



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

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Village Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 6:37 pm. Members present were Kevin McAliley, Chair, Tina Horn, Vice Chair, Jean Joklik, Kate Rathbun, Columbia Council Representative Bill Santos, and Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Strategic Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Executive, Vicki Garcia (virtual), Sergeant Toby Fulton, Officer Matthew Paul, and Officer Corey Frock attended on behalf of the Howard County Police Department, and Matthew Helfrich, Aquatics Director, Columbia Association.

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 June 17, 2024. Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: No one was available for resident Speakout.

Old Business: Mr. McAliley spoke about Stepping Up Toward a New Destiny's (S.T.A.N.D) Father/Son Basketball Game and Family Field Day held on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Wilde Lake Middle School.

iCode: Hatel Patel shared information about iCode's summer camp program which is being held at Slayton House for three weeks this summer. Scholarships were offered to allow Club Wilde Lake students to attend each week. Mr. McAliley invited Mr. Patel to join the Wilde Lake Community Association's Education Committee as a community member. Mr. Patel accepted the invitation to serve.

Howard County Police Department: Sergeant Toby Fulton, and Officers Matthew Paul and Corey Frock presented updates on public safety in the Village of Wilde Lake. The officers make up the Community Operation and Pathways Division (COPS) which serves the entire county. Sergeant Fulton discussed a security survey that was conducted at Slayton House this month. The survey recommends adding additional signage and security cameras to the exterior of the building. Officer Paul mentioned working with Kimco to have additional cameras

which members of the police department could access in an effort to solve crime. The officers recently held a meeting with the State’s Attorney’s office to discuss juvenile services. They discussed nuisance crimes such as loitering and the process for banning individuals following numerous warnings.

Columbia Association Aquatics Update – Matthew Helfrich, Aquatics Director the Columbia Association attended the meeting to discuss the issue of whether or not to have a dedicated time for lap lanes at the Bryant Woods pool. In 2023 residents of Wilde Lake voted to have lap lane swimming Monday – Friday, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Recently some have expressed on social media that the lap lanes should not be held during this time and that it would be better to reserve this time for working families to bring their children. The pool also has a designated adult swim on Friday evenings between 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Dr. Rathbun said that having adult swim is a violation of the Fair Housing Act. Mr. Helfrich indicated he would seek a opinion from the Columbia Association’s legal counsel and will report back to Ms. Cooper-Kerr. Mr. Helfrich provided statistics on usage at the Bryant Woods pool for this season. The report was added to the Board meeting materials drive.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Ms. Cooper-Kerr mentioned that the Wilde Lake Community Association has signed a letter of engagement with Davis, Agnor, Rapaport and Skalny (DARS) law firm. Dr. Rathbun requested to see the signed letter of engagement and inquired about the work the law firm would conduct. This meeting’s Governance topic was related to Board attendance at meetings. Moving forward, the Board will discuss the bylaws and any items that may require revision.

FY2024 Quarter 4 Financial Reports: The reports were not complete at the time of the meeting. This discussion was tabled for presentation at the next Village Board meeting. Ms. Horn made a motion to table this agenda item and Ms. Cogdell seconded the motion. All in favor

REPORTS

Columbia Council Representative Report – Mr. Santos reported that three easements in Downtown Columbia were discussed during a recent Columbia Association Board of Directors meeting: 1) retention wall; 2) utility pad stormwater maintenance and 3) a swap of nine acres of land to build a path next to the Merriweather Post Pavilion. The timeline for the strategic plan has been created by the Columbia Association staff. The strategic plan is targeted for completion by January 2025. Columbia Association’s next Board meeting will be held on July 25th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WL CARES – Mr. McAliley reported that a meeting was held with Green Angels Landscaping company to discuss cul de sac improvements in the Village of Wilde Lake. The proposed improvements could include a nourishing gardens component. A discussion has also been held with the Community Ecology Institute (CEI) about cul de sac improvement.

Education Committee: – Mr. Cogdell mentioned the Education Committee will begin meeting virtually on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm beginning next week.

Health and Wellness: Ms. Walters Smith – Dr. Rathbun indicated the committee has not met and there was no report to share.

Neighborhood Reps – Jean Joklik: Ms. Joklik shared the upcoming Kimco Concert event featuring the McBooze Brothers on July 11th. The committee will meet on July 9th at 5:30 pm to discuss strategy and community engagement.

A/C Liaison: Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared the AC report submitted by Covenant Advisor, Lexi Milani. The report is saved in the Board meeting materials folder.

Executive Director/Village Manager - Sharon Cooper-Kerr: Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that two new staff members joined the Wilde Lake Community Association today. Annabelle Busia will serve as the organization's Program Administrative Assistant and Karly Maroney will serve as the Events Coordinator. The Columbia Village Managers are beginning the process of reviewing the draft Management Contract for facilities and grants. The goal is to complete this process in the spring of 2025 with the new agreement going into effect in the new fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025. iMagination 101's summer camp program began at Slayton House today. This is a three-week camp. The theatre will receive new theater curtains within the next month.

Chairman's Report – Kevin McAliley – Thanked the board for their work and mentioned the importance of adding community events to the Board calendars. The Board members should share events among themselves when available. Mr. McAliley commended Columbia Association for the excellent July 4th celebration at the Lakefront.

Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Ms. Horn moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Joklik seconded the motion. All in favor.