

Report to Dorsey's Search Village Board – January 2023

- The proposed Board Ethics Code was reviewed by CA's General Counsel and his input was incorporated in the draft document. Board discussion on the topic has been delayed until the February Work Session. An accompanying Ethics Enforcement Policy is in the works that will take into consideration recommendations by an outside consultant.
- Discussion of a policy relating to CA's votes in certain village elections was delayed pending village input. This input is now in and a policy will be voted on at next week's meeting.
- There was further discussion of the FY24 budget, and it the Board directed staff to add allocations for the Inner Arbor Trust and the Community Foundation of Howard County and to provide recommendations on what needs to be cut to compensate for those spending increases. A \$100K request by Festival of the Arts was turned down due to questions regarding funding availability. It should be noted that all three of these organizations received funding pre-Covid, and the Board wished to resume that practice despite staff objections.
- A representative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation gave a presentation on green infrastructure to deal with stormwater management. This was part of an ongoing Board concern about stream restoration proposals affecting the Elkhorn Lake watershed.
- The Board discussed the proposed HoCo by Design County General Plan with the goal of protecting Columbia in any upcoming rezoning activity. This discussion is ongoing and will result in a CA recommendation to the County.