

**Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
March 25, 2010**

Approved: April 8, 2010

In accordance with written notice the Columbia Association Board of Directors convened on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at the Columbia Association Building. The following Members were present: Mr. Phil Kirsch, Chair, Ms. Cynthia A.S.H. Coyle, Vice Chair, Ms. Kathleen Dragovich, Mr. Alex Hekimian, Mr. Gregg Schwind, Ms. Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, Mr. Russell Swatek, Ms. Suzanne Waller, Ms. Shari Zaret and Mr. Phil Nelson, President. Staff Liaisons present: Mr. Chick Rhodehamel, Mr. Steven Sattler and Ms. Rafia Siddiqui. Mr. Michel Cornell was not present.

1. Call to Order – The Board of Directors Meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 p.m., by the Chair, Mr. Kirsch.

2. Board Monitoring Form – The Chair reminded Members to complete the Board Monitoring Form.

3. Announcement of Closed/Special Meetings Held/To be Held – None.

4. Approval of Agenda – Ms. Coyle Moved to Approve the Agenda. Ms. Waller seconded. **Mr. Hekimian** requested that Item 9(a)6 be moved to Item 9(a)1. The Motion, as amended, Passed Unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2010 – Ms. Waller Moved to Approve the Minutes, January 28, 2010. Ms. Coyle seconded. The Minutes, as amended, were approved 8-0-1. For: Ms. Coyle, Ms. Dragovich, Mr. Hekimian, Mr. Kirsch, Mr. Schwind, Mr. Swatek, Ms. Waller and Ms. Zaret; Abstain: Ms. Atkinson-Stewart.

Minutes of March 11, 2010 – **Mr. Hekimian** Moved to Approve the Minutes, March 11, 2010. Ms. Waller seconded. The Motion was Approved 8-0-1. For: Ms. Coyle, Ms. Dragovich, Mr. Hekimian, Mr. Kirsch, Mr. Schwind, Mr. Swatek, Ms. Waller and Ms. Zaret; Abstain: Ms. Atkinson-Stewart.

6. Resident Speakout – The following Residents spoke on *Access to Old Columbia Road*: Mr. Ed Newman (OM), Mr. Arnold Bruckner (OM), Mr. Bob Betts (OM), Mr. John Martin (OM), Mr. Tom Stanton (OM), Mr. Brenden Glass (OM), Ms. Mary Pivar (WL), Mr. Joel Yesley, Ms. Barbara Russell (OM), and Mr. & Ms. William Lamb (OM).

7. Chairman's Remarks – **Mr. Kirsch** acknowledged having read about Ms. Atkinson-Stewart's retirement from the Board of Directors in the near future. He would address it further at a later date and time.

8. President's Report – Mr. Nelson highlighted his written report, and noted that the Board members would be receiving notebook computers in place of paper agendas.

9. Committee Agenda

(a) Performance Oversight Committee

- 1. CA Sustainability Benchmarking - Presentation by Ned Tillman, of Growth Adventures, LLC** - Members asked questions following the presentation. Further study and discussion on this subject will take place at a later date.
- 2. Friends of CA, Inc. [501(c)(3)] Mission/Purpose Discussion – Ms. Siddiqui** highlighted her written notes. Members noted the report and requested that a follow-up process on this subject be worked on and reported to the Board of Directors.
- 3. Purchasing Policy Revisions - Ms. Atkinson-Stewart** raised questions, specifically concerning items 2(B) and 9(H), and requested information from staff as to whether they are pleased with the changes.

Ms. Atkinson-Stewart Moved to return the Policy to Staff for further discussion and interpretation. The Motion failed due to lack of a second.

- 4. Athletic Club Parking – Mr. Bellamy** presented maps to highlight the layout of the properties involved in the parking issues. A Consensus was taken and determined that the matter would be sent to the President for further analysis and follow-up.
- 5. CSS Update – Mr. Sattler** highlighted the CSS Update, submitted by the CSS Development Team, dated March 25, 2010. He responded to questions from the members.
- 6. Impact on CA Property of Alternatives Related to the SHA Access Road**
Members discussed the issues involved in the US 29 – Northbound Widening Project, and other issues, as related by residents who had expressed their concerns earlier. Suggestions were made on how to address these issues in the near future; and recommendations to send letters to Mr. Gregory Slater, Office of Planning & Preliminary Engineering, SHA, on this subject.

Mr. Hekimian made a Motion that the Board of Directors approve a letter to the State Highway Administration asking to work with SHA to ensure (1) the selection of alignments for related local access roads that avoid passing through CA open space/parkland and avoid disrupting established residential communities, and (2) the mitigation of noise impacts via new noise barriers along US 29.

Following further discussion it was determined to have a letter drafted by the President with his signature sent to the SHA on behalf of the CA Board of Directors.

Ms. Coyle Moved to extend the Meeting 15 more Minutes. Ms. Dragovich seconded. The Motion Passed 6-3-0. For: Ms. Coyle, Ms. Dragovich, Mr. Hekimian, Mr. Schwind, Ms. Atkinson-Stewart and Ms. Zaret; Opposed: Mr. Kirsch, Ms. Atkinson-Stewart and Mr. Swatek.

7. Third Quarter Board Report and Financials

Motion to Approve the Third Quarter Board Report and Financials Passed by Unanimous Consent.

8. Recommendations for Board Action

(b) External Relations Committee

- 1. Planning for June Roundtable** – Ms. Waller highlighted plans for hosting the quarterly village Roundtable meetings.
- 2. Plan on Going Green** – Ms. Waller noted the goals of the CA Going Green Communications Plans.

Adjournment – The Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Y. Barnes
Recording Secretary