefully you might have heard John Healy's talk. It provided detailed insight regarding New Town Zoning and how when buying a home or developing commercial property in Columbia those participants are buying into the “Columbia Scheme of development” which comes with legally enforceable rights.

We appreciate the Columbia Scheme of Development, which is complex, but unfortunately is being made worse by each entity involved in Columbia development not defining their role and adhering to the regulations.

Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6 at BA Auto Care, 9577 Berger Road, Columbia, MD. 21046 at 7pm. We hope you will consider joining us for a good conversation to get educated so we can have a thorough understanding of all aspects of the role and activities of the CA and interaction with stakeholders.

Thank You for your consideration.

Please send an RSVP to stukohn@verizon.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

Stu Kohn

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