



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Board was called to order on September 11, 2023, by Kevin McAliley, Chair; at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Tina Horn, Vice Chair; Kondi Walters-Smith, Brandon Cogdell, Chuck Yarbrough, Bill Santos, Wilde Lake Rep to the CA Board; and Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: State Delegate, Jessica Feldmark; Delegate Feldmark's Chief of Staff, Sierra Mehlbrech; State Senator, Clarence Lam; State Delegate Terri Hill; Missy Matthey, Executive Director, Howard Community College Educational Foundation; and Mackenzie Kiesel, Senior Real Estate Development Manager, Enterprise Community Development.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Ms. Walters-Smith made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 7, 2023. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: *Howard County Public School Transportation Update - Brandon Cogdell, WLVB member:* Mr. Cogdell introduced special guest Delegate Feldmark and stated that he invited her to the board meeting to speak about the school bus transportation issues. Mr. Cogdell indicated that the Howard County School Board is giving updates saying they are working on the issue. Ms. Feldmark is interested in this issue as well because it is making an impact on the community that she represents. Ms. Feldmark expressed a few concerns such as the last-minute communication from the Howard County School Board of Education. All of Wilde Lake Schools were impacted as they were on the list of suspended bus routes. Now three weeks into the school year three bus routes remain suspended and one is Wilde Lake Middle School.

Mr. McAliley introduced Maryland Senator Clarence Lam. Senator Lam spoke about the concerns regarding the transportation disparity in Howard County. There were a lot of mishaps with regard to the new bus company Zum. Senator Lam spoke about and passed around a letter his office drafted to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Martirano. Senator Lam discussed external audits to be performed every three years and mentioned there are 171

repeat audit findings. Also, the external audit should include the procurement aspect as well as the loss of instructional time students are missing and the disparities throughout the county.

Delegate Terri Hill also spoke about the transportation issues. Senator Lam, Delegate Feldmark, and Delegate Hill will attend the October 19, 2023 Howard County Board of Education meeting and ask questions. The Wilde Lake Board discussed sending a letter to the Howard County Board of Education addressing several issues. ***Ms. Horn made a motion to send the letter. Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion. All in favor.***

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT: Wilde Lake Community Fall Festival - Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager: The Wilde Lake Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wilde Lake Park on Hyla Brook Road. There will be a lot of community involvement from the 26 organizations tabling at the festival, Wilde Lake High School Band performing, there will be a magician and food trucks. Help spread the word about this fun community event.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Jay Vidyarthi works for the Community Foundation of Howard County spoke about community grants provided by Columbia Association. CA has been contributing grant funds to the Community Foundation of Howard County since 1989 with the total being around \$3,000,000. In the past few years CA's contribution was \$110,000 per year, a lot less than years in the past. Mr. Vidyarthi encourages everyone to write letters or attend board meetings to provide testimony to CA about reinstating the community grants. This program is important and helps change lives positively. Mr. Santos stated that at the next CA Board meeting on 9/14/23, the discussion will be about Budget Strategy Analysis. ***Mr. Cogdell made a motion to write a letter to the CA Board regarding the reinstatement of the Community Grants program. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.***

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Update on Roslyn Rise - Mackenzie Kisiel, Senior Real Estate Development Manager, Enterprise Community Development, announced that the name Roslyn Rise has been changed to Legacy at Twin Rivers and the rest of the properties in the portfolio will be named accordingly. For example, Legacy at Cedar Lane. Building #1 has 59 units and will be available in late December to early January 2024. Building #2 has 94 units and will be available in late February 2024. An Open House will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at Slayton House where interested parties may drop in and ask us questions about the complex. We will open the application process in early to mid-October. Ms. Kisiel provided her email address in the event anyone had questions: mkisiel@ecdcommunities.org.

Update on the Wilde Lake Community Association Endowment - Missy Matthey, Executive Director, Howard Community College Educational Foundation: Ms. Matthey gave a detailed presentation about the Howard Community College Educational Foundation. She explained the history and how the Wilde Lake Endowment Fund works and many other aspects of the Howard Community College Educational Foundation.

Residential Architecture Committee: 15-day notice and resolution - Lexi Milani, Covenant Advisor. (Property Address: 10305 Daystar Court, Bryant Square): This property has had outstanding violations for a long time. The landlords have been completely unresponsive. Residents receive three notices from Ms. Milani within a 60-day period if they have outstanding violations. The owners had two official addresses with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and it was hard to know if they were receiving the notices. The homeowner began making some of the improvements, but the work has since stopped. Ms. Milani is asking for the 15-day notice to go out to the homeowner via certified mail tomorrow, 9/12/23, if the Wilde Lake Village Board approves. The homeowner will receive a resolution letter dated September 27, 2023; in the event they don't respond within the next 15 days at which point the case will go to the Architectural Resource Committee at CA for consideration for further action. Mr. McAliley called for a motion from the floor. ***Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to approve the issuance of the 15-day notice to be mailed to the homeowner. Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion. All in favor.***

Ms. Milani spoke to the board about 10326 Daystar Court. There have been multiple issues with this property for several years. The Wilde Lake Board sent this property to CA at the end of last year, 2023. The homeowner has been proactive in addressing all of the concerns that were cited. The case will be closed now. Ms. Milani asked the Wilde Lake Board to approve a resolution letter to CA asking that the flag be lifted and access to the facilities be restored. ***Ms. Horn made a motion to approve the resolution letter to CA requesting they lift the flag and restore access to the CA facilities. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.***

Ms. Milani announced that CA is presenting an overview of the covenants at a meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Historic Oakland Manor. DLA Piper (CA's attorney) will provide an overview of the covenants; the board is invited to attend. Some of the RAC members are attending also along with Ms. Milani.

Teen Engagement Initiative - Kevin McAliley: Mr. McAliley stated that he and Ms. Cooper-Kerr, Ms. Horn, and Mr. Santos, have been working towards the goal of engaging our youth in after-school activities. The students used to hang out at the mall after school but now they are not allowed. The teens like hanging out in the village center and sometimes the older tenants call the police and report that they are loitering. Mr. McAliley and Ms. Cooper-Kerr recently met

with the Chair and Manager of The Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. They agreed to let us use their parking lot if we can figure out programming and funding. Mr. McAliley asked the board if they were interested in pursuing this initiative and most agreed. Mr. Santos stated that approximately 25 years ago Oakland Mills was able to get CA to pay the Community Foundation of Howard County to pay for a Community Organizer, who at the time was Calvin Ball, our current Howard County Executive. Mr. Santos also suggested that the board may want to go to Calvin Ball and ask about when he was the Community Organizer and any ideas he may have for this initiative.

Columbia Association Community Quilt Update - Tina Horn: Ms. Horn showed the quilt squares to the board and asked if Ms. Cooper-Kerr can send Ms. Horn a high-resolution photo of Wilde Lake's logo or Ms. Horn has a print of the Gail Holliday sailboat poster that she is willing to take a photo and shrink down to fit on the quilt swatch. The board agreed to using the print if there are no copyright issues.

REPORTS

Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association Board of Directors - Bill Santos:

Lyn Eagon, Town Center Representative to the Columbia Association Board of Directors has resigned from the board. Also, the Oakland Mills Representative to the CA Board of Directors has dislocated her hip and will be out for approximately three months. The CA Board did not meet in August. Currently, the CA Board is in the process of budget strategy meetings. The CA Board would like to hear from the Village Boards about their suggestions for the budget. Mr. Santos has been out and about in the community talking with people about suggestions of what they want funded in the budget. A few ideas are:

- Restart Grant Funding program
- Raise the Assessment .01 cents per \$100,000.
- Water quality of the lakes
- Bike paths equipped with measuring devices to capture information about how many people use the pathways and at what times, etc.,
- Lack of newspapers in Columbia
- Change some street names.

COMMITTEES:

Education - Tina Horn: Please join the local PTAs. They need the resources. She suggested putting reminders in the newsletters, and also please support the Wilde Lake High School Booster Clubs, there are a few of them. They do great things. Bryant Woods is having a fundraiser at Shake Shack on Thursday, and they earn 25% if you mention Bryant Woods.

Health and Wellness - Kondi Walters-Smith: Ms. Walters-Smith mentioned Horizon Foundation's Healthier Choices Coalition addressing school lunches and accessibility to food in the community. It was suggested that Elizabeth Sapp Jones, partner with the Horizon Foundation, attend a Board meeting to present this initiative. Ms. Walters-Smith also suggested inviting Chiara D'Amore, Executive Director, Community Ecology Institute to an upcoming Board meeting to discuss the Nourishing Garden Project at Bryant Woods Elementary School.

Neighborhood Reps - Chuck Yarbrough: Ms. Milani previously submitted the Neighborhood Reps report to the Google drive. It's been a busy month. We previously sent a survey to the neighborhood reps and have received a few responses. We now have a Neighborhood Reps logo thanks to Ms. Lexi Milani.

A/C Liaison - Chuck Yarbrough: Five applications were received recently. Ms. Milani is in the process of updating the covenant guidelines as it is the RAC's responsibility to keep these updated.

Executive Director/Village Manager - Sharon Cooper-Kerr: Ms. Cooper-Kerr reported that the Wilde Lake Community Association is fully staffed with 13 team members. Our Fall Festival is coming up on September 23, 2023. The attendees were encouraged to attend with their family and friends and spread the word. Many events and activities are occurring in our community on the same date of Saturday, October 28, 2023. Our joint shredding event with Dorsey's Search, Harper's Choice, Town Center will take place on October 28, 2023, at the Faulkner Ridge Neighborhood Center. On that same day HC DrugFree is holding their semi-annual Medication & Sharps Disposal Drive-Thru Event here at our village center. And later in the day the Wilde Lake Community Association will host a Halloween party. Recently, Ms. Cooper-Kerr and Ms. Kate Kolarik, WLCA Facility Manager participated in CA's annual facility inspection of Slayton House and the three neighborhood centers. During the inspection several items were identified for improvement, some of which will be covered by CA and others will be covered by the Association. We have received several last-minute requests for rentals which we have been able to fulfill; previously, this was frowned upon. The audit is now complete, and the auditors will attend the October board meeting to present the results. Scheduling is underway for taking head shots of the board members for the new website. The website will go live next month.

Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Horn moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.