

## **Notes from Hillside**

*In keeping with the past tradition of the Wilde Lake Columbia Council Representative, I will do my best to provide a summary of the CA Board of Directors meetings. I will call these summaries "Notes from Hillside," because the CA Corporate Office is located on that street.*

### **CA Board of Directors Meeting, May 12, 2022**

Note: Due to a prior engagement, I was unable to attend the first hour of the meeting. I arrived at approximately 8:10pm.

#### **Resident Speakout**

A Long Reach resident and representative of "Mom's Demand Action," spoke out on the subject of gun violence. The Long Reach resident asked for CA to issue a proclamation in honor of all those that have been impacted by gun violence.

A 2nd Long Reach resident thanked new and returning board members for volunteering their time and spoke out on roles and relationships among the CA President, CA Staff, and the CA Board. The resident also raised concerns regarding the agreement on the Symphony of Lights.

#### **CA Board Leadership**

Eric Greenberg (River Hill) and Andy Stack (Owen Brown) were nominated to be CA Board Chair. A majority of the members voted for Eric Greenberg. Congratulations to Eric as the new CA Board Chair.

Ginny Thomas (Oakland Mills) was the sole nomination for CA Board Vice Chair. Congratulations to Ginny for another year as the CA Board Vice Chair.

There was a brief discussion of including the position of Parliamentarian for the CA Board this year. There were differing opinions on the type of person to hold the position (staff member, outside professional, board member) and no consensus could be reached. The matter was tabled. I expect this discussion to come up at future board and/or committee meetings.

#### **Committee Assignments**

As best as I can describe it, there are three levels of CA committees. The Audit, Risk Management, and Board Operations Committees each have more than one CA Board member on the committee. These board members can serve as chair or vice-chair of the committee and have full voting rights on the committee.

In addition, CA has seven advisory committees:

- Climate Change and Sustainability Advisory Committee
- Columbia Art Center Advisory Committee
- International & Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Watershed Resident Advisory Committee
- Millennial Advisory Committee
- Senior Advisory Committee

- Teen and Middle School Advisory Committee

A CA Board member is assigned to each committee to serve as a liaison between the committee and the CA Board of Directors. In this role, the CA Board members does not hold a leadership position and does not vote on matters before the committee.

Lastly, CA has four committees that are based around user groups (Columbia Aquatics Advisory Committee, Green and Golf Advisory Committee, Health and Fitness Advisory Committee, Tennis Advisory Committee). In the past, each of these groups also had a CA Board liaison. This policy was recently changed. CA Board members (and residents too) are welcome to attend these user-based committee meetings on a voluntary basis. CA Board members have no official role in the conduct of these committee meetings; however, the user-based committees shall continue to operate under a charter approved by the CA Board and will periodically report back to the CA Board.

After a bit of discussion, the CA Board Committee assignments are as follows:

Audit Committee

Andy Stack (Owen Brown)  
Kevin Fitzgerald (Town Center)  
Bill Santos (Wilde Lake)

Risk Management Committee

Janet Evans (Long Reach)  
Alan Klein (Harpers Choice)  
Dick Boulton (Dorsey's Search)

Board Operations Committee - Board members serve quarterly on a rotating basis.

Climate Change and Sustainability Advisory Committee - Ginny Thomas (Oakland Mills)

Columbia Art Center Advisory Committee - Janet Evans (Long Reach)

International & Multicultural Advisory Committee - Alan Klein (Harpers Choice)

Watershed Resident Advisory Committee - Shari Zaret (Kings Contrivance)

Millennial Advisory Committee - Bill Santos (Wilde Lake)

Senior Advisory Committee - Ginny Thomas (Oakland Mills)

Teen and Middle School Advisory Committee - Eric Greenberg (River Hill)

The CA Board also appointed Dick Boulton (Dorsey's Search) and Kevin Fitzgerald (Town Center) to the Inner Arbor Trust Board.

The next CA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2022. Meeting agendas and information packets will be posted on the [CA website](#) the Friday prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions, comments, or would just like to share some coffee and conversation, please contact me via email at [columbiacompass@outlook.com](mailto:columbiacompass@outlook.com).

Best regards, Bill Santos