

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

March 6, 2025

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

Board Attendees: Stu Kohn, President, Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, Brian England, Paul Verchinski, Kristy Hartman Mumma, and Alan Schneider, Secretary. Guest: Joel Hurewitz. Board meeting commenced at 7:05 PM.

1. Treasurer report to be submitted with updated dues payment information.
2. Minutes of February meeting were submitted and approved for posting. Requested amendment of November minutes was approved for resubmission and posting.
3. Joel Hurewitz reported on land use and procedural issues. A bill presented by Senator Lam is problematic because of Section 10-324 of the Express Powers Act which grants authority to counties to enact zoning and land use laws. Other failures to comply with state law include a failure to document a conditional use, a failure to discuss a non permitted use, and a failure to follow county procedures for a pre submission meeting, analysis by DPZ director, and a Planning Board review after a public meeting.
4. Discussed was the Go Cart track owner's compliance with zoning and land use regulations. Cancelled hearing to be rescheduled.
5. Review and discussion of County Council legislation.
 - a. CR 62. It would be good to see the bio's of all appointees.
 - b. CB14, CB16, CB17, CB18, and CB19 were discussed. Motions were made and approved for HCCA testimony.
6. State legislation was discussed with appreciation for the work of the Howard County delegates and senators. HCCA supports the elimination of "fee in lieu", and enabling voting for judges by independent voters to be the same as voting for school board members.
7. Brian England and Paul Verchinski updated their work on storing HCCA archives.
8. Update on BWI Noise was postponed to the next meeting. Howard Johnson is the Chairman of the Roundtable.
9. Gateway Plan meetings are continuing. Brian England will continue to provide updates.

The meeting concluded at 9 PM.

Alan Schneider, Secretary