

**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: May 12, 2021

Approved: June 9, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Dorsey's Search Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular Board meeting on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Absent: Christine Simpson

Mrs. Mackey **called** the meeting **to order** at 7:03 p.m.

I. **Adoption of the agenda:**

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

Vote 3-0-0.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

II. **Guest/Resident Speakers**

a. John McCoy – Columbia Association Watershed Manager

1. Screen shot of CA Open Space property in Fairway Hills by Forsgate Condominium and Columbia Glade Apartments.

1. Resident requested work to be made along the swale which is CA Open Space
2. County requested CA maintain the detention basin on the property
3. Swale is vegetated which will need to be cleaned up and CA would like to have access to the detention basin and create a bio-retention system on the property. Looking at FY23 budget.
 - scrub wood will be removed; new pipe installed; new trees will be planted to keep up the aesthetic look and provide screening between the two developments.
 - Fairly large project so they need to see who is responsible for parts of it; a study needs to be completed.

2. County is planning a major stream restoration north of the pool.

1. Mr. McCoy shared a screenshot of the County's interactive map and the area where the County is planning on the stream restoration.
2. The Stream restoration will affect CA Open Space due to the scope of work and the proximity of the work to be done
 - This is not on CA property; this is all on County property
 - Contacts and information will need to come from the County (Department of Sustainability and the Department of Public Works), residents need to be aware of the work
 - CA will provide contact information to the Village
 - We can't provide information because this is a County project and CA does not want to hand out misinformation
 - This won't happen immediately, but once all the permitting goes through it will happen fast.

b. Resident Speak out - none

III. **Approval of April 14, 2021 minutes:**

Action: Mr. Sims moved to approve the April 14, 2021 Board Minutes; Seconded: **Mr. Carey;**

Vote: 3-0-0

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. **Dismissal of the Board and Seating of the New Board**

- a. Dismissal of the Old Board
- b. Seating of the New Board
- c. Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1. **Action:** Mr. Sims motioned that Mrs. Mackey remain as the Board of Directors Chairperson; **Seconded by: Mr. Carey**

Vote: 3-0-0

For: 3

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. **Action:** Mr. Carey moves to re-elect Mr. Sims as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors; **Seconded by: Mrs. Mackey**

Vote: 3-0-0

For: 3

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- d. Board Appointments

1. **Action:** Mrs. Mackey moves to appoint the Architectural Committee; members (Mr. Sims; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Carey); **Seconded by: Mr. Carey**

Vote: 3-0-0

For: 3

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- e. Appointment of Village Manager

1. **Action:** Mrs. Mackey motioned to appoint Mrs. Hatz as the Village Manager;
Seconded by: Mr. Carey
Vote: 3-0-0
For: 3
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

V. **Reports from:**

a. **Covenant Advisor**

1. Appointment of the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC)
Action: Mrs. Mackey motioned to appoint: John Slater; John Ingalls; Dick Hesse; and Marc Volkmann to the RAC; **Seconded by:** Mr. Sims
Vote: 3-0-0
For: 3
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Mr. Caplan unmuted his call on the Zoom meeting to express interest in the open Board seat. The Board and the Village Manager will follow up.

2. Cul-de-Sac

5 applications were approved

We need to ensure that other cul-de-sacs have the opportunity to apply for funds; perhaps have a lower amount of funds per cul-de-sac for maintenance

Mrs. Mackey: This should be for applicants that have not recently applied for funds; perhaps have a 5-year limit for those cul-de-sacs who have applied for funds.

Mr. Sims: Are we undermining ourselves by providing funds for maintenance of the cul-de-sac? Residents agree to maintain the cul-de-sac when they initially apply for the funds.

Mrs. Mackey: We need to encourage residents to work on beautification of the cul-de-sacs

3. Legal Case – Continue to keep the case open and work with the resident. Will pursue other existing violations on the property and will flag the property at Columbia Association.

b. **Manager:**

1. The receptionist desk is completed which was considered a category 3 project
2. EV chargers are considered a category 2; 2 chargers at Fairway Hills Golf Course and 2 at the Dorsey Hall Pool. Ask Mr. Scharfenberg to attend the June meeting if there are any updates
3. We are looking to replace the chandeliers in the Salon, will touch base with CA about the project

4. Salon floors need to be replaced which would be considered a category 3 project
5. Most villages are functioning without evening hours. Our Village will continue to stay open 3 days a week without evening hours

c. **CCR:**

1. Report submitted; reports are posted on the Village website
 1. 3 months of expenses for emergency fund which will provide a little income
 2. Howard County's General Plan; CA has some concern; please visit HoCo by Design to look at information; www.hocobydesign.com
 3. The Villages are looking to keep their cash reserves. Village Manager is not looking at this as a year to year request. Any money that comes in will go out to our residents
 4. Stream Restoration in Dorsey's Search. Residents should be notified that the County is working on the Stream Restoration by Dunloggin Middle School/Northfield Elementary School. This is not Columbia Association's project.
 5. **Question:** Is the new CA President coming to visit the Board? **Answer:** Yes, we will see her.
 6. Governor Hogan has lifted restrictions, we will see if the County Executive plans to align with the State restrictions

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

VII. Business

a. Cash Reserve

We are not permanently asking for the cash reserves, but if there was a way to compromise in the middle.

b. Running Brook Elementary School "Blessings in a Backpack"

1. "Blessings in a Backpack" provides food to students to who might need the extra help for meals on the weekends. \$100 will provide food to a student for a whole year.

Action: Mr. Sims motioned to contribute \$300 to "Blessings in a Backpack";

Seconded by; Mr. Carey.

Vote: 3-0-0

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. **Board Member Comments:**

1. Mr. Sims – Thanks for all the work and I am looking forward to having in-person Board meetings soon.
2. Mr. Carey – Enjoys working on the Board. Enjoys seeing the level commitment that the Board members have for the community
3. Mrs. Mackey - Thanked the Board for their commitment.

IX. **Adjournment:** The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Meredith

Administrative Assistant for the Village Manager