

**HARPER'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2011
APPROVED MARCH 15, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Harper's Choice Community Association conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Kahler Hall, Columbia, Maryland. Evan Rose, Alicia Kong, Clare Brooks, JD Smith, Kevin Preston, Claire Albert, Ann DeLacy, Cynthia Coyle and Wendy Tzucker were in attendance.

Mr. Rose called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Brooks moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Mr. Preston seconded: all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Kong moved to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2011 as submitted. Ms. Albert seconded: all in favor.

RESIDENT SPEAK-OUT

No residents were present to speak-out.

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Coyle reported that the Board approved the FY 2012 Budget. She said that the assessment share for the villages will be re-evaluated during the upcoming year. Ms. Coyle explained about the "Columbia Swims" program. She also said that plans for Symphony Woods are moving ahead.

NEW BUSINESS

Harper's Choice Tot Lot HC 11 – Four residents were present to discuss the possible removal of the tot lot. Mr. Szollos said that 12 neighbors had signed a petition asking for removal of the tot lot he added that the tot lot is not used appropriately and he felt that it had reached the end of its usefulness. Mr. Binkley disagreed and said that the tot lot was frequently used and was very popular and should remain. Mr. Bastian suggested that residents in that part of Longfellow be surveyed as to their opinion and usage of the tot lot. The Board thought that this was a good idea.

Phil Nelson, President of CA was present to discuss the impact of changing demographics and changing economic factors on the future planning for Columbia. He said that transportation will be affected by the increase in population and the price of gasoline. He said that the pathway system will become increasingly important. The Board thanked Mr. Nelson for coming to their meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report at this time.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Tzucker reported that she had a meeting at Howard Community College. They presented the new 5 year plan. It is available on the HCC website.

She reminded the Board about the March 19 Village Center Planning Workshop at HCC and the Community Engagement meeting for the Village Master Plan on March 26.

Ms. Tzucker handed out copies of the Audit Report and said it will be on the next Agenda.

She also said that the Village Board Nomination period is from March 1st – March 14th.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT

Ms. Tzucker reported that 45 people had attended the recent Breakfast Story Time

Upcoming events include:

Wind Energy Seminar	March 4
Master Gardener	March 10
Beer Tasting	March 17
Community Safety Day/Village Elections	April 30

Board Member Reports

Ms. DeLacy inquired if the Board could advocate with KIMCO for one of the tenants. It was decided that it would depend on the tenant's complaint.

Mr. Preston asked about the removal of County tree branches.

Action Items:

Survey questions	Tzucker
Contact police	Tzucker

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm