

**Minutes of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Held: May 23, 2019**

Approved: June 27, 2019

A meeting of the Columbia Association Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at Columbia Association headquarters. Present were Chairman Andy Stack and members Renee DuBois, Lin Eagan, Janet Evans, Alan Klein (via phone), Nancy McCord, Rafia Siddiqui (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), Virginia Thomas, and Shari Zaret. Also present were CA Vice President/CFO Susan Krabbe and General Counsel Sheri Fanaroff. Dick Boulton and Milton W. Matthews were absent.

1. Call to Order: The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Andy Stack. Mr. Stack announced the directors in attendance, reminded attendees that the meeting is being live-streamed and recorded, and read the five civility principles.

2. Announcement of Closed/Special Meetings Held/To Be Held: none

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Stack noted that an Item 9(b)3 would be added re: draft amendments to the rules of the Risk Management Committee.

Action: Ms. McCord moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Eagan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Vote: 8-0-0

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

5. Recognition of the Maggie J. Brown Spirit of Columbia Scholarship Awards

The Board presented \$2,500 Maggie Brown Spirit of Columbia Scholarship Awards to five high school seniors:

- Yamini Ananth: lives in River Hill, attends Atholton High School and will attend Columbia University.
- Nia Anderson: lives in Owen Brown, attends Hammond High School and will attend Spelman College.
- Kate Mackin: lives in Hickory Ridge, attends Atholton High School and will attend Towson University.
- Kevin Tu: lives in River Hill, attends Atholton High School and will attend University of Maryland.
- Morgan Young: lives in Wilde Lake, attends Atholton High School and will attend Mount St. Mary's University.

Caleb Park, who lives in Long Reach and attends Long Reach High School, also received an award but was unable to be present. He will attend Emory University.

6. Resident Speakout:

- a) Leila Mahlin, Oakland Mills, spoke about ZRA 187, which focuses on zoning for age-restricted residences.
- b) Ruth Hughes, Moms Demand Action, spoke about a resolution recognizing June 7, 2019 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and about a related event on June 8 at Harper's Choice Village Center.

Ms. Siddiqui arrived at 7:22 p.m.

c) Debi Lattimer, Long Reach, spoke about a resolution recognizing June 7, 2019 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

d) Charlotte Churchill, Moms Demand Action, spoke about the gun violence awareness resolution and the June 8 event.

7. Chairman's Remarks:

Mr. Stack submitted a written report.

8. Reports/Presentations

(a) President's Report

Mr. Matthews submitted a written report. In response to questions from the Board, Ms. Krabbe explained that the Guilford Industrial Park property owners group met after the President's Report was written. About 80 owners were invited. Ms. Fanaroff said approximately 30 owners attended and discussed property boundaries, the possibility of amending covenants/restrictions and guidelines, and which entity should enforce them. She added that CA is compiling a map showing the boundaries of each property, which ones are subject to restrictions, and how much of the land CA owns. Any vote to change how the group's governing documents are enforced would be decided based on the owners of the majority of acreage in Guilford Industrial Park, not the majority of the number of owners.

(b) Report from the CA Representatives to the Inner Arbor Trust Board of Directors

Ms. Eagan submitted a written report. In response to questions from Board members, she said:

- A Park Standards document re: use and maintenance of the park is being updated. It will be published on the IAT website and will be sent to Board members.

Ms. Krabbe said she will calculate how much CA has given in grants to the Inner Arbor Trust over the years, broken down by fiscal year.

(c) Financial Reports – none

9. Board Action

(a) Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of Minutes** of April 25, 2019 BOD meeting

The minutes were approved by consent.

2. Approval of the Hickory Ridge Representative to the Watershed Advisory Committee

The appointment was approved by consent.

(b) Board Votes

1. Resolution recognizing June 7, 2019 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Action: Ms. McCord moved that the CA Board accept a resolution recognizing June 7, 2019 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Ms. DuBois seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Draft CA Strategic Plan for FY 2020-2024

Action: Ms. Thomas moved to adopt the Strategic Plan for FY 2020-2024. Ms. McCord seconded the motion.

By votes on the following components, the Board made these changes to the strategic plan:

- Revised the wording of the mission statement to: "We engage our diverse community, cultivate a unique sense of place and enhance quality of life."
- Revised the Identity priority goal to substitute "visibility" for "recognition." It now says: "Significantly improve CA's visibility as a valued partner in enriching the quality of life and community cohesion/connections."
- Added Action Step C under Resource Stewardship Objective 3: "Develop a process to identify assets that should be acquired, modified, or consolidated."
- Deleted Resource Stewardship Objective 4.
- Added the word "Goal" to the beginning of the goal for the Advocacy Strategic Priority

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the FY 2020-2024 Strategic Plan as amended. The Board then agreed to do additional work on the Leadership Development priority. Mses. Eagan, Thomas and DuBois volunteered to present revised Leadership Development objectives in time for the June 27 Board meeting.

3. Draft Amendments to the Rules of the Risk Management Committee

Action: Ms. Thomas moved to approve amendments to add a fourth CA Board member to the Risk Management Committee. Ms. Eagan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(c) Board Discussion

2. May Development Tracker [moved up on agenda to precede 9(c)1]

Community Planner Jessica Bellah presented a report listing upcoming public meetings:

May 28: Pre-submission Community Meeting re: Owen Brown Lakeview Retail

June 5: Planning Board meeting re: Wilde Lake multi-use pathway

July 24: Zoning Board hearing re: Hickory Ridge Village Center amended preliminary development plan

Ms. Bellah will attend the hearings. The Board asked her to raise questions about buffering, setbacks, types of building tenants, signage, landscaping and access from main roads. Board members said decisions regarding the Lakeview Retail project might set precedents for other New Town zoning cases.

Ms. Bellah also discussed projects and development proposals, including:

- Dorsey Overlook: Planning Board told developer to revise proposal for 120 age-restricted apartments
- Planning Board approvals:
 - Lakefront Core neighborhood Park
 - Sheraton Hotel renovation
 - New county circuit courthouse

1. Report from the Ad Hoc Working Group on Improving Board Operations

Ms. McCord provided a written summary of notes of the working group's May 17, 2019 meeting. The group's goal is to make Board operations more efficient and effective; make Board meetings shorter; and, perhaps, have more issues discussed in depth during Board Operations Committee meetings or at Board work sessions, rather than during Board meetings.

Ms. Siddiqui left at 9:12 p.m.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of having a hard copy of a Board Book containing CA Board policies and procedures versus access to an online version. Ms. Fanaroff reminded members that Board Governing Documents -- the Board's policies and procedures -- are available on the CA website. Mr. Stack asked that it be uploaded to Google docs and the link given to Board members.

Members discussed whether the Civility Principles must be read aloud at each meeting.

Discussion of the ad hoc working group's recommendations will continue at the June 3 Board Operations Committee meeting.

By straw poll, the Board agreed to limit to 30 seconds Board members' questions of residents participating in Resident Speakout. The Board also wants to help resident speakers indicate in a clearer manner the action they would like the Board to take.

10. Tracking Forms

(a) Tracking Form for Board Requests

(b) Tracking Form for Resident Requests

11. Talking Points: The Talking Points were read by Recording Secretary Valerie Montague.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Montague
Recording Secretary