

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTE
February 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Karen Hitcho, Chair, at 7:28pm, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, in the conference room at Stonehouse. Members present were Nina Basu, Ed Coleman, Joshua Friedman, Karen Hitcho and William Taylor. Also present were Sarah Uphouse, Village Administrator and Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda and January 6, 2009, minutes were approved by consensus.

Hitcho moved that the Board approve the appointment of William Taylor to fill Victor Bailey's remaining term. Seconded.

Approved 4 - 0 - 0.

WATERSHED REPORT

(Attached to original minutes)

Long Reach resident Jeffrey Campbell presented the Watershed Management Committee report to the Board. Campbell explained that the Committee will be focusing on the Lake Elkhorn area of the watershed because this will have the largest impact. The Committee is working on a communications plan to let people know what they can do to help and suggestions will be imparted to the public in a piecemeal manner through CA and the Village newsletters.

The Watershed Committee is involved in the planned April 18 clean up day and aware that CA will be distributing rain barrels at a moderate cost. Uphouse interjected her concern that the red rain barrels that CA plans to distribute do not meet the Village guidelines.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT

Resident Sandra Lee lives in a townhouse. Behind her fence is a large tree with large roots that are encroaching into her yard and under her house. The tree is causing plumbing problems in her home. She would like to have the tree removed, but needs to ascertain who owns the property. Uphouse will e-mail her information that may be helpful.

Coleman suggested that she purchase a product that will destroy tree roots growing around plumbing pipes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

(Attached to original minutes)

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

Hitcho welcomed William Taylor to the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS

Friedman reported that he attended the meeting with St. John's Church and was very impressed with their presentation. The Church will add much to the community by filling in the cracks that are not covered by other groups.

Friedman also expressed concern about the proliferation of the "Cash for your home" signs that are cropping up in the Village.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

(Attached to original minutes)

Uphouse reported that there is some movement with the Snowden Overlook annexation.

Uphouse informed the Board that she attended a meeting with the Howard County Police, Howard County Parks and Recreation, Village Managers and CA about the graffiti problem. The County wants the Villages to assume

responsibility for painting over graffiti on Howard County property that falls within the Villages.

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(Attached to original minutes)

CA - MID YEAR MEETING

(Attached to original minutes)

CA has asked the Village Board Chairs if their Boards would like to participate in a mid year meeting with CA. Hitcho asked the Board's opinion. Basu expressed concern about the proliferation of meetings.

Uphouse asked the Board if they felt the Build a Better Columbia series was worthwhile. Hitcho and Basu felt that based on the minimal turnout people had lost interest.

SECOND QUARTER REPORT

Hitcho moved that the Second Quarter Report be approved. Seconded.

Approved 5 - 0 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at. 9:00pm.

Karen Hitcho, Chair

Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary