

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

September 10, 2025

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

Board Attendees: Stu Kohn, President, Brian England, Kristy Hartman Mumma, Treasurer, Ryan Powers, Paul Verchinski, Karina Fisher, and Alan Schneider, Secretary.

Board meeting commenced at 7:05 PM.

1. Treasurer report presented and approved.
2. Minutes of July 7 were approved for posting.
3. CB59/60. Legislation extending Aging in Place Tax Credit. HCCA supports extending the tax credit. Discussion including broad community support for extension, faulty fiscal analysis, consistency with similar tax credits in other jurisdictions and Howard County administrative support for assisting seniors who are on fixed incomes to cope with taxes based on substantial increases in assessed values.
 - a. The Board approved testimony by Paul Verchinski on CB59 and 60.
4. CB66. Gateway Master Plan legislation. HCCA supports more data regarding zoning changes and the impact on New Town and affordable housing. Details are lacking on zoning criteria, management, procedures, compliance, and enforcement. Details are lacking on impact on water and sewer. It is likely that a new sewage treatment plan would be necessary at great expense. Other unreported issues include impact on storm water management, utilities, roads, transportation, sustainability, required brownfields remediation, and other infrastructure issues. Interest was expressed regarding what would be discussed and requested at the County Council work session.
 - a. The Board approved testimony by Kristy Mumma on CB66.
5. CR169. EV Charging stations at Elkridge Library.
6. HCCA survey results were discussed. Discussion regarding community input and HCCA outreach with coffee hours, and virtual meetings on local topics of current interests.
7. Stu Kohn reported on Columbia Association agreement with HCCA request for CA Town Hall meeting.
8. Brian England reported on status of New Town Task Force.
9. Topic for further review is potential investigations by Howard County Inspector General.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 PM.

Alan Schneider, Secretary