



Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting March 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Village Board was called to order by Tina Horn, Vice Chair, on March 6, 2023 at 6:34 p.m. Members present were Kevin McAliley, Chair, Kondi Walters-Smith, Bill Santos, Wilde Lake Rep to the CA Board; Steve Campbell, Chuck Yarbrough and Executive Director/Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr. Also present at the meeting were Elizabeth Lopez, Jacky McCoy, Taylor Shelton, Nkechi Animashaun, Ebony Cognell, Erik Avant, Susan Tucker, Marty Oltmanns, and Michelle Melencio.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Walters-Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Walters-Smith made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2/6/23. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: No one presented during the resident speakout.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Presentation by the Howard County Department of Housing - Taylor Shelton from the Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development presented information about a new home rehabilitation program. Ms. Shelton mentioned that funding is available to Howard County homeowners who occupy the home as their primary residence. Loans are available for maximum limits of \$40,000 and a 30-year term with an interest rate not to exceed two percent. The program provides funding based on income \$124,000 or less.

Wilde Lake CARES - Susan Tucker co-chair of the Wilde Lake CARES group presented a request for donation to purchase native plants to be distributed to residents during Wilde Lake's Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22, 2023. **Ms. Horn made a motion to approve the donation. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Ms. Tucker also shared information about Green Fest scheduled for April 15th at Howard Community College.

Running Brook PTA Request - Ms. Cognell presented a request for donation on behalf of the Running Brook PTA for its Spring Fair. The request was for \$1,000. **The board made an open motion to approve a donation of \$500 for now with the ability to provide additional funding for all the Wilde Lake Schools should additional funding be available at the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Walters-Smith made a motion to approve the donation and Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Wilde Lake Middle School PTSA Request - Ms. Melencio presented on behalf of the Wilde Lake Middle School PTSA for their Family Bingo Night. The Board approved a donation of \$500 as per the open motion that occurred earlier in the meeting with an option to provide additional funding later in the year.

Wilde Lake Pools Update - Marty Oltmanns, Director of Aquatics at the Columbia Association attended the meeting to discuss options for the adult swim at the Bryant Woods pool. The consensus was to have the adult swim with lap markers available from 5:45 – 7:30 pm. Earlier in the year it was approved that all three of the pools in Wilde Lake will be a part of the summer early closing rotation schedule. The new rotation will occur during the summer of 2024. The Maryland Department of the Environment has new pool requirements which will prevent discharge of pool water into the storm drainage system. A new cartridge filter system will need to be utilized instead of the existing sand system. It was suggested that the residents be surveyed to find out their interest in keeping the wading pool at Bryant Woods, adding a party patio or games. The survey will be conducted via the weekly Wilde Lake newsletter.

Mr. Oltmanns also mentioned that most of the summer lifeguard positions have been filled but that 20 lifeguards are needed at the Dasher Green pool.

Village Election - Elizabeth Lopez provided an update on the election cycle. Ms. Lopez recapped the meet and greet/open house held at Slayton House on February 28th which was held to educate the community about board membership and the application and election process. The deadline for application submission is Wednesday, March 8th at 5:00 pm. An election orientation call is being scheduled for election day volunteers. The next phase will focus on Get Out the Vote.

Budget – Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared the third quarter financial statements. **Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to accept the financial statements and Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. All in favor.**

REPORTS:

Columbia Council Rep: Mr. Bill Santos spoke about the current board term citing that two months remain in this fiscal year. The next CA Board of Directors meeting will include a presentation about stream restoration. The budget for FY24 has been approved.

COMMITTEES:

Education – Ms. Cooper-Kerr read a quote by County Executive Calvin Ball that was forwarded by Board of Education member Jacky McCoy. The quote referenced that funding to develop the Faulkner Ridge Early Childhood Education Center will be made available earlier. The Wilde Lake Board and community will continue to advocate for this vital education center. The Board will extend an invitation to the May Board meeting with the chief of facilities at the Howard County Public Schools System.

Health & Wellness - Ms. Walters-Smith mentioned her meeting with Ms. Cooper-Kerr and has met with neighbors regarding health and wellness topics. Looking for ways to engage the

seniors in our community. Multi-generational activities were discussed such as a community walk – Wilde Lake Walks with wellness ambassadors will be explored.

Neighborhood Reps - Mr. Yarbrough indicated that the neighborhood reps program is picking up steam. It was suggested that the team contact previous neighborhood reps and board members to engage in this initiative.

AC Liaison - Mr. Campbell previously submitted his report and stated the next RAC meeting is March 7, 2023.

Executive Director/Village Manager - Ms. Cooper-Kerr mentioned attending the Board Recruitment workshop sponsored by Association of Community Services. A meeting was convened at Slayton House on Saturday, February 25th with the Village Board Chairs and Delegate Jessica Feldmark to discuss her voter eligibility bill. The bill has since been withdrawn. The theatre lighting renovation at Slayton House is now complete. Silhouette Stages will present The Wedding Singer beginning on March 17th through April 2nd on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Artis Marcie Wolf-Hubbard's Landing exhibit is on display in the Bernice Kish Gallery through April 14th. Wilde Lake will sponsor an Earth Day festival on Saturday, April 22nd and HC Drug Free will also host a drug take back day on this date. Many wonderful activities will take place on April 22nd including the Village Election.

Chair - Mr. McAliley has been out in the community advocating for the Wilde Lake Village. There has been a request for the Village Board Chairs to meet at Slayton House soon. Ms. Cooper-Kerr is arranging these meetings. In the interest of time the meeting was adjourned, and a closed session was requested.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and announced that a closed session would be held to discuss personnel matters. ***Ms. Horn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.***