

**HARPER'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2011  
APPROVE SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

Prior to the start of the meeting the Board met with Longfellow residents and Denis Ellis at a proposed site for a new tot lot to replace the tot lot that BG&E mandated be removed from their pipeline.

The Board of Directors of the Harper's Choice Community Association conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at Kahler Hall, Columbia, Maryland. Clare Brooks, Claire Albert, Alicia Kong, Ann DeLacy, Stephen Cook, Clarence Lam, Cindy Coyle, and Wendy Tzucker attended.

Ms. Brooks called the meeting at 7:00 pm

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Ms. Kong moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Mr. Cook seconded. Ms. Albert requested that a discussion of the Minutes and Board member reports be added: all in favor with the additional discussion item.**

**APPOINTMENT OF A TIME KEEPER**

Dr. Lam volunteered to keep time during the meetings.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Ms. Albert moved to approve the Minutes of July 19, 2011 as submitted. Mr. Cook seconded: all in favor.**

**RESIDENT SPEAK-OUT**

Past village board chairpersons, Evan Rose and Philip Wright, were present to speak to the Board. Mr. Rose requested information to the follow-up of his request to set a procedure to review the village manager's performance. He also reminded the board of their fiduciary responsibility. Mr. Wright explained the procedure that was used before and said that a form had been developed. He too, reminded the board of their fiduciary responsibility.

Mr. Richard Ehrlich was present to say that he thought the new location for the Endymion tot lot was a good one and advocated for its construction.

**COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPORT**

Ms. Coyle presented her report in writing. She spoke about the FY2012 – 2013 budget schedule. She stated that there is a discussion on CA staff compensation. She reported that the Hobbit's Glen Clubhouse discussion is moving along and that there is an RFP for an architect. Ms. Coyle spoke about the Aquatics Master Plan and the connectivity issues with the pathways.

Ms. Coyle then excused herself to attend another meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Longfellow Tot Lot - Mr. Cook moved to approve the tot lot location as Mr. Ellis had presented it. Ms. DeLacy seconded: all in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Cub Scout Charter – Dave Balthis, Cub Master, Tina Barnett, Committee Chairman, and Jill Balthis, Charter Chairman were present to answer questions about the role of a chartering organization. Ms. Tzucker explained the history of HCCA's role in chartering Pack 61. Mr. Balthis explained the expectations that Pack 61 has for chartering. He also talked about the activities the Pack does every year. He said that the Charter would need to be renewed in December.

**Ms. DeLacy moved that HCCA not renew the Charter in December.** There was no second. Motion died for lack of a second.

**Mr. Cook moved to approve the Charter in December. Ms. Albert seconded. Dr. Lam amended the motion to request that Pack 61 ask the Board annually to renew the Charter when it comes due. After discussion, the vote was 5 in favor and Ms. DeLacy opposed.**

New Board Members – Ms. Linda Kangrga volunteered to fill out the term vacated by Kevin Preston. Ms. Albert explained the time commitment to Ms. Kangrga. Ms. Kangrga assured everyone she was willing to put in the required time. **Ms. Kong moved that Ms. Linda Kangrga be appointed to the Board. Ms. DeLacy seconded: all in favor.**

Tower Federal Credit Union – Ms. Brooks explained that she has been approached by Tower Federal Credit Union to form a partnership with the credit union so that residents could participate in the credit union.

**Ms. DeLacy moved to a become members of the Tower's field of membership. Ms. Kong seconded.** Members discussed their concerns with becoming members. After discussion, it was decided to table further action until more information could be ascertained. Ms. Tzucker will ask CA if they were ever approached and why they did not do it.

Committees The committee structure of the Board was discussed. There are presently two committees; the Financial Committee with Ms. Albert and Ms. Brooks and the Outreach Committee with Ms. Kong and Ms. DeLacy. Ms. Kangrga will join the Financial Committee and Mr. Cook and Dr. Lam will join the Outreach Committee.

Removal of the Flag on 5508 Mystic Ct. Ms. Nix sent current pictures and reported that the property is now in compliance. **Ms. DeLacy moved that the flag be removed from the lot file of 5508 Mystic Court. Ms. Albert seconded, all in favor.**

Rules of Procedure for Board Meeting – Ms. Brooks presented a written Rules of Procedure for board Meeting based on Robert's Rules of Order. **Ms. DeLacy moved that the Rules of Procedure be accepted. Mr. Cook seconded, all in favor.**

Orientation – **Ms. Brooks moved to form a committee to work on an orientation booklet for new board members.**

Board Member Comments and the Minutes – It was decided to keep including Board Member Comments in the Minutes.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Ms. Brooks gave kudos to the staff for their work on National Night Out and the Swansfield Pool Party.

### **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Tzucker presented her report in writing. Refurbishing of the lift has been postponed. She reminded the Board that Kahler Hall would need to be closed for sewer repair next week as well as the handicapped lift replacement.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT**

Ms. Tzucker presented in writing.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. DeLacy sent kudos to the staff for a great pool party and National Night Out.

Mr. Cook echoed the same sentiments for National Night Out.

Ms. Kong commented that she thought the new procedure for Resident Speak-out worked very well. She would like to explore going back to two meetings a month. She also said that the Robinson Nature Center was wonderful and looking for volunteers.

Dr. Lam said that National Night Out was terrific.

Ms. Albert said that the Hobbit's Glen Design Committee has had a number of meetings. The committee is going to look at other new clubhouses in the area.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15**