

Report to Dorsey's Search Village Board – July, 2022

- There has been an ongoing controversy regarding the proposed Lake Elkhorn stream restoration project. I am studying the matter and keeping an open mind. The Board has requested a timeline describing the various decision points in the approval process.
- Marina Blackman, a 2022 Oakland Mills graduate, spoke about an Adopt a Stream pilot project she led to clean up and improve the health and quality of a stream segment in her village. This student-led project could be used as a template for future projects to improve stream quality elsewhere in Columbia, and Ms. Blackman offered to be a resource. This may be something that we could take advantage of.
- The Board has been asked to vote to finalize the President/CEO's Goals and Objectives for FY23. Lakey had prepared a proposed set of goals that the Board did not feel were sufficiently results-oriented and that also ignored certain issues of concern to the Board. A revised set of goals is being offered by the Board in response.
- I have been working with a Board subcommittee to write a Board Ethics Code to replace the 27-page current Code, which is overly long, badly written and jumps from Board-specific to employee-specific to senior staff-specific material. The revised Code – which will be reviewed by CA's General Council and require Board approval prior to implementation – is seven pages long and covers only Board related matters. An accompanying enforcement policy is currently being developed.
- A *Change in Columbia Speaker* series is in the works. The first session is Tuesday, July 26 at 7PM at Slayton House.
- I asked that the two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that were noted in the President's Report be shared with the Board. The first concerns coordinating Lakefront events scheduling with Howard Hughes and the other formalizes the relationship with the Columbia Aquatics Association. Lakey held that these MOUs are operational practices that need not be shared with the Board. The Board feels that these are important programs and asked that information be provided. Lakey claimed that this would take staff resources away from other tasks but relented and provided the documents.
- The Board voted to finalize the FY23 charges to the CA Advisory Committees. The name of the Millennial Advisory Committee will be changed to the "CA Next Generation Advisory Committee," pending committee approval. We also voted to specify that the Climate Change and Sustainability Advisory Committee's *Climate Vulnerability Assessment* planned for Wilde Lake in FY23 is a pilot that can be expanded to other villages in the future.
- The CA Board voted to approve the Village Excess Cash Reserves plan.
- Shari Zaret (KC) provided an update on the Board Policy Compilation project. The Policy Committee is doing a comprehensive review of historical Board-approved policies going back decades to check for contradictions, reconciliations, cross-references, etc. to decide what actions, if any, are needed to create an official, searchable database of CA policies.
- We are planning a board retreat to discuss governance and other issues. Board members Andy Stack (OB) and Alan Klein (HC) are in charge of arrangements.