

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTE
May 18, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Karen Hitcho, Chair, at 7:40pm, Tuesday, May 18, 2010, in the conference room at Stonehouse. Members present were Karen Hitcho, Bill Taylor and Matt Watchinski. Nina Basu and Josh Friedman arrived at 7:57pm. 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 4, 2010, minutes and agenda were approved by consensus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

(Attached to original minutes)

The Board will have a work session on June 15, 2010 at 6:30pm to review the Rules and Procedures, Goals and Strategies, and Goals and Objectives. The regular Board meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Hitcho told the Board that she has forwarded some constructive criticisms about the Long Reach Safeway to Safeway management.

Hitcho spoke about the Build a Better Columbia meeting held on May 14. This year's event was very informative and well run with Phil Nelson speaking about the increasing demographic trends of the over 65 year olds and the 25 to late 30 year olds. The birthrate appears to be decreasing.

Hitcho, Basu and Swatek will be attending a meeting with Snowden Overlook tomorrow evening, May 19th.

BOARD COMMENTS

Watchinski plans to speak with the Village Center business owners.

Taylor contacted Safeway headquarters because the pharmacy and front counter were closed on a day he was in the store.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Swatek pointed out that at the CA retreat the relationship between the CA Board and staff was a major topic and that Phil Nelson is requiring more from the staff.

Swatek and Basu decided to work together to establish an unofficial internet system to distribute information to residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Uphouse advised the Board that public safety tips will be forwarded to the Village from CA and that this information will be published in a future Reach Out.

COUNTY TOWING POLICY

Friedman explained that the County Code covering the towing of inoperable vehicles affects townhouses and apartments much more than detached homes. The County Code requires that the towing company paperwork be signed immediately at the time of towing. This situation creates a safety issue for the person who signs the paperwork. Calvin Ball has been contacted and he plans to sponsor a bill that would repeal the requirement for a signature at the time the vehicle is towed.

Friedman further explained that the Department of Consumer Affairs believes that they can address these concerns without changing the County Code. The Board will postpone a discussion until Consumer Affairs addresses the issue.

CONTINGENCY FUND

Uphouse explained that because there has been a significant increase in the fees for a yearly audit, the Village Managers have requested \$2000 per village from the contingency fund. All of the Village Boards must approve this request.

Hitcho moved to support the Village’s request for auditing funds in the amount of \$2000 per village. Seconded.

Approved 5 - 0 - 0.

GATEWAY OVERLOOK

Hitcho believes that the Board owes CA a formal response to their inquiry about annexing Gateway Overlook into Long Reach. The Board’s concerns are:

- Gateway Overlook is not contiguous to Long Reach and its proximity to a large commercial center would make enforcement of the Architectural Guidelines difficult
- Snowden Overlook annexation has been a long and arduous seven year process, and there are no extra resources available to the Village.
- Long Reach is the largest Village and the annexation of Gateway Overlook would tax the village’s capacities to serve residents. Resources are dwindling.
- The Long Reach Village Board has never supported the development of Gateway Overlook.
- Gateway Overlook residents now seem to be ambiguous about joining Long Reach.

Hitcho concluded that Long Reach does not plan to annex Gateway Overlook and another village may do so.

Hitcho moved that a letter be drafted to Phil Nelson, President of CA, stating that Long Reach does not plan to annex Gateway Overlook. Seconded.

Approved 5 - 0 - 0.

Uphouse will draft a letter and forward it to the Board for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Karen Hitcho, Chair

Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary