

**HARPER'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2011
APPROVED APRIL 5, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Harper's Choice Community Association conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at Kahler Hall, Columbia, Maryland. Alicia Kong, Clare Brooks, JD Smith, Claire Albert, Ann DeLacy, Cynthia Coyle and Wendy Tzucker were in attendance.

Ms. Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. DeLacy moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Ms. Albert seconded: all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Albert moved to approve the Minutes of March 1, 2011 as submitted. Ms. DeLacy seconded: all in favor.

RESIDENT SPEAK-OUT

George and Ann Wood of 11105 Swansfield Rd. were present to ask the Board's help because the stream which on open space behind their home is beginning to erode their back yard. They are asking that CA help them return the stream to its original path. **Mr. Smith moved that the Board write a letter asking CA to investigate the erosion problem and help find a solution. Ms. DeLacy seconded: all in favor.**

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Coyle did not have a report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Chris Valentine of the HCPD, introduced himself as the new Community Resource Officer for Harper's Choice. He asked the Board to please contact him with any problems or concerns.

Longfellow Tot Lots HC 10 & HC 11 Denis Ellis from CA Open Space construction and Mike Fowler from BG&E were present to discuss the BG&E easements as it affects the two tot lots. Mr. Fowler explained that both of these tot lots sit right on the gas pipeline and due to new federal guidelines and regulations will need to be removed. Mr. Fowler will find out if the tot lots could be moved to somewhere else within the BG&E easement. Four residents were in attendance and discussion followed with the Board and the representatives. The Board is waiting to hear back from BG&E as to the next steps to be taken.

Third Quarter Report – Ms. Tzucker presented the third quarter report from the accountant. After discussion **Mr. Smith moved to accept the third quarter report as submitted. Ms. Albert seconded: all in favor.**

2012 Draft Budget – The 2012 draft budget was presented. Ms. Tzucker explained that the draft budget had to be available for review 30 days prior to accepting the final

budget. **Ms. Kong moved to accept the 2012 budget as a draft. Ms. DeLacy seconded: all in favor.**

Audit Report – Ms. Tzucker presented the audit report for the year ending April 30, 2010 from MKSH. **Ms. Kong moved to accept the audit from MKSH as submitted. Ms. DeLacy seconded: all in favor.**

Ms. Coyle would like to see the policy for reviewing the bank statements revised to insure that all bank statements are opened by a designated Board member. Ms. Tzucker will change the policy to reflect this.

Longfellow Nursery School Request – The Board reviewed the two letters from the Nursery School requesting that CA put a sign by the neighborhood center prohibiting skateboarding. **Ms. DeLacy moved to request a sign from CA that would prohibit skateboarding. Mr. Smith seconded: all in favor except Ms. Kong who voted in the negative.**

Dunkin Donuts & Parking – Ms. Coyle brought up the problem that came to light at the HCVCCP meeting with the merchants. The people from Dunkin Donuts said that they were having problems with trucks unloading on the narrow roadway in front of their store. The trucks were prohibiting people from leaving their short term parking spaces. Ms. Kong mentioned that the large trucks were cutting down on sight distances and made it dangerous to get around them. Ms. Tzucker will write to KIMCO and ask their help in making this a “No Loading or Unloading” zone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tot Lot Survey – this discussion was tabled until the Board has more information.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

No report at this time.

VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT

Ms. Tzucker reported that the nomination period for village board elections were over. She said that two candidates, Ann DeLacy and Kevin Preston, were running for the three open seats.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT

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

Upcoming events include:

Beer Tasting	March 17
HCVCCP Public Engagement	March 26
Master Gardeners – Fescue Lawn	April 7
Searching for Spring	April 16
Community Safety Day/Village Elections	April 30

Action Items:

Email to Kimco	Tzucker
Letter to CA re: Woods property	Tzucker
Board policy on bank statements	Tzucker
Letter requesting signage at LNC	Tzucker

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm