

**Minutes of the
Dorsey's Search Community Association Board of Directors
located at Linden Hall meeting via Zoom
4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042**

Held: April 14, 2021

Approved: 5/12/2021

The Board of Directors of the Dorsey's Search Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular Board meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present: Ellen Mackey - Chair
Rob Sims-Vice Chair
Derek Carey
Christine Simpson
Dick Boulton – Columbia Council Representative
Ingrid Hatz, Village Manager
Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor
Nancy Meredith, Administrative Asst to the Village Manager

Absent:

Mrs. Mackey **called** the meeting **to order** at 7:07 p.m.

I. **Adoption of the agenda:**

Action: Mr. Sims moved to adopt the agenda. **Seconded:** Mr. Carey;

Vote 4-0-0.

For: Mr. Sims; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Carey; Mrs. Mackey

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

II. **Guest/Resident Speakers**

a. Jeremy Scharfenberg – CA Energy Manager

1. EV Charging Stations

CA has no public car chargers in the Village of Dorsey's Search

CA is installing their 8th car charger for staff and the public

CA is planning to install a couple of chargers every year and is always looking for viable spots

Fairway Hills Golf Course definitely seems to be a good location which could be a possible near term project. Patrons of the Fairway Hills Golf Course have requested that chargers be installed in the parking lot.

The Dorsey Hall pool location is another possibility

It is costly to install and the stations are expensive

If we are considering installing EV chargers at the Dorsey's Search Village Center, we can collaborate with Kimco, but we can't fund it

Question: What is the time line for the installation of chargers?

Answer: The chargers are budgeted for 2022

We can move forward with Jeremy to have chargers installed at Fairway Hills Golf Course and 1 at the Dorsey Hall pool.

Mrs. Mackey: Suggests that we move forward with a plan

Mr. Scharfenberg: Depending on the power availability at Fairway Hills, they might be able to install 2 stations.

Question: If we have a station installed in our Village, would it preclude us from having another one installed?

Answer: No

The approximate cost for installation is \$5000

Question: Who pays for the meter?

Answer: The electricity can be tied to the pool side of the building.

How much does it cost per month? It is a \$1 per charge

Ms. Simpson: Have you collaborated with Kimco in Columbia?

Answer: No, we have not.

Who speaks with Kimco? Mr. Scharfenberg will deal with Kimco.

Question: Do you work with Condos, Townhouses, Multi-Units?

Answer: The HOAs have to work with homeowners in that Association.

Comment by Mr. Boulton: This is just a small piece of what Mr. Scharfenberg does. Please let the Village Board know what CA is doing.

Columbia Association has received an Energy Star partnership award. We have cut energy use by ¼ and our green energy is at 50%

There is a Solar Farm in West Friendship

Mr. Scharfenberg continues to find more efficient HVAC, lights, and so on

The Village Board unanimously agrees to reach out to Mr. Scharfenberg, for the installation of the EV chargers in the Village of Dorsey's Search at the locations mentioned previously.

b. Resident Speak out - none

III. **Approval of March 10, 2021 minutes:**

Action: Mr. Sims moved to approve the March 10, 2021 Board Minutes; Seconded: Mr. Carey;
Vote: 3-0-0

For: Mr. Sims; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Carey

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. **Reports from:**

a. **Covenant Advisor**

1. 4 Cul-de-Sac beautification applications have been submitted

1. Residents seem happy

2. Looking to do again in Fall

3. Maybe every other year.

4. Would like to see before and after pictures

2. 4301 Sweet Bell Court

Action: Mrs. Mackey moved that any legal actions and CA flag be removed for the above property because violations have been rectified; **seconded by: Ms. Simpson.**

Vote: 4-0-0

For: Mr. Carey; Mrs. Mackey; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Sims

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Send letter to Forsgate Condominium

Action: Mrs. Mackey moved that a letter be sent to Forsgate Condominium In regards to the exterior alteration application; **Seconded by: Mr. Sims**

Vote: 4-0-0

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Front yard deer fencing - continuing to pursue with CA and keep active

b. Manager:

1. Mr. Carey and Mr. Sims will continue to remain on the Board.

2. Pool Party on July 17

We will know more about capacity as the date draws closer.

3. We are booking more dates for room rentals. The Townhouse/Condo meetings have not returned yet.

4. Manager's meeting - we are getting back 8.58% of the reduction of the assessment share. We will get back \$10000 of contingency fund.

5. CA Board will vote in May or June. The current Board is sympathetic to the Villages.

Question: Why is the vote being pushed off?

Answer: The staff has things to prepare and we have to follow Robert's Rules of Order to get things voted

6. CA is closing out with money for the end of the fiscal year

7. CA Board would like to set aside \$2 million and will eventually go up to \$12 million for an emergency fund.

8. Part of the 5-year strategic plan is to improve relationships with the Villages.

c. CCR:

1. Report submitted; reports are posted on the Village website

V. Executive Session - The Board and Village Manager met in a Zoom breakout room while other participants waited for their return.

VI. Business

a. FY22 Budget

Action: Mr. Sims moved that the budget be accepted as drafted; **seconded by: Ms. Simpson**

Vote: 4-0-0

For: Ms. Simpson; Mr. Sims; Mr. Carey; Mrs. Mackey

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

b. EV Chargers

Action: Mrs. Mackey would like CA to install car chargers at the Fairway Hills Golf Course (2) and at the Dorsey Hall Pool (2) if feasible; **Seconded by: Ms. Simpson.**

Vote: 4-0-0

For: Mrs. Mackey; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Carey; Mr. Sims

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. **Board Member Comments:**

1. Mr. Sims – Very interesting what Mr. Scharfenberg does. Maybe solar panels on Linden Hall will reduce our bills. Thinks the green initiative is a good thing
2. Ms. Simpson – excited about the car chargers
3. Mr. Carey – As a resident in Fairway Hills, many residents use Columbia Road and the Golf Course parking lot as overflow parking. Hopes that this will help residents. There is an EV car charging station at the Centre Park Giant which is close.
4. Mrs. Mackey - Thanked everyone for their support. Wilde Lake High School is selling face masks.

VIII. **Adjournment:** The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Meredith

Administrative Assistant for the Village Manager