Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

October 8, 2026

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

Board Attendees: Stu Kohn, President, Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, Kristy Mumma, Treasurer, Brian England, Paul Verchinski, Howard Johnson, Emeritus Jervis Dorton and Alan Schneider, Secretary. The meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Treasury Report. Kristy Mumma treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Minutes of the previous meeting were submitted for review and later posting,

Pending legislation and Proposed Testimony:

- CB66 Zoning Board Rules of Procedure. Stu Kohn was authorized to testify. Concern is a continuing lack of attention to detail.
- CB67. Increase Senior Tax Credit. Alan Schneider authorized to testify. Seniors need tax relief. Recommend simplification of initial procedures, and making renewals easier.
- CB68. Stu Kohn was authorized to testify.
- CB69. Adding "custodian" to Inspector General's authority to review documents. Stu Kohn was authorized to testify strongly in favor of Deb Jung's bill.

Columbia Association. Discussion continued from previous meeting.

- Town Hall meeting. Discussion included limitations on the ability of lien holders to speak out at CA meeting regarding financial matters.
- Ongoing issues related to the removal of 3 of the 10 Village Representatives to the CA Board.
- CA Board may lack compliance with its charter and applicable statutes.
- Questions were raised regarding the basis for CA's plan to purchase an office building and adjoining building. Basis for the purchase may be outside CA's HOA role. A similar project in the past resulted in substantial expenses not offset by anticipated revenues.
- Ongoing questions about extraordinary CEO and staff salaries.
- Lienholders should be members of CA with enforceable rights to open records and open documents.

Brian England reported on the progress of the Internship project.

Lisa Markovitz reported on the results of the HCCA member survey, and marketing.

Stu Kohn reported on the Maple Lawn hearing examiner case. Stu Kohn cross examined witnesses and testified.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4.

Alan Schneider, Secretary.