

**HARPER'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2019  
APPROVED APRIL 2, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Harper's Choice Community Association conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at Kahler Hall, Columbia, Maryland. Robert Fontaine, Stephen Cook, Jim Smith, Erik Avant, Rebecca Beall, Alan Klein, and Steve Ingley were in attendance.

Mr. Fontaine called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Smith moved and it was seconded by Mr. Avant to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Mr. Smith moved and it was seconded by Mr. Cook to accept the Minutes of the February 5, 2019 Board Meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESIDENT SPEAK OUT**

Mr. Joel Hurewitz discussed his concerns with CA's proposal to change Maryland law to become a Community Benefit Association.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Architectural Committee Appointment – **Mr. Smith moved and it was seconded by Mr. Avant to appoint Ms. Louise Manns to the Architectural Committee for the period March 5, 2019 through April 30, 2019.**
- B. HB1166 Howard County - Authority to Impose Fees for Use of Disposable Bags – **Ms. Beall moved and it was seconded by Mr. Cook to send a letter in support of HB1166. Motion passed with Mr. Avant opposed.**
- C. 2019 Election Calendar – **Mr. Smith moved and it was seconded by Mr. Avant to approve the 2019 Election Calendar as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials – **Mr. Avant moved and it was seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials. Motion passed unanimously.**
- E. CA Proposal to Change MD Law to Recognize CA as a Community Benefit Association (CBA) – **Mr. Avant moved and it was seconded by Mr. Cook to send a letter to CA requesting that any legislation be written so that any or all of the Columbia Villages could opt in as a CBA.**

**Motion passed with Mr. Smith abstaining. Mr. Avant moved and it was seconded by Ms. Beall to draft a letter to the CA Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.** It was noted that the letter should include a statement indicating that HCCA cannot offer support or comment about the proposed legislation since we haven't been given enough information to make an informed decision, as well as the request that any legislation be written so that any or all of the Villages could opt in.

**Mr. Avant moved and it was seconded by Mr. Cook to authorize an expenditure of up to \$1500.00 to engage legal counsel to review the proposed legislation and provide guidance to the villages in the event that the CA Board of Directors vote in favor of the proposed legislation. Motion passed unanimously.**

- F. **Mr. Avant moved and it was seconded by Mr. Smith to move into Closed Meeting to discuss matters pertaining to employees and personnel. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

None submitted.

**Mr. Smith moved and it was seconded by Mr. Avant to move out of Closed Meeting and to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 9:05 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen J. Ingley  
Village Manager/Secretary  
Harper's Choice Community Association