

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Karen Hitcho, Chair at 7:48pm, Tuesday, March 18, 2008, in the conference room at Stonehouse. Members present were Nina Basu, Edward Coleman and Karen Hitcho. Also present were Sarah Uphouse, Village Administrator and Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda and March 4, 2008, minutes were approved by consensus.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT

There were no residents for speakout, however, students from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, came to observe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

(Attached to original minutes)

Hitcho mentioned that the closing of Produce Galore in Wilde Lake has significance for the future of all of the Village Centers. The future of all of the Village Centers needs to be addressed in a separate venue with all of the Villages participating and with GGP taking a leading role.

Coleman would like to have the downtown development treated as part of a regional development that would encompass the Village Centers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Election Committee:

Basu stated that five nomination packets have been checked out.. The Election Committee will convene after the March 24, 10:00am deadline for returning the applications. Once all of the signatures have been validated the ballot order will be decided and the information sent to the printer. Ballots should be mailed April 1st.

Blandair

(Attached to original minutes)

Uphouse, a member of the original Blandair Task Force, informed the Board that the Task Force has reconvened with 15 of the original 22 people. The current goal is to have some of the south side portions of the Blandair Regional Park open by 2010. The park pathways will eventually connect with the CA pathways. Uphouse presented the plan to the Board and will keep them informed of all future meetings.

BOARD COMMENTS

Basu was disappointed with the Jackson Pond landscape presentaion and the lack of interesting and diversified landscaping.

Uphouse told the Board that she spoke with Dennis Matthey at CA Open Space the next day. The landscaping will vary from the presentation and the Ashendorf Island planting will be more diversified. Uphouse plans to keep in close contact with CA Open Space.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

(Attached to original minutes)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

(Attached to original minutes)

Uphouse informed the Board that Sandra Gray, Civilian Police Liasion, held a Planning session at Stonehouse with state and local experts, and Long Reach residents to establish a neighborhood watch program. The Community Association will not participate in this plan but will provide free meeting space.

The Board agreed to postpone the scheduled Executive Session until April 1 when all of the Board members would be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Karen Hitcho, Chair

Rita Seidelman. Board Secretary