

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTE
February 15, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Karen Hitcho, Chair, at 7:52pm, Tuesday, February 15, 2011, in the conference room at Stonehouse. Members present were Nina Basu, 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 minutes from December 7, 2010 and January 4, 2011 were approved by consensus.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT

Dylan Goldberg an intern at Council member Mary Kay Sigatey's office informed the Board that the Howard County Food Bank is now serving many more people. In partnership with the CA Teen Advisory Committee, Howard Community College and the Volunteer Center, the interns are organizing a Food for Tomorrow student run campaign to obtain food and money donations. The group will be placing blue donation bins at various locations and requested permission to place one at Stonehouse. The campaign runs from March 12 - April 9.

Hitcho complimented them on their community spirit and organizational skills.

Resident Dan Hennesey observed the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

(Attached to original minutes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hitcho, Friedman and Watchinski will serve on the Election Committee. Watchinski will be the chair.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENT

(Attached to original minutes)

Hitcho stated that she testified at the CA Budget hearings and was surprised to realize how little the CA Board new about the CA Allocation Formula. Hitcho and Uphouse have drawn up a document titled History of the Current Allocation Formula.

BOARD COMMENTS

Friedman is becoming increasingly concerned about the new Village Center owners. All of the signage looks tacky and unprofessional.

COUNCIL REP'S REPORT

Swatek reported that:

- The Aquatics Department wants to lower the temperature in all pools
- The Hobbits Glen Golf Club rebuild continues to be discussed

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

(Attached to original minutes)

Uphouse also informed the Board that:

- The Roots event held in February 13th was a great success
- The Village managers are now attending the CA staff meetings
- The theme for this years Volunteer Party on June 4th will be the Long Reach 40th Birthday Party

GENERAL PLAN TASK FORCE

(Attached to original minutes)

Hitcho recommended that the Board monitor the Howard County General Plan. Initially the staff will contact the County to ascertain the status of the plan.

REQUEST FOR PROPERTIES TO BE FLAGGED IN LONG REACH FILES ONLY

The following properties have minor violations that have not been corrected by the owners. The properties will be flagged in the Long Reach property files.

Basu moved to flag 9022 Queen Maria Court. Seconded.

Approved 4 - 0 - 0.

Hitcho moved to flag 6209 Tamar Drive. Seconded

Approved 4 - 0 - 0.

Hitcho moved to flag 6200 Wild Swan Way. Seconded

Approved 4 - 0 - 0.

Friedman excused himself from the meeting.

BUDGET

(Attached to original minutes)

Uphouse presented the budget and explained that “ we are keeping our heads above water”.

Basu moved to accept the budget. Seconded.

Approved 3 - 0 - 0.

Uphouse told the Board that the Plaza room chairs need to be replaced and requested approval to purchase 200 chairs that are currently on sale at an exceptionally good price. The chair frames are sturdy and the quality of the fabric is good.

Basu moved to allocate \$6,000 to purchase new chairs. Seconded.

Approved 3 - 0 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Karen Hitcho, Chair

Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary