

WILDE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CALL TO ORDER: A Zoom meeting of the Wilde Lake Village Board was called to order on August 7, 2023 by Kevin McAliley, Chair; at 6:35 p.m. Members present were Kondi Walters-Smith, Chuck Yarbrough, Brandon Cogdell, Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager; and Dale Wasmus, board secretary.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager, Columbia Association; Jen Mallo, Howard County Board of Education; and Eric Walker, Conservation Landscape Specialist, Columbia Association.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Mr. Cogdell 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 July 24, 2023, as submitted. Mr. Cogdell second the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Bess Caplan/Wilde Lake CARES: Members of Protect Our Streams Columbia were recently out and about at Centennial Lake obtaining signatures for their petition to halt Centennial Lake restoration. Wilde Lake CARES is aware of this group and are discussing if they want to take a position. There is much concern about the removal of trees. Ms. Caplan reminded everyone about the Wilde Lake tree giveaway through the Howard County Office of Community Sustainability. The application deadline is August 20, 2023.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Columbia Association Update – Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager, Columbia

Association: Our community partners were sent an email about the quilt project. Columbia Association was pleased about the recent turn out for the Change in Columbia Speakers Series held on August 3, 2023 at Owen Brown. Columbia Association's Susan Krabbe was named as one of the top 25 CFO's in Maryland. Nick Moneyhan who worked at Columbia Association for twenty years recently took a job as the Director of Howard County Recreation and Parks Department. The CA Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Columbia Sports Park. RSVP by August 18, 2023. Eight members from Columbia Association's senior team will be meeting tomorrow and packing backpacks in support of the Prepare For Success school supply collection.

Presentation: Wilde Lake Habitat Restoration – Eric Walker, Conservation Landscape Specialist,

Columbia Association: Mr. Walker shared a detailed presentation regarding Wilde Lake Habitat Restoration Projects. Columbia Association owns and maintains more than 3,600 acres of open space and 2,000 acres of that land is forested. A lot of that land has not been cleared of non-native invasive plants. The goals for this program are to reduce impacts of non-native invasive plants (NNIs) in CA open space, conserve and increase native plant populations, and to develop program methods and systems that provide long-term solutions.

Update: Faulkner Ridge Early Childhood Learning Center, Jen Mallo, Howard County Board of

Education: Funding was received earlier in the year for this project. The architects and contractors have been chosen. The project proposal will be presented to the Howard County Board of Education in October 2023. Construction is slated to begin in the fall of 2025 with a predicted time of 18 months to 2 years for completion.

Neighborhood Block Party Stipends – Chuck Yarbrough: The current stipend for Neighborhood Block Parties is \$25 and has been for quite some time. This is free money given for neighborhood building and party expenses. Hickory Ridge refers to their block party money as a Community Picnic Grant in the amount of \$100. The WLVB members realize that \$25 does not go very far in 2023. **Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to increase the Neighborhood Block Party stipend to \$100 to begin in the 3rd Quarter of FY2024. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.**

COMMITTEES:

Health and Wellness – Kondi Walters-Smith: Reaching out to vendors in our community to table at Wilde Lake's Fall Festival.

Neighborhood Reps – Chuck Yarbrough: Five additional Neighborhood Reps were recruited at National Night Out. Ms. Lexi Milani will send out a survey with a few questions to the Neighborhood Reps asking for any suggestions about the Neighborhood Rep Committee. We now have a total of 24 reps and 2 live in Vista Wilde Lake.

Executive Director/Village Manager: Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that Adam Scott, Aquatics Assistant Director of Operations at the Columbia Association conducted a Community CPR & AED training for Wilde Lake staff. The new Facility Manager, Kate Kolarik, started on July 31, 2023, and the staff have been very busy fielding rental inquiries. Mr. McAliley and I will conduct a walk-through of the area where Wilde Lake's Fall Festival will take place. If you have any suggestions, please email Mr. McAliley or myself. We are currently in the process of being audited, which happens every three years. The auditors would like to attend a future Wilde Lake Board meeting to present the findings of the audit conducted. Our summer camp through Schoolhouse Theater began today with twenty-five campers sharing our facility. We have also been experiencing Slayton House's roof leaking. The roof was installed five years ago but has been problematic requiring several repairs over the years.

Chair: Mr. McAliley thanked the Wilde Lake Community Association staff for their hard work and successful events held. Kimco will attend the September Wilde Lake Village Board meeting. Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.