



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 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, Jean Joklik (virtual), Kondi Walters-Smith, Columbia Council Representative Bill Santos, and Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Maryland State Delegate Jessica Feldmark and Strategic Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Executive, Vicki Garcia. Representing Kimco Realty: Jenna Mielke (Leasing Division), Ryan McCoy (Construction Division), John McDermott, Property Manager – Wilde Lake Village Center), and Greg Reed, Vice President, Development.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Ms. Walters-Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Horn seconded the motion. All in favor.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Ms. Allen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 3, 2024. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Delegate Jessica Feldmark asked that residents speak with her regarding any issues involving the State of Maryland.

Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) Appointment of Susan Tucker. Ms. Walters-Smith made a motion to appoint Ms. Tucker as Wilde Lake’s representative to the WAC. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. All in favor.

Kimco Update – Greg Reed introduced members of the Kimco team who were in attendance and gave an update on developments in the Wilde Lake Village Center. The Grocery Outlet build out is underway. The store is slated to open by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Reed announced that Chadol Koren BBQ restaurant will open in the space previously leased by the Melting Pot. The restaurant will open next summer and has a location in Rockville, MD. Mr. Reed mentioned Kimco is in conversation with a business to possibly locate in the space on the ground level in the Vista Apartments building. Mr. Reed shared the hours for security patrol in the village center have been extended and that Kimco is working with the Howard County Police Department for support. Mr. Reed indicated that Kimco has a team that evaluates environmental concerns and is exploring adding electric vehicle charging stations to the Village

Center. Mr. Santos invited the Kimco team to return to a future Wilde Lake Village Board meeting to provide updates on environmental projects. Ms. Horn inquired about increasing the number of trash dumpsters to the Village Center. Ms. Joklik asked about the process for marketing the music concerts and movie night events sponsored by Kimco Realty in the Village Centers. Ms. Mielke shared that the events are advertised in local media outlets including social media. Ms. Joklik mentioned the efforts of the Wilde Lake Village Board to engage the Village Merchants in these events. Several merchants provided coupons which were given to the attendees at the concert featuring I&I Riddim reggae band. The Wilde Lake Community Association will partner with the Howard County Library System to bring the STEAM machine to the Village of Wilde Lake. Mr. Reed provided permission to have the STEAM machine mobile vehicle park in the parking spaces previously reserved for David's Market customers. The vehicle will visit the Village Center several weeks this summer.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – The Wilde Lake Village Board meeting agendas will include an update on governance. The full Village Board will serve as members of the Governance Committee. The group will review various topics as needed including the mission statement of the organization to ensure alignment with the organization's 501(c)(4) status. There is a need to hire an attorney to review our election process as raised by a new Village Board member including concerns for the qualification of board members and how members were appointed following the election. The Wilde Lake Community Association has engaged Davis, Agnor, Rapaport, and Skalny, LLC to review these concerns. Any changes in policies will be placed on the agenda as new business and then voted on at a subsequent meeting (preferably the second meeting) as old business.

Addition of governance as a topic for ongoing meetings – Ms. Horn made a motion to add Governance as an ongoing agenda item for future Wilde Lake Village Board Meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walters-Smith. All in favor.

REPORTS

Columbia Council Representative Report – Mr. Santos reported the next meeting of the Columbia Association Board of Directors is June 27th. Dennis Matthey has retired and the new President and CEO, Sean MacInnes started in his role today. Mr. Santos invited everyone to attend the Juneteenth Celebration at the lakefront on June 19th. He mentioned Lakefest is underway. The umbrella submitted by the Wilde Lake Community Association staff won first place in the Lakefest Umbrella contest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WL CARES – Mr. McAliley reported that he and Mr. Santos had an opportunity to walk along the streams that feed into Wilde Lake. They were accompanied by environmentalists and WL CARES committee members, Susan Tucker (WL CARES Co-Chair) and Deb Cappucitti (resident and environmental expert). Mr. McAliley provided a historical perspective on storm restoration in the Wilde Lake community. He stated that residents have expressed that too many trees were removed previously but it is encouraging to see new growth. Conversations are underway with the Beaverbrook homeowners' association regarding restoration efforts in that area to prevent sediment from going into the lake. At this point it needs to be determined if the lake will need to continue to be dredged regularly or if storm restoration is optimal for addressing this challenge.

Education Committee: – Ms. Horn mentioned school is out for summer break and that Wilde Lake High School Principal, Marcy Leonard, is retiring at the end of the month. The board agreed to advocate for the continuation of the community circles adopted under Ms. Leonard's leadership. Ms. Cooper-Kerr mentioned that Club Wilde Lake has closed out for the summer and that members of the Education Committee attended the Harper's Choice Village Board meeting to discuss partnership and funding needs for the initiative.

Health and Wellness: Ms. Walters Smith – Ms. Walters-Smith mentioned the committee is considering a name change. She discussed a concept "A Journey Through Wilde Lake" where members of our senior community and youth partner for walks and sharing of information. The plan is to visit neighbors to gauge their interest in participating in this program. Ms. Joklik mentioned the Neighborhood Reps could help facilitate these meetings.

Neighborhood Reps – Claudia Allen and Jean Joklik: The summer concert and movie series has kicked off in the Village Centers. Award winning, I&I Riddim Reggae band performed in the Wilde Lake Village Center last Thursday. The next concert will be held on July 11th. Ms. Allen, Ms. Joklik, Mr. McAliley, Ms. Cooper-Kerr and Covenant Advisor, Lexi Milani (staff lead for Neighborhood Reps) will meet on July 9th to discuss long range planning for the group.

A/C Liaison – Claudia Allen: Ms. Allen shared that one exterior application was fast tracked. The RAC met on June 11th where six applications were approved.

Executive Director/Village Manager - Sharon Cooper-Kerr: Ms. Cooper-Kerr discussed the soon to be vacant Running Brook Children's Nursery. Four interested parties have toured the space to review the feasibility of locating to the center. Three of the four are early childcare focused which aligns with the building's use over the past 50+ years. The Fall Festival will be

held at Wilde Lake Park on Saturday, September 28, 2024. The office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Ms. Cooper-Kerr thanked the staff for their creativity in designing the winning group umbrella submission at Lakefest. The umbrella will be on display at Slayton House in the coming days. Ms. Cooper-Kerr announced her upcoming graduation from Leadership Howard County and thanked the Wilde Lake Village Board for affording her the opportunity to experience this ten-month journey of learning more about Howard County and further developing connections with programs and leaders in the community.

Chairman's Report – Kevin McAliley – Mr. McAliley mentioned the community's ongoing interest in food truck events in partnership with the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center or in the Village Center if permitted by Kimco. Mr. McAliley reminded the Board of the Father and Son Basketball Tournament and Family Field Day sponsored by S.T.A.N.D. (Stepping Toward a New Destiny) on Saturday, June 29th. The Wilde Lake Community Association will table at this event. Volunteers are needed to man the table. We will donate bottles of water at the event.

*** Note: Delegate Feldmark's report and the County Executive's letter acknowledging funding Club Wilde Lake were added to the Board meeting materials drive.**

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