

**HARPER'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2012
APPROVED JANUARY 8, 2013**

The Board of Directors of the Harper's Choice Community Association conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 2012 at Kahler Hall, Columbia, Maryland. Clare Brooks, Linda Kangrga, Clarence Lam, Alicia Kong, Claire Albert, Stephen Cook, Ann DeLacy, Cindy Coyle and Wendy Tzucker attended. Approximately 30 guests attended.

Mr. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Kong moved and it was seconded, to accept the Agenda. All in favor

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Lam moved and it was seconded to approve the November 13, 2012 Minutes as submitted. All in favor.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Darrin Hornbeck and Edward Avila of El Camino spoke to the Board about their experiences with the Harper's Choice Safeway. They explained that they shopped there frequently, they are upset with lack of cleanliness, lack of customer service, and that the store was understaffed. **Ms. Kong moved, and it was seconded, to invite the upper management to come to the January 8 meeting. Motion failed 0 yays and 6 nays.** After discussion, it was decided to place this item on the January 8 Agenda and come up with a plan of action before speaking to Safeway.

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Coyle reported on the potential for an indoor aquatic facility.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Andrew Ingalls, Kimco Property Manager, spoke to the Board about the state of the Village Center. He said that there was 100% retail occupancy and that Kimco was updating and renovating the rental apartments as they became available. He said that he had changed the security company that patrolled the centers. He also said that there were plans to paint the buildings. The board asked him to look into recycling and improved lighting for the Village Center. Two of the merchants were present and they expressed their concerns about the security of the Center. Dr. Lam asked Mr. Ingalls to report to the Board by February.
- B. Officer Brian Reger, Community Officer for Harper's Choice, reported to the Board on police activity in the area. He said that he is aware of the activity in the Center, and has been able to ban many of the offenders. He said to call him directly with concerns.
- C. Cedar Lane Parking – County Council Member, Mary Kay Sigaty, and Chief of Highways, Diane Schwarzman, and Greg Fiala, Manager of Cedar Lane Park, were here to discuss the parking problem caused by overflow from Cedar Lane Park with the Board and the residents in attendance. Various solutions were discussed to alleviate or mitigate the problem. Among these were building a fence along the sidewalk and constructing more parking within the park grounds. Ms. Sigaty said that she and Ms. Schwarzman are committed to helping the community with this problem and they will investigate it more and come up with possible solutions. They will report back to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative of CA, Jan Clark, Jane Dembner, Denis Ellis, and Bob Bellamy, presented plans for a proposed Dog Park on the field at the end of Cedar Lane. They had reviewed the concerns expressed at the October meeting and tried to come up with solutions. Alternate solutions were reviewed and ultimately deemed unfeasible by staff. Discussion followed. The Board will consider the proposal at the January 8, 2012 meeting.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Tzucker reported that:

- 30 people attended Make and Take Crafts on Sunday,
- Reminded the Board about the Holiday Dinner and the Executive Session meeting,
- She had attended the Ethnic Summit sponsored by the County and found it very informative
- Pizza with Santa is December 15.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Kangrga reported that the Master Plan should be ready soon.

Ms. Kong reported that the Outreach Committee is has met and she will send out the Minutes of that meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Cook would like each member to think of a topic for a Board Retreat.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Albert said that she was disappointed that the Clubhouse groundbreaking would not happen until fall of 2013.

Meeting Adjourned 9:50