



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 6:36 pm. Members present were Kevin McAliley, Chair, Tina Horn, Vice Chair, Claudia Allen, Brandon Cogdell, Jean Joklik, Kate Rathbun, Kondi Walters-Smith, Columbia Council Representative Bill Santos, and Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Skye Anderson, Tagana Duncan, and Francis and Kat Uy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ***Ms. Horn made a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Rathbun seconded the motion. All in favor.***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ***Ms. Horn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 20, 2024. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. All in favor.***

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Ms. Horn expressed Happy Pride Month to everyone.

Motion to table the Columbia Association update by Robin Stimson until Ms. Stimson arrived at the meeting.

PROCEDURES FOR DISSEMINATING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC– Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that an engagement letter will be signed soon to secure legal counsel on this topic. Mr. Santos advised that Ms. Cooper-Kerr consult with the Village Managers to see if they would like to partner to share legal counsel.

CLUB WILDE LAKE COLLABORATION– Mr. Cogdell shared the Club Wilde Lake initiative has been well received in the community and is growing. The Education Committee will meet to discuss the creation of mission and vision statements for the program, a logo, and social media presence. Ms. Horn congratulated Mr. Cogdell and the team for increasing numbers considering the seniors have graduated. Ms. Horn suggested a conversation with Jasmin Brewer, Executive Director of Making Change, as a possible partner to provide financial literacy education to the students and parents. Mr. Cogdell introduced Hetal Patel of iCode who shared information about his program which includes STEM basics, computer skills, robotics, video game creation, shark tank, 3-D animation, and printing. The WLCA is currently

exploring ways to partner with Mr. Patel to provide this programming to youth in the community.

DANCE EVENT – Ms. Allen and Ms. Joklik shared information about the dance party to be held in conjunction with Kimco’s concert series this summer. The first event will be held on Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 pm. Additional dates are: July 11th, August 1st, and August 22nd. The events will be held in the Wilde Lake Village Center and will include engagement with the Village merchants.

REPORTS

Columbia Council Representative Report – Mr. Santos mentioned the Columbia Association Board of Directors met on Thursday, May 23rd. The Board discussed that further conversation regarding the Strategic Plan will resume when the incoming President arrives. The CA Board also discussed onboarding services will be made available to the new President if he is interested. The next CA Board meeting will be held on June 27th. The pools opened Memorial Day weekend. Outdoor pools will be open, free of charge, to residents with the Columbia Card on the second Sunday of the month including: June 9th, July 14th, and August 11th. The Bryant Woods Neighborhood pool is being operated by Lighthouse. Outdoor tennis is also open. Lakefront Live opened on Friday evening with Columbia’s birthday party and a band performance. The Columbia Bike Around was held this past weekend. Mr. Santos highlighted Dennis Matthey’s illustrious 50-year career at the Columbia Association. Mr. Matthey will retire this month.

COMMITTEES:

WL CARES – Mr. McAliley reported that an adopt-a-spot clean up occurred on June 1st. The Weed Warriors continue to work to remove invasive plants in the adopt-a-spot locations at Rouse Rock, Faulkner Ridge, and Snowy Reach. A Weed Warriors class is being offered by the Columbia Association and Howard Community College where a certificate is received upon completion of the course. Mr. McAliley shared that Danielle Tryer has returned to CA and will serve as the Watershed Manager.

Education – Brandon Cogdell: – Mr. Cogdell reported that Ultimate Education Experience (UEE) program closing ceremony was held on Thursday, May 30th at the Running Brook Elementary School. Ms. Horn mentioned the Simulated Congressional Hearings that were held recently and thanked Mr. McAliley and Ms. Cooper-Kerr for their participation at Bryant Woods Elementary School and encouraged the board to participate in 2025. Ms. Cooper-Kerr

mentioned the closing ceremony for the Anchors Up program will be held on June 10th at 4:00 pm. The WLVB was invited to attend.

Health and Wellness: Ms. Walters Smith and Dr. Rathbun – No report was given.

Neighborhood Reps – Claudia Allen and Jean Joklik: Ms. Allen and Ms. Joklik have shared that a strategic meeting will be held soon to focus on measurable goals for the group. The committee's work will focus on bringing more residents to the Village Center. They would also like to increase voter participation by 50%. Ms. Joklik suggested involving high school students to serve as neighborhood reps, allowing them to earn service hours for their participation. A brief discussion was held regarding adding a student representative to the Wilde Lake Village Board.

A/C Liaison – Claudia Allen: Ms. Allen provided an update on a motion filed by CA regarding a home that is not in compliance. Efforts to serve the defendant have been unsuccessful.

Executive Director/Village Manager - Sharon Cooper-Kerr: Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared she recently attended the Blossoms of Hope planning meeting for the Countywide Art Show to commemorate their 20th Anniversary Celebration to be held in 2025. The Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House will participate in the exhibition next spring.

Chairman's Report – Kevin McAliley – Mr. McAliley introduced community member Tagana Duncan and thanked him for providing his STAND (Stepping Toward A New Destiny) mentorship program in Howard County. Mr. Duncan spoke about his program which has been in existence for 10 years. The group prides itself on mentoring students throughout their K-12 experience. STAND is moving from a student focused to a family focused model in order to address the needs at this time. Mr. Duncan shared information about STAND's partnership with Truist Bank where financial literacy resources are provided to adults.

Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Ms. Horn moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Rathbun seconded the motion. All in favor.