

**LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTE**  
**June 15, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Karen Hitcho, Chair, at 7:31pm, Tuesday, June 15, 2010, in the conference room at Stonehouse. Members present were Nina Basu, Karen Hitcho, Bill Taylor and Matt Watchinski. Josh Friedman arrived at 7:37pm. 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 May 18, 2010, minutes and agenda were approved by consensus.

**SPEAKOUT**

Resident Michael Carullo asked if it is legal for a home in his neighborhood to become an assisted living facility. Uphouse explained that assisted living homes are defined as an in-home business and that the Long Reach In-Home Profession or Industry Application would need to be submitted to the Resident Architectural Committee. The owner would need to live on the property and all neighbors would be notified.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

(Attached to original minutes)

**CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Hitcho spoke about the June 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. The Saturday Volunteer Party was a great success thanks to the staff's hard work. The guests loved the games and prizes. The Sunday Columbia Home Tour was a great experience and it ran very smoothly. The docents were wonderful and the attendees were very respectful as they walked through homes. People appeared to be having a very good time and the money raised is going to a worthy charity, One Month's Rent Initiative.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Friedman expressed cautious optimism about the new owner of the Village Center.

Hitcho suggested that when the Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Playground is totally rebuilt that the Board hold a re-opening celebration. Residents appreciate having this large playground in their neighborhood.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Swatek suggested that the board begin working on the Village Center Master Plan because there is a new owner of the Long Reach Village Center.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

(Attached to original minutes)

**LONG REACH VILLAGE MASTER PLAN**

Swatek informed the Board that CA has hired a city planner. This staff person will devise a template for all of the villages to follow while developing a master plan and become the point of contact person with the county.

The Board members received a packet for the Preliminary Draft Charter for the Master Plan Committee. The Board agreed that the Advisory Committee will consist of Board members and Long Reach residents. An advertisement seeking village volunteers will be placed in the Reach Out and on the Long Reach web site. This working committee will require a one year commitment, will meet frequently, be responsible for a vast amount of research and help to establish a vision for the Village Center.

Ultimately, this vision will give Long Reach some leverage and influence before the Howard County Planning Board should the village center owner apply for changes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

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Karen Hitcho, Chair

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Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary