



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 7:08 p.m. Members present were Kevin McAliley, Chair, Tina Horn, Vice Chair, Brandon Cogdell, Kondi Walters-Smith, Chuck Yarbrough, and Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Ms. Horn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Ms. Walters-Smith made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 4, 2023. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: No one provided comments during resident speakout.

UPDATE YOUTH ADVOCACY/CLUB WILDE LAKE: Ms. Cooper-Kerr provided an update on the plans to create after school programming for middle and high school aged students in the Wilde Lake community. Many community partners have been involved in meetings to discuss next steps in planning including the local schools, the Howard County Board of Education, the Howard County Library System, Howard Community College, the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Howard County Recreation and Parks, members of the Howard County Council, Howard County delegation to the Maryland General Assembly and area business leaders. Wilde Lake Community Association continues to partner with Barnabas Shakur on implementing this program. The Board discussed and supported providing seed monies to assist with the hiring of a program manager to create and facilitate this program. Mr. Cogdell presented this after-school initiative during the County Executive's budget hearing for funding consideration in fiscal year 2025 during the hearing. Dr. Ball suggested that WLCA provide additional information about the program for review. The Board also discussed the impact of the new school bus policy which eliminated buses for students that live within a two-mile radius of the schools. This has prompted more students to gather and walk through the village center in greater numbers than in previous years.

Fiscal Year, 1st Quarter Financials: Ms. Cooper-Kerr presented the first quarter financials for fiscal year 2024. The report was delayed due to the audit timing. The variances were

discussed with a couple being adjusted due to audit findings. Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to accept the financial report. Ms. Horn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard County Budget Planning for FY2025: The Board outlined priorities for the fiscal year 2025 Howard County budget – 1) Club Wilde Lake After School programming at \$30,000; 2) fund Social Capital Builders’ community program to implement effective Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategies in Howard County; 3) Green infrastructure/environment – fund the planting of trees, creation of pollinator gardens and stream restoration.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES:

Education – Tina Horn and Brandon Cogdell: – report was presented during the discussion about teen programming/Club Wilde Lake.

Neighborhood Reps - Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough mentioned that there are currently twenty-six neighborhood reps on the roster. A survey is being conducted to get feedback from the representatives regarding activities and programs they would like to see featured in the Wilde Lake community.

A/C Liaison - Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough celebrated the great work of the RAC. He mentioned that two home projects were approved via fast track and 60 shed applications were approved this year.

Executive Director/Village Manager - Sharon Cooper-Kerr: Ms. Cooper-Kerr presented information about youth advocacy and Club Wilde Lake earlier in the meeting.

Chairman’s Report – Kevin McAliley: Mr. McAliley shared the need to implement Club Wilde Lake and that a fiscal sponsor is needed to accept funding on behalf of the Wilde Lake Community Association.

Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Mr. Yarbrough moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Horn seconded the motion. All in favor.