

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

November 11, 2024

Location: Virtual. Board Attendees: Stu Kohn, President, Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, Brian England, Paul Verchinski, Howard Johnson, Karina Fisher and Alan Schneider, Secretary. Board meeting commenced at 7:05 PM.

1. Treasurer report and minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer transition was discussed.
3. Board Membership and by laws revisions were discussed for further consideration.
4. HCCA testimony.
 - a. CB61. Stu Kohn was authorized to testify for HCCA.
 - b. Discussed Maryland HB 1450 Task Force on education funding.
 - c. The December 2nd County Council legislative session was discussed.
5. APFO. Review is at early stages. Time line was reviewed. HCCA will continue to follow the task force.
6. Brian England discussed watershed protection. Columbia Association watershed protection is environmentally counterproductive. Civil engineers, activists and others have documented harmful activities. Open space needs reevaluation to accomplish protection and preservation.
7. The Long Reach redevelopment plan was discussed.
8. Zoning: Proposed approval for WR Grace to conduct testing of plastic burning. Residents in neighboring villages are complaining that air and water protections are required.
9. Zoning: A go kart track has been built without compliance with zoning laws and regulations. The Greater Highland Crossroads Association supports compliance with zoning laws HCCA supports compliance and enforcement.
10. Karina Fisher reported on school budget capital and operational procedures and issues. Adequate funding, the budge process, and selection of schools for capital funding are issues.
11. Archives. Discussed preservation of HCCA archives.

The meeting concluded at 9:03 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8th.

Alan Schneider, Secretary.