



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Village Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair, at 6:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Officer Eric England, Howard County Police Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Ms. Horn made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *The minutes from the January 6, 2025 meeting were approved with a change to add who made the motion in the governance section of the agenda.*

Resident Speakout: There were three participants for resident Speakout, Erika Chavarria, Jean Joklik, and Mark Covington.

1. Ms. Chavarria, Executive Director, Columbia Community Care stated several residents voiced their concerns in the community regarding the high-definition security cameras installed by Kimco. The residents would like to know what is being surveyed, how the data is being used, and what can be done to make better use of funds for the community to prevent future incidents from occurring.

Mr. McAliley will research how the data will be accessed and disseminated from the security cameras to share with the residents.

2. Ms. Joklik voiced her concern regarding the lack of transparency of the Wilde Lake Village Board, stating there's no way to communicate to the Board by email, no public forum was held as promised, and what will be done with the footage from the security cameras.
3. Mr. Covington thanked the Board for what they're doing and very interested in what's going on. He plans to attend various meetings to offer help.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Governance – Ms. Cooper-Kerr provided the calendar for the upcoming Wilde Lake Village election. Election Day is Saturday, April 26th and the application period opens on Tuesday, February 11th.

Update - Columbia Association, Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager – Thanked everyone at Wilde Lake for what they're doing in the community, and provided an update as followed:

- Black History Month – The Howard County Library recommended books for Black History Month this February, to include movies, stories, and more.
- 2nd Annual Blood Drive – Sign up for a blood drive with CA in partnership with CareFirst BlueCross Blue Shield HoCo on Valentine’s Day, Friday, February 14th at Supreme Sports Club from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, register in advance.
- Afrobeats Bash & Blend – Columbia Association (CA) hired Sarah Powell as the instructor for Multicultural Program to create programs. The celebration will take place at Supreme Sports Club on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm, with the launch of Afrobeats Bash & Blend. This event is free to the public, with a fusion of West African music and dance. A one-hour dance class will follow with time dedicated at the end to socializing and enjoying refreshments.
- Columbia Art Center – The Columbia Art Center Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 26th, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, and anyone can join.

Introduction of Officer Eric England, Wilde Lake Village Community Liaison Howard County Police – Attended the meeting as the new community police liaison to Wilde Lake and Harper’s Choice. Officer England presented the Howard County Maryland Police Integrity Pride Community information flyer. Officer England serves with the Community Outreach Pathway Section (C.O.P.S.). ***Ms. Horn made a motion to offer Officer England six more minutes to speak. The motion was seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.*** Since his arrival Officer England has met with business representatives, on-site security, and property managers, at both village centers to prevent crimes and solve community issues and patrols area pathways. A discussion followed with questions from the community answered.

REPORTS

Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association Board of Directors – Mr. Santos stated the Columbia Association Board of Directors met on January 23rd. The FY25 budget was approved during the meeting. The Board of Directors are in the process of approving the latest strategic plan. The return of the community grant program is being explored. The Audit Committee discussed the process for the adoption of new professional standards. The next CA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27th at 7pm.

Committees

- Wilde Lake CARES – Bess Caplan, Chair of Wilde Lake CARES stated this summer marks the 10th year for our CARES program. The group is exploring ideas to commemorate this milestone. Ms. Caplan was interviewed recently by Sarah Sabatke, reporter with the Howard Courier. The annual plant exchange will be held on Saturday, April 26th at 12:00 pm outside Slayton House. CARES will again request funding from the Wilde Lake Community Association to purchase plants for the giveaway at the next Wilde Lake Village Board meeting. Columbia CARES groups have partnered to create a weekly electronic newsletter “Saturday Morning.”
- Education – Mr. McAliley presented the Education Committee report on behalf of Education Committee Chair, Brandon Cogdell who was not present. Mr. Cogdell and Ms. Cooper-Kerr met with the Y of Central Maryland to discuss Club Wilde Lake. Y continues to search for a second employee to assist with the program. More outreach will be conducted at the school to generate interest in the program.

AC Liaison – Can be found in the Board packet submitted prior to the meeting.

Executive Director/Village Manager – Ms. Cooper-Kerr discussed a proposal that will be presented to the Columbia Association Board of Directors that could transfer the management of CA’s community buildings from the Villages to CA. Three options are being reviewed with the preferred option being that the Villages manage customer-facing and on-site services with CA providing a centralized system for reservations and administration. CA’s Board will review this proposal at an upcoming board meeting. She also shared information about upcoming events including the current art exhibit on display at Slayton House through March 2nd; the Kyshona concert held in partnership with Merriweather Culture and Arts Center on February 28, 2025 at Slayton House; and the upcoming Coffee with a Cop scheduled for March 25th at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McAliley thanked everyone for attending. ***Ms. Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. The motion was seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.***

NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:30pm