

WILDE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes December 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Village Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 6:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair: Kevin McAliley, **Vice Chair:** Tina Horn, Claudia Allen, Brandon Cogdell, Katharine Rathbun, Bill Santos, Kondi Walters-Smith, **Executive Director/Village Manager:** Sharon Cooper-Kerr

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Heath

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Dr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of an agenda item to discuss financials for the second quarter of FY2025. The motion was seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *The minutes from the November 4, 2024 meeting were approved.*

Resident Speakout: Ms. Joklik expressed her concerns about high-definition cameras installed in the Village Center. Mr. McAliley thanked Ms. Joklik for her advocacy.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Governance

Columbia Association Board of Directors Meeting – Elections Testimony Claudia Allen and Sharon Cooper-Kerr – They both spoke about their testimony presented during Resident Speakout at the Columbia Association meeting on November 14th. As a renter herself, Ms. Allen spoke about the low participation among renters in the election process and is looking for ways to partner to increase voter engagement. Ms. Cooper-Kerr’s testimony addressed concerns that were raised during resident Speakout at the CA Board of Directors meeting on October 24th regarding this year’s Wilde Lake Village Board election.

Update: Columbia Association, Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager – Tabled for next meeting.

Donation request: Wilde Lake Middle School – Mary Monroe, Orchestra Liaison, Performing Arts Boosters Club. Ms. Monroe is seeking assistance in meeting a critical need facing one of the most important institutions in our community: Wilde Lake Middle School and is requesting a donation. *Ms. Horn made a motion to donate \$500 to help Wilde Lake Middle School students build resilience, work through stress, and find a passion for coming to and staying in school. The motion was seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

Presentation: WL-03 Running Brook Play Area Improvement Steve Boswell, Operations Manager, Capital Improvements, Columbia Association – Mr. Boswell’s presentation outlined the history of the Play Area

Cluster Program, implementation flow chart, cluster play area overview, Isochrone GIS analysis, and the proposed play area improvements.

Presentation: Francisco Abate, Community Navigator, Community Action Council of Howard County – Tabled for next meeting.

FY2025, 2nd Quarter Financials – Ms. Cooper-Kerr presented the financials of the Wilde Lake Community Association for the second quarter of the fiscal year. The board adopted the financials as presented.

REPORTS

Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association Board of Directors – Mr. Santos stated several residents presented concerns about the deer population at recent CA Board meetings. The preliminary budget for FY2026 will be available in January. Mr. Santos mentioned both Long Reach and Wilde Lake Village Associations continue to operate in the black.

Committees

- CARES – Mr. McAliley mentioned the installation of deer fencing at adopt a spot locations. He also mentioned a recent cleanup at the Faulkner Ridge Adopt a Spot location.
- Education – Ms. Cooper-Kerr stated all is going well with the after-school Club Wilde Lake programs. Club Wilde Lake program partners include Anchors Up, iCode Columbia, MakingChange and Y of Central Maryland. We continue to market the program to increase the number of participants.
- Outreach and Engagement Committee – None

AC Liaison – Ms. Allen provided her report prior to this meeting and is attached in the meeting materials. The next RAC application due date is January 7, 2025, and the meeting date is January 14, 2025.

Executive Director/Village Manager – Ms. Cooper-Kerr thanked everyone for attending, and stated the following:

- Slayton House needs technological upgrades to include new Internet wiring, hardware, and security cameras. A consultant has reviewed the current system and recommends upgrades that align with commercial use as the technology currently employed is more consumer based. As we continue to increase our business it is vital that these improvements be made to help us offer seamless service to our staff and customers. The proposed cost for these improvements is \$28,000.
- Bernice Kish Gallery is operated by the Wilde Lake Community Association and includes two gallery spaces in the Slayton House Lobby and Conference Room. The gallery is free and open to the public during Slayton House operating hours (9:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday). However, patrons are urged to call ahead for viewing times due to the use of the conference room for other planned activities. Art receptions are free and open to the public.
- The Annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 9 AM to 12 PM here at Slayton House. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, watch classic holiday cartoons, and take a special photo with Santa. *Mr. McAliley made a motion to provide Ms. Cooper-Kerr with three more minutes for her time to speak. The motion was seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McAliley mentioned the new Grocery Outlet opening on November 21st. He stated the amount paid so far for attorney fees is in excess of what was budgeted for the year and advised this not be taken lightly.

Mr. McAliley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. to move to a closed session to discuss matters related to personnel. Ms. Horn made a motion to move to a closed session. The motion was seconded. One member was opposed.

Reopening of the Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting following the closed session. Ms. Horn made a motion at 8:16 p.m. to reopen the meeting. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30pm