

**Minutes of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Held May 26, 2022**

Approved June 23, 2022

Columbia Association's Board of Directors held a hybrid meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2022. Present were Chair Eric Greenberg, Vice Chair Virginia Thomas, and members Dick Boulton, Lakey Boyd, Brian England (virtual), Janet Evans, Kevin Fitzgerald, Alan Klein, Bill Santos, Andrew Stack, and Shari Zaret.

1. Call to Order

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Eric Greenberg. Mr. Greenberg announced the procedures to be used to conduct the meeting and took a roll call of the Board members present. Ms. Boyd, who is a member of the Board of Directors, was not named in the roll call, but was present.

2. Announcement of Closed/Special Meetings Held/To Be Held

CA's **Architectural Resource Committee** held a closed meeting on May 9, 2022. Members present were Deb Bach, Karina Caico, Susan Sloan, and Carole MacPhee. The vote to close the meeting was 4-0-0.

The closed meeting was authorized under the Maryland Homeowners Association Act, Md. Code, Real Property §11B-111(4)(iv), Consultation with staff personnel, consultant, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. The meeting was closed from 1:02 p.m. until 2:33 p.m. to discuss new and on-going covenant cases.

3. Approval of Agenda

Action: Ms. Thomas moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Boulton. Before the vote was taken, Mr. Klein made a motion to add "Waiver of CA's Anti-Nepotism Policy" as item 6(a). Mr. England seconded the motion. Discussion focused on the Board's authority regarding personnel policies, whether the topic needed to be discussed in a closed meeting, and whether waiving the policy would resolve the specific issue. Mr. Greenberg called the question. The motion failed by a vote of 2-8-0.

For: Messrs. England and Klein

Against: Messrs: Boulton, Fitzgerald, Greenberg, Santos, and Stack; and Mmes. Evans, Thomas, and Zaret

Abstain: None

Mr. Greenberg called the question to approve the agenda, as presented. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

4. Verbal Resident Speakout

(a) Clara Scholl – Spoke about CA's Anti-Nepotism Policy

(b) Alexia Couch – Spoke about CA's Anti-Nepotism Policy

(c) Richard Briggs – Spoke about CA's Anti-Nepotism Policy

(d) Melissa Villegas – Moms Demand Action Howard County – Spoke about National Gun Violence Awareness Day

(e) Amy Bennett – Spoke about the process for the Lake Elkhorn Stream mitigation bank project

(f) Sharon Boies – Spoke about the Lake Elkhorn Stream mitigation bank project

(g) Skye Anderson – Hickory Ridge - Spoke about coverage and concerns related to the May 12, 2022 organizational meetings

(h) Claudia Pak – Spoke about a desire to have a salt-water pool at the Columbia Gym

5. Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by consent:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting - Approved by consent
- (b) Approval of Appointments to the Architectural Resource Committee
- (c) Approval of the Hickory Ridge Representative to the Senior Advisory Committee
- (d) Approval of the Hickory Ridge Representative to the Watershed Advisory Committee

6. Board Votes – Proclamation – National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Ms. Thomas moved that the Board accept the proclamation regarding National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and observe a moment of silence honoring the victims and their families of the recent violence in Buffalo, New York and Uvalde, Texas. Mr. Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-0.

For: Messrs. Boulton, England, Fitzgerald, Greenberg, Klein, Santos, and Stack; and Mmes. Evans, Thomas, and Zaret

Against: None

Abstain: None

7. Board Discussion – Presentations from FY 2022 Advisory Committees

Ms. Boyd gave an overview of the role of the advisory committees and their contribution to Columbia Association. Presentations were made by the FY 2022 advisory committees and focused on the following questions: (1) What were your two most impactful accomplishments for Columbia in the last year? (2) What are the two biggest priorities for your advisory committee this current year? (3) Identify any opportunities for the CA Board to benefit better from your advisory committee’s skills and expertise; and (4) Identify any opportunities for the CA Board to better serve your advisory committee.

Ms. Boyd also briefed the FY 2023 Board on the changes for advisory committees approved by the FY 2022 Board at its April 28, 2022 meeting.

- (a) [Aquatics Advisory Committee](#)
- (b) [Climate Change and Sustainability Advisory Committee](#)
- (c) [Columbia Art Center Advisory Committee](#)
- (d) [Golf and Green Advisory Committee](#)
- (e) [Health and Fitness Advisory Committee](#)
- (f) [International & Multicultural Advisory Committee](#)
- (g) [Millennial Advisory Committee](#)
- (h) [Senior Advisory Committee](#)
- (i) [Teen and Middle School Advisory Committee](#)
- (j) [Tennis Committee](#)
- (k) [Watershed Advisory Committee](#)

8. **Questions Only**

No questions were raised.

9. **Proposed New Topics**

Ms. Thomas inquired about the status of the Memo of Understanding (MOU) between Howard Hughes Corporation and Columbia Association about coordination of events at the Lakefront between the parties. Ms. Boyd responded that she sent a note to the Board on May 26, 2022 and that no commitment had been made to provide an MOU to the Board within ten days in a previous meeting. She explained that MOU's are included as part of the documentation in the easement-approval process and do not return to the CA Board again. The Board's role is to approve or deny and add conditions if deemed appropriate. Staff then implements the terms of conditions as the easement is finalized and executed.

Later in the evening, Mr. Klein suggested that advisory committees give their presentations on staggered evenings, rather than all on the same evening.

10. **Chair's Remarks**

Mr. Greenberg thanked the Board for their work at the meeting. Mr. Greenberg also had two requests:

- He would like to set up a task force to look at policies and procedures, with goals of improving them and being more proactive in the future.
- He would like to set up a task force to look at the Board's overall strategy and strategic goals. Discussion focused on whether this should be handled by a small group or if the full Board should be involved. It was decided to have a retreat in June with the full Board in attendance. Per Mr. Greenberg, Messrs. Klein and Stack volunteered to plan the retreat.

11. **Adjournment**

Action: Ms. Evans made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Santos. Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet F. Loughran
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