

**HARPER'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2010
APPROVED JANUARY 19, 2010**

The Board of Directors of the Harper's Choice Community Association conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 5, at Kahler Hall, Columbia, Maryland. Evan Rose, Clare Brooks, JD Smith, Chiara D'Amore, Kevin Preston, Anne DeLacy, Cynthia Coyle and Wendy Tzucker were in attendance.

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 discussion of the Management Contract. Ms. Brooks seconded; all in favor

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Brooks moved to approve the Minutes of December 1, 2009 as submitted; Ms. D'Amore seconded; motion carried; all in favor.

RESIDENT SPEAK-OUT

No residents were present.

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Coyle spoke about the re-organization of the CA committee meeting schedule as a tool to enhance communication among the difference committees. She also explained about the reorganization of the internal CA structure.

Mr. Smith volunteered to attend the meeting on January 7, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Committee – Robert Bastian was in attendance and volunteered to be Chairman of the Election Committee for 2010. He would like to train someone who would be able to run the 2011 and 2012 elections. **Ms. D'Amore moved that Mr. Bastian be selected to be chairman of the 2010 Election Committee. Ms. DeLacy seconded; all in favor.**

Stream Restoration – Sean Harbaugh, CA Open Space, reviewed the plans for restoration of the stream between Wilde Lake and Harper's Choice. He explained that the funding would come from CA and the Chesapeake Restoration Grant at the state Department of Natural Resources. The project should begin in February and last about 90 days.

CA Budget – Ms. Tzucker presented the CA Draft of the Operating and Capital Budget for 2011 and 2012 as well as a memo highlighting some aspects of the budget draft. Ms. Tzucker will write draft testimony to be discussed and modified for the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unity Bike Ride - This was tabled from the previous meeting. The Board discussed whether this national event was an appropriate use of Association funds. **Mr. Preston moved that HCCA donate \$250 to the Police Unity Ride. Mr. Smith seconded; no one in favor all opposed. Motion failed. Ms. D'Amore moved that the Board send a letter will be written to HCPD to say that this donation goes outside our guidelines, but we will be happy to support other activities that affect our community. Mr. Preston seconded; all in favor.**

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT

Ms. Tzucker reported:

- Craft Workshop on December 6 had about 75 people in attendance
- Land Management/Construction luncheon on December 11 was attended by about 30 people
- Volunteer/Staff Dinner on December 15 was very nice
- Pizza With Santa on December 19 was postponed because of snow until the following Tuesday and 75 people attended that event.

Upcoming events include

- Frog Watch Seminar on January 7
- Community Supported Agriculture on January 14
- Camp Expo on January 31
- Butterfly Gardening on February 4
- Beekeeping Seminar on February 11

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Tzucker reported that construction on the lower level and the addition of smoke detectors will take place beginning January 18, 2010.

She also presented an email from Diane Schwarzman stating that the speed monitor boards owned by the County were not operable at this time. **Ms. DeLacy moved that the Board write a letter to County Executive Ulman encouraging him to have these signs repaired or replaced. Mr. Preston seconded. All in favor.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report at this time.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

The Action Item Tracking Log was reviewed and updated.

New items include:

CA budget on next Agenda with draft testimony	All
Letter to HCPD to reflect vote	Tzucker
Letter to Ulman re: speed signs	Tzucker
Research Robert's Rules of Order	Tzucker

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm

