

**HARPER'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2012
APPROVED NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Harper's Choice Community Association conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at Kahler Hall, Columbia, Maryland. Clare Brooks, Claire Albert, Linda Kangrga, Clarence Lam, Alicia Kong, Stephen Cook, Ann DeLacy, Cindy Coyle and Wendy Tzucker attended. Approximately 10 residents also attended.

Prior to the meeting the Board met with residents and CA staff at the proposed site of the dog park.

Mr. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Kong moved and it was seconded, to approve the September 11, 2012 Minutes as submitted; all in favor except Ms. DeLacy who abstained.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Karen Suter, President of Heritage Green, said that she was for the dog park, but was against the location of the parking.

Juan Ortez, resident of Winding Star, opposes the dog park because of the loss of green space, noise and traffic.

Thomas Merino and his wife, residents of Winding Star, expressed their concerns about how the dog park will exacerbate an already untenable parking situation because of Cedar Lane Park. They brought photos to show how bad parking is in that area.

Sharon Hill and Jim Greco also stated that they would not be opposed to the dog park if the parking was better. Mr. Greco also brought in pictures. They were also concerned that the children would be displaced from playing on the fields.

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Coyle said that Clyde's had announced a new ten year lease with Howard Hughes, Corp. She updated the Board on Symphony Woods Park and said that it would be part of long-term planning. She also spoke about the pending Home Owners Association legislation.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dog Park – Jan Clark, representative from the Columbia Association, gave a presentation about the proposed dog park. Discussion followed with both residents and Board members asking questions and trying to come up with alternatives. **Ms. Kong moved and it was seconded, that the Board ask CA to come up with alternative plans for the dog park that would address the concerns brought up at the meeting. All in favor.**

- B. Longfellow PTA President, Tony Yount, spoke to the Board about his concerns with the current redistricting plan for Longfellow and Harper's Choice Middle school. **Dr. Lam moved and it was seconded to draft a letter that would support the reconsideration of the redistricting and engage the community in the process. All in favor except Ms. Kong who opposed.**

- C. Covenant Issues – Covenant Advisor, Debbie Nix, presented 5417 Hildebrand Ct. for a 15-day letter. **Ms. Kong moved and it was seconded that a 15-day letter be sent to 5417 Hildebrand Ct. All in favor.**

Ms. Nix asked the Board to do a Resolution if the issue is not solved within 15 days. **Ms. Kong moved and it was seconded that a resolution letter be sent to 5417 Hildebrand Ct. if they do not comply with the 15 day letter. All in favor.**

- D. Donation to Harper's Choice Middle School - **Ms. Kong moved and it was seconded that a \$500 donation be given to Harper's Choice Middle School for their Outdoor Education program. All in favor.**
- E. Shredding – **Ms. Albert moved and it was seconded that Harper's Choice sponsor a shredding event in 2013. All in favor.** Ms. Tzucker will ask Kimco if they would like to co-sponsor it with us so that their parking lot may be used.
- F. Board Retreat – Mr. Cook spoke to the Board about having a retreat to do strategic planning. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.
- G. Contingency Fund – Ms. Tzucker said that many of the other villages would like to go to the Contingency Fund to pay for an attorney to review the pending HOA legislation. **Ms. Brooks moved and it was seconded that the Board authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$8000 to engage an attorney to review the legislation. All in favor.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. CA Budget Request for FY '14 – Ms. Tzucker presented a memo of the points brought up at the last meeting. These included: 1) renovation of rest rooms at Longfellow and Hobbit's Glen pools, 2) a gazebo, 3) a position at CA that would reach out to the diverse community in Columbia. **Ms. Brooks moved and it was seconded to send the memo to the CA Board of Directors. All in favor.**

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Tzucker reported that:

- She will meet with Phil Nelson, and some others to discuss the assessment share.
- Informed the Board that we now have a Kahler Hall Facebook page, in addition to our Harper's Choice page, to help with marketing our facility.
- Sadly, we have lost a Church that used our lower level on Sundays and the Marchand Room on Wednesday.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Ms. Brooks would like traffic issues on Cedar Lane to be on the next agenda.

Ms. Albert said that she thinks a report should be just that, and not a time for discussion. Dr. Lam agreed with her.

Ms. Kangrga would like a village wide meeting with the police on safety issues.

Ms. Kong would like a discussion of the length of the meetings on the next agenda.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20