

**HARPER'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2010
APPROVED FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

The Board of Directors of the Harper's Choice Community Association conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at Kahler Hall, Columbia, Maryland. Evan Rose, Clare Brooks, JD Smith, Chiara D'Amore, Patti Petry, Cynthia Coyle and Wendy Tzucker were in attendance.

Prior to the regular meeting the Harper's Choice Village Board met with representatives from KIMCO, the Howard County Police and the merchants to discuss progress in the village center.

Mr. Rose called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. D'Amore moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of a donation to The Maggie Brown Endowment Fund. Ms. Brooks seconded; all in favor

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Brooks moved to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2010 as submitted; seconded; all in favor.

RESIDENT SPEAK-OUT

No residents were present.

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Coyle presented written background regarding the environmental impact on the planned expansion of the Athletic Club parking lot. She reviewed the different options with the Board. She also spoke about the impact of the reassessment of property values have on the projected income of the Columbia Association.

Ms. Coyle also reported that a major strategic initiative for the CA Board is to create a stronger pathways system throughout Columbia.

NEW BUSINESS

Quarterly Police Report Howard County Police Officers Jason Kindel, Rocco Sovero, and Anthony Nigro attended the meeting to update the Board on the quarterly statistics for Harper's Choice. Officer Sovero was also introduced as the new Community Officer for Harper's Choice.

Donation to the Maggie Brown Endowment Fund - **Ms, D'Amore moved that the Harper's Choice Community Association donate \$250 to the Maggie Brown Endowment Fund. Ms. Coyle seconded; all in favor.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Master Planning group reported that they would like to involve six Harper's Choice residents to be part of a steering committee of 10. Mr. Smith read a proposed press release for the next newsletter that says:

"The Harper's Choice Village Board is forming a steering committee of citizens to help frame the long term vision and goals for our village center. The intended outcome of this committee's efforts is the development of a community driven master plan that addresses issues such as economic viability, safety, community engagement, and sustainability. We are actively seeking six (6) residents to participate in the 2010 committee and are specifically looking for those with expertise in community organizing, marketing, architectural design, economic development and sustainability and

environmental sustainability. If you are interested please email a copy of your resume or bio to harperschoice@columbiavillages.org by April 1st.

Ms. D'Amore moved that the statement be accepted. Ms. Petry seconded; all in favor.

The above statement will be posted on the website, and sent as a press release to various local media.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT

Ms. Tzucker reported:

- Camp Expo had about 250 families who attended and 43 camps who exhibited.

A discussion followed on ways to improve and grow Camp Expo for future years. Ms. Tzucker will begin by getting testimonials from the camps who attended. This will be followed by a survey to the camps who did not attend, as to the reason they don't attend. Other strategies were discussed.

Upcoming events include

- Butterfly Gardening on February 4
- Beekeeping Seminar on February 11
- Roots of Howard County on February 21
- Breakfast Reading series on February 27

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Tzucker reported that construction on the lower level and the addition of smoke detectors has been completed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Rose reported that he gave the budget testimony for HCCA to the CA Board. He also wondered if petitions, or letters from as many residents would help begin the process of replacing the sweet gum trees in Harper's Choice, especially the Longfellow neighborhood.

He also said that it would be a good idea to send a letter to Delegate Bobo to inquire if it would be possible to lower the recently raised felony standard back to the original \$500.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

Ms. Petry reported that the meeting with the Manorstone Lane residents and Police Chief McMahon has been postponed.

Mr. Smith reported that Council Bills 58 & 59 had passed.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

The Action Item Tracking Log was reviewed and updated.

New items include:

Add Board to daily crime log	Tzucker/Wolfe
Survey camps	Tzucker
Acquire testimonials from camps	Tzucker
Letter re: sweet gum trees	Tzucker
Letter to Bobo re: felony standard	Tzucker
Master Plan press release	Smith

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm

