



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Village Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 6:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair: Kevin McAliley, **AC Liaison and Neighborhood Reps Co-Chair:** Claudia Allen, **Education Committee Chair:** Brandon Cogdell, **Neighbor Rep Committee Co-Chair:** Jean Joklik, **Health & Wellness Committee Co-Chairs:** Katharine Rathbun and Kondi Walters-Smith, **Columbia Council Representative:** Bill Santos, and **Executive Director/Village Manager:** Sharon Cooper-Kerr.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Debbie Cappucitti, Joel Hurewitz, Andrew Jinks, Hetal Patel, and Paula Rivers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Mr. McAliley made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded. All in favor.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *The minutes from the August 19th meeting were approved.*

Resident Speakout: Residents from the Faulkner Station neighborhood shared their concerns about the possible expansion of the parking lot at the former Faulkner Ridge Elementary School for the new Faulkner Ridge Early Childhood Learning Center.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

New Business

1. Silhouette Stages Presentation, Jeremy Goldman, Executive Director – Mr. Goldman presented the following requests:
 - a. Sponsorship. A motion was made by Ms. Joklik to donate \$500 to support their 20th season Gala. All in favor.
 - b. Request to Dedicate the Scene Shop in memory of Steve Taller who passed away in 2023. Steve was Wilde Lake Community Association's long term Technical Director and advocate for theatre in the Wilde Lake community. A motion was made by Mr. Cogdell to display the plaque on the Scene Shop door in Steve Taller's memory.
 - c. A signage display in Slayton House lobby identifying Slayton House as the home of Silhouette Stages. A motion was made by Ms. Allen for Ms. Cooper-Kerr to identify a location for the plaque to be displayed.

2. Faulkner Ridge Center Early Learning Center, Andrew Jinks, AIA, Manager of School Construction, Howard County Public Schools – Mr. Jinks provided a presentation of the initial site plan, which is not the final plan of Faulkner Ridge Center renovation and expansion for the universal pre-K services. The plan will be submitted to the School Board for review.

3. Governance: Board Accountability – Ms. Cooper-Kerr and Ms. Joklik read the governance suggestions for Board Management and Accountability. A discussion followed.
4. Club Wilde Lake Update – Mr. Cogdell stated seven (7) qualified proposals to host an after-school program for middle and high school students for the 2024-2025 school year, were reviewed by the Education Committee. Mr. McAliley thanked Mr. Cogdell and his team for their work on this project. A motion was made by Mr. McAliley to partner with: Anchors Up, iCode, Making Change, Ultimate Education Experience, and the Y of Central Maryland. Motion passed.

Old Business

Management Contract Update (joint letter from Village Board Chairs and Managers) was presented – Ms. Cooper-Kerr read the joint letter from the Village Board Chairs and Managers to be sent to the Columbia Association, A discussion was held. Dr. Rathbun made a motion for clarification on Clauses 1 and 4 before the Board signs. The Board agrees with the letter in principle. Motion passed. The topic will be addressed at the next Wilde Lake Village Board meeting on September 23rd.

REPORTS

Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association BOD – Mr. Santos stated the next CA Board of Directors meeting will be held at CA Headquarters on Thursday, September 12th at 7pm, and he's pushing for safety measures. The Board will start the budget strategic planning in the coming weeks, with approval in March.

Mr. McAliley invited everyone to join Mr. Santos in conversation at Starbucks on Sunday mornings at 10am.

Committee

- Wilde Lake CARES - The Fall Bird Walk will be held on September 22nd at 8am with Kurt Schwartz. Adopt a Spot will meet at the Rouse Rock in Wilde Lake Park on October 13th at 9am. Mr. McAliley highly recommended visiting the Wilde Lake CARES website.
- Education – Mr. Cogdell thanked everyone for coming out to Back-to-school nights at Wilde Lake Middle and High Schools. Back to School Night will be held on September 11th at Bryant Woods Elementary School and on September 12th at Running Brook Elementary School. He will be scheduling a meeting soon with the middle school principal. Mr. McAliley stated to please contact your PTA, join, and contribute if they can.
- Health and Wellness – Dr. Rathbun submitted a letter to be sent to CA for Board review detailing the pathways are not handicap accessible, and there are no handicap parking spaces. A motion to approve the letter and send it to CA was made. A discussion was held. The motion did not pass.
- Neighborhood Reps – A meeting will be held to discuss Wilde Lake Fall Festival and upcoming events.

AC Liaison – The AC Liaison Report was discussed. The application was approved by RAC to put up a wooden fence. The RAC meeting will be held on September 10th at Slayton House.

Executive Director/Village Manager – Ms. Cooper-Kerr reported that a new art exhibit has been installed. The opening reception will be held on September 15th. Wilde Lake Fall Festival will be held on September 28th at Wilde Lake Park.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McAliley thanked everyone, and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The motion was seconded. All in favor.