

**LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTE**  
**November 3, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Karen Hitcho, Chair, at 7:32pm, Tuesday, November 2, 2009, in the conference room at Stonehouse. Members present were Nina Basu, Ed Coleman, Josh Friedman, Karen Hitcho and William Taylor. Also present were Russ Swatek, CA Board Representative; Sarah Uphouse, Village Manager, and Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

The agenda and October 20, 2009, organizational minutes and agenda were approved by consensus.

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL - Calvin Ball**

Calvin Ball, Howard County Council Member, spoke with the Board about the upcoming downtown development meetings to be held during the next few months. The County Council wants to hear from the Village Boards and any concerns they may have.

Hitcho stated that this is a very long term plan and that during this 30 year period there will be variations in plans and partnerships. The plan will need to incorporate flexibility and general guideline principles for the entire project and that each phase needs to be balanced with concurrent residential, commercial and amenity developments.

Basu stressed the need for both the CB58-2009 and CB29-2009 to be aligned because zoning is very difficult to challenge. Ball concurred that there should be a cohesive 30 year plan and that politics needs to be taken out of the plans and process. The County has 95 days to study and formulate plans.

Coleman is concerned that enforceable checkpoints be included in the plan as it moves forward. Bill Mackey, Howard County DPZ, stated that these has been included in the plans.

Friedman is concerned that all Villages are linked together as growth tends to be along major thoroughfares. Ball's response was that connectedness is a major consideration and a feasibility study will be conducted for a circulator type of transport.

Swatek suggested that 95 days is not enough time. Ball re-iterated that the goal is to get through the issues in a timely manner and that all goals, themes and community principles be defined to people's satisfaction. There will be a full day of testimony on November 14<sup>th</sup> and if necessary the meeting will continue on November 16<sup>th</sup>. A continuous loop of hearings will follow these first meetings.

Mary Kay Sigaty, Howard County Council Chair, arrived around 8:15 and reassured Coleman that required evaluations are built into the legislation.

During the discussion Coleman inquired about the Wilde Lake Village revitalizing process. Mackey explained that the Village Board is putting together a plan for the community and then the Village Board will hold workshops. Coleman explained that he would like to have a "lessons learned" type of unofficial document of the Wilde Lake process for all of the other Villages to use as a guide. Specifically, what worked and what did not work. Mackey said that it would be possible to put together a set of unofficial guidelines.

**CA STREAM BANK RESTORATION**

Diana Kelley from CA explained the importance of maintaining the watershed. CA had a consultant identify the CA areas that needed to be restored to improve water quality. The area behind Stone Cloud Lane was selected and will be reforested with Native American trees and shrubs. CA will plant one inch diameter trees during the fall and early spring, and maintain a ten foot setback from the path. Coleman suggested that a safety fence be installed during the two year early growth phase.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

(Attached to original minutes)

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Ed Coleman updated the Board on the RAC's agenda items and decisions.

**COUNCIL REP'S REPORT**

Swatek informed the Board that:

- The CA Board will hold a special session on November 11 about the downtown development, ZRA-29
- The External Relations Committee will meet on November 5 to set the agenda for the next Round Table meeting with the Villages.
- The Board is going on a mid-year retreat in November.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

(Attached to original minutes)

**CA PROPERTY FLAG REMOVAL**

**Hitcho motioned to remove the flag from the assessment file on 5718 Old Buggy Court. Seconded.**

**Approved 5 - 0 - 0.**

**Hitcho motioned to remove the flag from the assessment file on 8949 Footed Ridge. Seconded.**

**Approved 5 - 0 - 0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

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Karen Hitcho, Chair

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Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary