



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: A virtual meeting of the Wilde Lake Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 6:30 pm. Members present were Kevin McAliley, Chair, 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: Ebony Cogdell, Running Brook Elementary School PTA Secretary and Larry Akinyooye, Founder, Knowledge is Key.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Mrs. Horn made a motion to approve the amended agenda with the addition of a presentation by the Running Brook PTA. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Mr. Cogdell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2024. Ms. Horn seconded the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: No one provided comments.

PRESENTATION BY RUNNING BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA: Ebony Cogdell Secretary of Running Brook's PTA presented information about the school's signature annual event – Spring Fair. The event is scheduled for May 31st and will include entertainment, live performances, games, and food trucks. The PTA's goal is to raise funds to eliminate or reduce the admission fee to the event. Ms. Cogdell requested funds to support the event. A motion to donate \$300 to the Running Brook PTA was made by Ms. Horn and seconded by Mr. Yarbrough. All in favor.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FY2024 QUARTERS 1 AND 2: Ms. Cooper-Kerr presented the updated financial statements for the first quarter budget. A correction was made to the donation line of the budget to remove a payment to the certificate of deposit recorded on this line in error. The second quarter financials were presented and approved as submitted. A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Mr. Cogdell and approved by Ms. Horn.

CLUB WILDE LAKE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING: Mr. Cogdell presented an update on advocacy and proposed programs for teens in the Wilde Lake Community. To date several meetings have been conducted with the teens at Slayton House by Barnabas Shakur including roundtable discussions, planning for future activities of interest to the students and meetings with the shop owners in the Wilde Lake Village Center. Mr. Shakur, who presented to the Board last fall, has provided a proposal for a program called NXT. Mr. Cogdell outlined this proposal during the meeting. The NXT program will feature programming around the following six pillars: personal development, preparation for adulthood, home economics, exposure, job training and technology integration. Mr. Akinyooye joined the meeting and shared information about the Knowledge is Key program which focuses on financial literacy for elementary through high school aged students. The program is focused on providing tools to help youth make good financial decisions now and in the future. The two-month program covers topics including income types, savings, budgeting, investments, careers, entrepreneurship, and life skills. Mr. Cogdell also provided information about the Love Notes program which highlights the importance of healthy relationships which could be delivered to the students in a workshop format for multiple weeks throughout the school year. These ideas will be presented to the County Executive for consideration in the budget planning process. The Board supports offering programming now as a pilot for the remainder of the current school year. Ms. Horn moved that the group in offering the proposed programs as a pilot program during the current school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cogdell. Mr. Santos suggested that \$25,000 be allocated for this purpose. All in favor.

Columbia Association Update: Mr. Santos discussed the budget season currently underway. There is a need to recruit and retain lifeguards. The CA staff is reviewing committee guidelines to make uniform across the committees. The next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, January 24th.

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 mentioned the survey remains open for Neighborhood Reps to provide feedback.

A/C Liaison - Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough shared that the non-resident properties architectural guidelines require revision. Kimco Realty will apply for signage for the new Grocery Outlet store slated to open this year in the Village Center. Mr. Yarbrough mentioned the use of an Architectural Advisory Panel (AAP) previously as the new signage was implemented during the Village Center renovation. A meeting will be scheduled with the AC Chair, WLVB Board Chair, Executive Director, and Covenant Advisor to discuss historical information and revisions to the current guidelines. This topic will be revisited at an upcoming Board meeting.

Executive Director/Village Manager - Sharon Cooper-Kerr: Ms. Cooper-Kerr mentioned the resignation of the Special Events Manager, Jasmin Diaz effective January 24, 2024. We are currently looking to revamp the position moving forward. A new art exhibit has been installed and opened on Sunday with a public reception and gallery talk with the three artists: Evanson Elad, Steele Hill and Homeira Nazariyan. The art will display through March 1st. Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center will host a community meeting at Slayton House on February 20th in the evening; hospital President, Dr. Mohammed Shafeeq Ahmed, will lead the discussion. The Wilde Lake Village Election will be held on Saturday, April 20th. At this time there is a need for election committee members and a chair to lead this effort.

Chairman's Report – Kevin McAliley – Mr. McAliley thanked everyone for their participation and encouraged Board Members to run for re-election.

Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Mr. Yarbrough moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Horn seconded the motion. All in favor.