



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Board was called to order by Tina Horn, Vice Chair at 6:32 pm. Members present were Tina Horn, Vice Chair, Brandon Cogdell, Kondi Walters-Smith, Chuck Yarbrough, Bill Santos, Wilde Lake Rep to the CA Board and Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager.

Guests in Attendance: Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager, Columbia Association and Tracey Manning, Co-Chair Wilde Lake CARES.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 18, 2023. Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Tracey Manning of Wilde Lake CARES discussed the Vine Cleaning event scheduled for March 16, 2024, 10:00 am located at the new Adopt A Spot location near Wilde Lake Terrace. Ms. Manning mentioned Columbia Cleans Day scheduled is for April 13, 2024. Ms. Manning requested a donation of \$450 for a native plant giveaway and exchange to occur during the Earth Day Festival on April 20, 2024. ***Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to approve the donation request. Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion. All in favor.***

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION UPDATE: Ms. Stimson mentioned that the Columbia Association is excited to partner with The Third on the Juneteenth celebration scheduled for June 19, 2024. A community blood drive will be held on February 14, 2024, at Supreme Sports Club. The blood drive is being held in collaboration with the American Red Cross and CareFirst. Blood donors are encouraged to sign up in advance, but walk-ins will be accepted. Festive Fridays were held on December 8th and 15th. More than 1,000 attendees participated each night. The event included a donation drive to support Howard County Animal Control. The Columbia Association will partner with the Women's Giving Circle to host a feminine hygiene supply drive. The community quilt will be on tour soon.

UPDATE YOUTH ADVOCACY/CLUB WILDE LAKE: Mr. Cogdell provided an update on the NXT program which involves youth engagement and martial arts training for teens in our

community. The group will be led by Barnabas Uba Shakur who presented his program to the Wilde Lake Village Board in the fall. The program focuses on personal development, preparation for adulthood, home economics, cultural involvement, job training and technology integration. The program proposal covers ten months of activity and will cost approximately \$150,000 including staffing, facilitators and a martial arts program. The program will be offered at no charge to the participants. Mr. Cogdell shared another program "Fish Out of Water" led by Vanessa Cogdell Moore which focuses on social and emotional development as a component of Club Wilde Lake. Ms. Moore proposes offering this program on a pro bono basis and will also assist the Wilde Lake Community Association with grant writing to help defray the costs of operating Club Wilde Lake. Mr. Cogdell mentioned a recent conversation he had with Wilde Lake High School Principal, Marcy Leonard. Ms. Leonard indicated the school will assist with marketing Club Wilde Lake to students and parents. An interest survey was proposed to identify areas of interest and need in the community. Mr. Cogdell mentioned a letter he sent to the Howard County Board of Education Chair, Jen Mallo regarding the school bus transportation issue related to the distance students walk to school. The Board requested to meet on January 22nd to discuss teen advocacy and Club Wilde Lake.

Columbia Association Update: Mr. Santos mentioned the availability of Columbia Association's strategic planning survey and shared a card with a QR code for the survey. The next Columbia Association board meeting, scheduled for January 11, 2024, will provide an update on the strategic plan and capital improvement projects. The community of Wilde Lake is slated for capital improvements beginning with the dredging of Wilde Lake in 2026. The assessment rate will remain at .68 per \$100. The maximum assessment is .75 per \$100.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES:

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

Health and Wellness - No report was presented.

Neighborhood Reps - Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough referenced the year in review reports as provided by Covenant Advisor, Lexi Milani.

A/C Liaison - Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough mentioned the RAC will meet via email in lieu of a meeting on January 9th due to two applications submitted for review.

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

Ms. Horn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Mr. Yarbrough moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion. All in favor.