



Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting June 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Village Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair, on June 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Tina Horn, Vice Chair; Chuck Yarbrough, Kondi Walters-Smith, Susan Tucker, Bill Santos, Wilde Lake Rep to the CA Board; Executive Director/Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr; and Dale Wasmus, board secretary. Several residents attended the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Ms. Horn made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. Mr. McAliley called for an amendment of the agenda to include a health and wellness report if Kondi Walters-Smith attends. Ms. Horn made a motion to amend the agenda to include Ms. Walters-Smith report. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 1, 2023. Ms. Horn seconded the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Bess Caplan, PTA President of Running Brook Elementary, thanked the Wilde Lake Village Board for their generous donations.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Columbia Association Update – Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager, Columbia Association. Ms. Stimson mentioned that there are many ways to volunteer with the Columbia Association (CA). A CA carnival was held at the Sports Park for the children/families that earned a pool membership through the CA Reward Points for schools. A Community Chess Day will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Teen Center in Oakland Mills. Ms. Stimson also spoke about the upcoming Columbia Association Art Center Umbrella Exhibit scheduled for the weekend of June 16, 2023, at LakeFest.

Wilde Lake Pathway Improvement Update – Jason Heath, Project Manager Capital Improvements, Columbia Association. Mr. Heath shared a map of where the work will be performed. The project will begin in July or August 2023. Some of the pathways will be closed during the day while the work takes place. CA will post plenty of signage. Mr. Heath anticipates the project lasting approximately 45 days from start to completion.

***SAC Appointment** – Mr. McAliley introduced Peter Bruner who has been attending Columbia Association Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings for quite some time. Mr. Bruner has previously served on the Commission on Aging as Vice Chair. Ms. Horn made a motion to appoint Mr. Bruner to the Columbia Association Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee, formerly known as (SAC). Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.

***Recommendation for Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association Watershed Advisory Committee.** Ms. Susan Tucker currently serves on the CA Watershed Advisory Committee and is a Watershed Steward. Susan is a Master Gardener and is currently on the WL CARES Committee. Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to reappoint Ms. Tucker to the Columbia Association Watershed Advisory Committee. Ms. Horn seconded the motion. All in favor.

***Review and vote on potential new Board member Brandon Cogdell.** Mr. Brandon Cogdell previously submitted his Application for Appointment to the Wilde Lake Village Board to Ms. Cooper-Kerr, who shared it on the Board Google drive. Mr. Cogdell introduced himself and shared his background and interest in serving on the board. A few questions were asked of Mr. Cogdell from the various board members. Ms. Horn made a motion to appoint Brandon Cogdell as the newest member of the Wilde Lake Village Board. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.

Wilde Lake National Night Out and Fall Festival Events – insight from Don Prince, Wilde Lake resident.

Mr. Prince, who is a resident of Running Brook, hosted the first official block party for his neighborhood. He stated that approximately eighty residents were in attendance, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Update on Dredging of Wilde Lake – Bill Santos. It has been several years since Wilde Lake has been dredged. Mr. Santos recently met with Mr. Dennis Matthey, Interim President/CEO of Columbia Association, to discuss dredging, etc. CA has scheduled Wilde Lake for dredging but does not have the exact date this will occur. There will be an assessment completed about vegetation growing in and around Wilde Lake.

REPORTS: Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association BOD, Bill Santos – Mr. Santos reported that Andy Stack of Owen Brown and Eric Greenburg of River Hill will share the Chair/Vice Chair positions for Columbia Association Board of Directors. The next CA Board Work Session is Thursday, 6/8/23, and the Board will be going over the Ethics Policy and starting the Strategic Plan. Signing up for resident speak out will be available through Wednesday night. The Search Committee has started looking for the next CA president. Also, a larger movie screen has been purchased for the Lakefront movie nights.

COMMITTEES:

CARES: Ms. Caplan shared that CA had given permission for Wilde Lake CARES to Adopt A Spot, Rouse Rock, to weed and plant native species. It has been difficult to water this spot and keep the plants alive. Ms. Caplan would like to ask CA to take over the watering for this spot. Several CARES members have expressed concerns about Howard County not planting native trees. A letter was sent to Howard County regarding this issue. Mr. McAliley asked Ms. Caplan to share the letter that was sent. The self-guided yard tours are underway and Wilde Lake's tour is taking place on Sunday, July 16, 2023. Ms. Caplan asked the WLVB if they could purchase about eight new Wilde Lake CARES signs.

Education: The school year is ending. All the local Wilde Lake schools have received their donations from Wilde Lake Community Association. Members of the community joined WLVB Chair, Kevin McAliley and Wilde Community Association Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr on May 31, 2023, on the lawn at Slayton House to engage with middle and high school students as they walked through Wilde Lake Village Center after school.

Health and Wellness: June is Men's Health Awareness Month. Ms. Walters-Smith is looking for some help on the Health and Wellness Committee.

Neighborhood Reps: Currently there are nineteen neighborhood reps. Newsletters were sent through Constant Contact on May 15th and May 31st. We are exploring ordering t-shirts for the neighborhood representatives. May has been a busy month. We plan to participate in the National Night Out on August 1, 2023.

AC Liaison: The report was provided on the Google Drive prior to this meeting. Mr. Yarbrough thanked Lonn Tremblay, the prior RAC Chair, for her service on this committee.

Executive Director/Village Manager: Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that a new exhibit at the Bernice Kish Gallery will begin on June 14, 2023, entitled Painted With Light – Film Photography of Christopher B. Fowler. The Gallery Talk will take place on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, and the opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, June 25, 2023. The new Special Events Manager will start on Monday, June 26, 2023. Ms. Cooper-Kerr reminded the Board that July's board meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023.

Chair: Special presentation from the Plan Howard Academy. Mr. McAliley presented both Ms. Cooper-Kerr and Ms. Horn with awards. The Chair called for a motion to adjourn; Ms. Horn moved for adjournment at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Yarbrough seconded. All in favor.