



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 6:34 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: Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager, Columbia Association and Adrian Thomas, Strategic Outreach Coordinator, Howard County Government.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Ms. Horn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 22, 2024. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: No one provided comments.

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION UPDATE: Robin Stimson, Columbia Association Community Engagement Manager, mentioned preparation for the election season has started. Election materials including flyers with QR codes will be available soon. The Columbia Association, Howard Community College and the Howard County Library System are partnering to present the Change Inspired, Courage Ignited event on March 5, 2024. Andres Gonzalez, co-founder of the Holistic Life Foundation will be the featured speaker. Mr. Gonzalez will discuss working with at risk youth and strategies for healing the community during challenging times. The event will include facilitated breakout sessions on mindfulness and yoga. The Columbia Art Center will host the Beyond the Blues exhibit this month with a reception being held on February 9th. Columbia Association will sponsor a blood drive on February 14th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Supreme Sports Club. The Women’s Visionary Art Exhibit will be featured in March at the Columbia Art Center in honor of Women’s History Month.

YOUTH ADVOCACY –The Board welcomed Adrian Thomas as the new Strategic Outreach Coordinator from the County Executive’s Office. He will serve as a liaison to five of the ten Columbia Villages including Wilde Lake. Mr. Thomas indicated he is working with the County

Executive's team to plan a variety of events throughout the community. He recently served as a member of the Howard County Police Department.

CLUB WILDE LAKE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING: Mr. Cogdell shared that earlier in the day a meeting was held with Adrian Thomas and Felix Facchine from the County Executive's Office along with Wilde Lake Village Board Chair Kevin McAliley and Board member Brandon Cogdell. Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr also attended the meeting where funding for teen programming in the Wilde Lake community was discussed. The programs discussed were NXT, Anchors Up "Love Notes" Curriculum, Ultimate Education Experiences, Knowledge is Key and East of River career exploration camp. The county indicated that \$50,000 could be provided to assist with beginning this programming. The team will continue to meet to streamline the budget and will consult with a professional fundraiser. The Board discussed outreach to the village merchants, Kimco Realty and area schools to request their support of Club Wilde Lake. Mr. Yarbrough moved that the Wilde Lake Village Board dedicate \$5,000 from this year's budget to Club Wilde Lake for a pilot program to continue through July 1st. Ms. Horn seconded. All in favor.

Columbia Association Update by Columbia Council Representative: Mr. Santos mentioned that Columbia Association's easement policy is under review. He suggested that the Board review the proposed changes which would apply to new easements and renewal of easements moving forward. Board members were invited to attend the CA Board meeting and asked to consider providing testimony. Mr. Santos provided an update on the Strategic Planning process. The Board reviewed a rough draft of the strategic plan at a recent meeting. The draft included feedback from community meetings and the survey responses. The plan will cover five focus areas: 1) Identity; 2) Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB); 3) Environmental Stewardship; 4) Community Outreach; and 5) Financial and Risk Management. A discussion was held at the CA Board Meeting about removing DEIB as a focus area but weaving this into each focus area. Mr. Santos mentioned that three community pools will now be managed by a third-party operator: Bryant Woods, Dasher Green, and Locust Park.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES:

Education – Tina Horn and Brandon Cogdell: – Ms. Horn shared the most recent community circle was held at Wilde Lake High School last week. The next community circle will be held on May 2nd. Ms. Horn encouraged the Board to participate. Mr. Cogdell mentioned that the *Love is Respect* workshop for teens and their parents will be held this week focusing on teen dating violence prevention.

Health and Wellness – Mr. McAliley mentioned the Horizon Foundation’s new strategic plan includes an updated funding model which will be adopted in January 2025. The new plan involves like-minded organizations partnering to co-create initiatives for the community. Ms. Horn mentioned she attended the Horizon Foundation’s meeting earlier in the day where the new strategic plan was presented. The Horizon Foundation is planning in person and virtual meetings to share the new plan with the community.

Neighborhood Reps - Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough mentioned the Neighborhood Reps coffee hour is scheduled for Friday, March 8th. The event will serve as a recruitment tool to identify additional neighborhood reps.

A/C Liaison - Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough mentioned five applications were submitted for review at the last RAC meeting. The RAC will start to meet in a hybrid setting beginning in March. An application has been submitted for signage for the Grocery Outlet. The nonresidential application guidelines were added to the Board folder for review. The RAC is in the process of making recommendations for updates to the guidelines. Recommendations were provided in 2020 but were not adopted. The RAC will vote on these revisions at the next meeting.

Executive Director/Village Manager - Sharon Cooper-Kerr: Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that a meeting will be held with Beverly White Seals Executive Director, the Community Foundation of Howard County to discuss the Foundation serving as a fiscal agent to WLCA for future funding opportunities. An election chair is being sought as several community members have been approached and declined to serve in this role. Ms. Cooper-Kerr mentioned negotiations are underway with the House of Hope Church to rent the theatre for their religious services.

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 8:45 pm. Mr. Yarbrough moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Horn seconded the motion. All in favor.