



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 2, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

**Members Present:** Brandon Cogdell, Felisa Garrett, Kevin McAliley, Francis Uy, Columbia Representative Bill Santos, and Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr

**Call to Order 6:34 pm**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Kevin McAliley.

**Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Cooper-Kerr asked to have the donation request by the Wilde Lake High School PTSA to be added to the agenda. Unanimous approval (4-0-0)

**Approval of Minutes** – February 16, 2026

**MOTION: Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2026**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

**Resident Speak Out** – Residents were allotted 3 minutes each.

**Linfeng Chen** – Introduced himself and indicated he is running for County Council District 4

**Chris Tsien** – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Michael Maultsby** – Licensed CPA asked questions about financial transparency. Recommended that the board receive and review monthly cash disbursement journals. Stated this would protect the treasurer and board from accusations of overspending.

**Board Response**

- Multiple entities (CPA, Columbia Association, bank, bookkeeper) have confirmed no fraud or financial irregularities.
- Board considering formation of a financial transparency committee.
- Vice Chair Francis Uy is an authorized bank signer, and any board member may review financials.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Board Member Training**

Ms. Cooper-Kerr mentioned that the Association of Community Services is hosting the “How to Be an Effective Board Member” workshop on March 10, 2026, 5–6:30 PM, with multiple board members registered. All board members were encouraged to attend this important training.

### **Introduction of Election Chair**

- Elizabeth Lopez was introduced as Election Chair for the upcoming cycle.
- Praised for experience and commitment to transparency.

### **Board Applicant Interviews**

- Five candidates were interviewed for the open seat on the Wilde Lake Village Board: Kimberli Maultsby, Larry Schoen, Victoria Cofield-Aber, Bill Margol, and Andrea Thorin. Two applicants (Demond Brightful and Deborah Cappuccitti) were unavailable to attend.
- A standardized set of questions was asked of all candidates.
- Highest-scoring candidate, Larry Schoen, was appointed to the Board. Mr. Schoen left the meeting for a pre-scheduled commitment.
- All candidates were encouraged to participate in future committees and elections.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Wilde Lake High School Donation Request**

- PTSA presented a letter of request for a donation for the school’s After Prom event. The total event budget is \$13,000. The Board reviewed the status of the association’s available funds for donations. Of the \$7,000 budget allocated for community donations \$1,500 has been spent.

**MOTION: To approve a donation of \$1,000 to the Wilde Lake High School PTSA for the After Prom.**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

### **Maintaining Proper Operating Procedures, Board Ethics: Letter of No Confidence**

**MOTION: Draft a letter of no confidence regarding prior leadership to prevent future procedural violations. The motion is related to operating procedures, not individuals.**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: Mr. Uy

Motion Passed (3-1-0)

## **Legal and Contract Review – Pro Bono Assistance (if needed)**

Board discussed:

- Unknown outstanding legal invoices
- Multiple contracted attorneys
- Missing documentation from the previous administration
- Need for systematic review

**Discuss seeking pro bono (if possible) legal assistance to seek scope of work, work product, learn of outstanding invoices, discover ongoing engagement with, and separate from attorney(s) of the past chair and any other encumbrances or contracts.** This discussion led to the formation of an Ad Hoc Fact-finding committee.

## **Formation of a Fact-Finding Committee**

- Board voted to form an Ad Hoc Fact-Finding Committee (up to six members).
- Scope:
  - Identify outstanding invoices
  - Retrieve work product from attorneys
  - Review of contractual obligations
  - Committee to begin work on or before March 6<sup>th</sup>

**MOTION: Create an Ad Hoc Fact-finding committee, of up to six, including Board Chair and Village Manager, to investigate outstanding invoices work product and any known and unknown contracts created by previous leadership by March 6<sup>th</sup>. This committee will be authorized to identify, review and evaluate any documents provided by attorneys and contractors excluding any information deemed confidential by our Board of Directors.**

Motion: Mr. Cogdell; Seconded: Ms. Garrett

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Uy

Motion passed (3-0-1)

## **Committees**

Wilde Lake Education Committee update by Mr. Cogdell

- Vendor withdrew from the Club Wilde Lake after school program due to the board's negative press.
- Mr. Cogdell will speak with the vendor to restore this relationship
- The Education Committee will meet soon to discuss next steps
- Quarterly reporting will be due soon to the County for the YEP Grant received in 2025
- Howard County Cannabis Reinvestment Fund:
  - Wilde Lake is eligible for funds under ZIP codes 21044 & 21045.
  - Supports education, after-school programs, and nonprofits.
- Running Brook Elementary requested support for food pantry (amount TBD).

### Wilde Lake CARES Update

- The spring calendar was presented
- Village Clean-Up Day: March 21, 9–11 AM at Running Brook Pool.

### Columbia Council Representative Report

Mr. Santos provided an update from the Columbia Association Board of Directors meeting.

- CA Board noted:
  - Seventy-two buildings, many from 1967
  - Replacement cost: \$370M–\$600M over 30 years
  - The Running Brook Neighborhood Center may need to be replaced within thirty years
  - Emergency fund: \$16M, no long-term reserve yet established
  - The Board voted to reduce the number of meetings each year from 15 to 8 meetings

### Village Manager Report

Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that the Wilde Lake Village Board election application site is open. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The Bernice Kish Art Gallery is displaying the art of Ronni Jolles “Beyond the Boundaries” through March 25<sup>th</sup>. Slayton House continues to undergo technological upgrades to address the issues experienced with Internet outages. A proposal was received recently to add ethernet ports to the conference room.

### Chair Report

Mr. McAliley referenced a closed meeting that was held on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The formal reporting of this meeting will be added to the agenda for the next board meeting. The bid for Faulkner Ridge Early Childhood Center has been approved. The project will be presented at the Howard County Planning Board meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Mr. McAliley asked the community to visit the new businesses in the Wilde Lake Village Center: Chadol Korean BBQ and Even Keel Wellness Spa which opened last month and reminded everyone of our continued partnership with the Grocery Outlet.

### MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

AYE: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm