

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

January 7, 2026

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

Board Attendees: Stu Kohn, President, Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, Kristy Hartman Mumma, Treasurer, Karina Fischer, Brian England, Ryan Powers, Paul Verchinski, Howard Johnson, Jervis Dorton and Alan Schneider, Secretary. Guests Joel Hurewitz and Lisa Krausz. Board meeting commenced at 7 PM.

1. Treasury Report. Kristy Mumma's treasurer's report was presented and approved. The official address for HCCA is 8815 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, Md. 21045.
2. Minutes of the November 6, 2025 Board meeting were approved for posting.
3. Ryan Powers suggested follow up with past members. Howard Johnson will find a list of 2017-18 members. Stu Kohn will work on compiling a full list.
4. Proposed Candidate Forum. A forum will be held in the last two weeks of March. Lisa Markovitz will discuss with The Peoples Voice.
5. Rules for Testimony by Board members. Policies were discussed and circulated for further review including time of registering for testimony, circulating testimony to other board members three days before testimony, comments to be circulated two days before testimony, approval by a majority of board, and Lisa Markovitz would draft a policy to be circulated for board approval.
6. Pending Howard County legislation was discussed. Testimony was approved as follows:
 - a. CB3. Accessory Dwelling Units. Discussion included conflict with state law. Lack of standards for approval. Conflict with existing conditional use zoning laws and site planning in accordance the Howard County's general plan. Ryan Powers was authorized to testify for HCCA.
 - b. CB5. Stu Kohn was authorized to testify for HCCA.
 - c. CB6. Ryan Powers was authorized to testify for HCCA.
 - d. CB7. Stu Kohn was authorized to testify for HCCA.
 - e. CR23. Kristy Hartman was authorized to testify.
 - f. CR24. Stu Kohn was authorized to testify in opposition.
 - g. CB8 & 9. Stu Kohn was authorized to testify.
 - h. CB10. Karina Fischer was authorized to testify.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM to be continued by zoom at 7 pm on January 22nd. The February meeting is scheduled for February 4.

January 22nd continuation with Stu Kohn, Lisa Markovitz, Brian England, Ryan Powers, Kristy Hartman Mumma, and Alan Schneider, Secretary.

1. Discussion began with the proposed Senate Bill 36 and co filed house bill which eliminates single family housing zoning everywhere in Maryland; eliminating local zoning. Three units can be proposed on any parcel including small parcels and minimal setbacks. There was follow up discussion on HCCA testimony. Discussion continued with comments on HCCA and other testimony on six bills and 2 resolutions at the last legislative session.
2. Membership outreach was discussed.
3. Business cards for Board members were authorized.
4. Issues to be proposed for Inspector General projects include ethics, criteria, and land use zoning compliance.
5. Additional discussion included the HCCA newsletter. The Board approved holding a town hall meeting on the school budget. Ryan and Lisa would report back at the next meeting about other interested groups.
7. Issues to be continued include marketing, outreach to members, and postings on list serve.

The meeting concluded at 9 pm.

Alan Schneider
Secretary.