

**Minutes of the
Dorsey's Search Community Association Board of Directors
meeting via Zoom**

4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Held: March 8, 2023

Approved: 4/12/2023

The Board of Directors of the Dorsey's Search Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular Board meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing.

Present: Ellen Mackey-Chair
Derek Carey-Vice-Chair
Luke Menefee
Christine Simpson
Chris Fuchs
Dick Boulton, CCR
Ingrid Hatz, Village Manager
Nancy Meredith, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor

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

I. **Adoption of the agenda:**

Action: Mrs. Mackey moved to approve the agenda; **Seconded:** Mr. Fuchs;
Vote 5-0-0.

For: Mr. Carey; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Fuchs

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

II. **Guest/Resident Speakers** - none

III. **Approval of February 8, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes**

Action: Mr. Fuchs moved to approve the approval of the February 8, 2023 Board of Directors minutes; **Seconded:** Mrs. Mackey;

Vote 5-0-0

For: Mr. Carey; Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Fuchs

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. **Reports from:**

a. **Covenant Advisor**

b. **Manager**

1. April 12 will be the last Board meeting for the fiscal year.
2. The bathrooms are 99.9% completed.
3. 401K pre-audit complete; full 401K audit will begin mid-April

4. The Columbia Villages have a 3-year audit cycle and Dorsey's Search will start in July 2023
5. Montessori School at the Meeting Room building has been sold, there will be new owners.

c. **CCR:**

1. Report submitted
2. Question: Is Columbia Association doing another nationwide search for a CEO?
Answer: I would like to keep the candidate local

Question: Looking at bullets 3 & 4: Is there any type of contention?

Answer: Chrysalis was built by the County; and the plans that were originally submitted were not ideal. Since Inner Arbor Trust (IAT) has taken over the programming and management of Symphony Woods, we have seen a change. IAT asks for funding (Grants) from Columbia Association (CA) for expenses (e.g.: Accounting; insurance, back-office needs). This is ideal for Columbia Association because Symphony Woods is CA owned land which provides programming for residents.

Question: Is there a conflict of interest since there are members of the CA Board which sit on IAT Board? Should the members vote since they sit on IAT and the CA Board?

Answer: There is a work session tomorrow (March 9, 2023) and this will be on the Agenda.

V. Business

- a. Election Committee member nomination – Carol Conors
Action: **Mrs. Mackey** motions to elect Carol Conors onto the Election Committee for 2023;
Seconded by: **Mr. Menefee;**
Vote: 5-0-0
For: Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Fuchs; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Carey
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
- b. Donations to Running Brook Elementary School Spring Fair & Wilde Lake High School's Spring Show
Action: **Mrs. Mackey** made a motion for a donation of \$350 towards the Running Brook Elementary School Spring Fair and a donation of \$250 towards the Wilde Lake High School Spring Show; **Seconded by:** **Mr. Fuchs**
Vote: 5-0-0
For: Mr. Fuchs, Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Carey; Ms. Simpson
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
- c. Donation to the Wilde Lake PTSA High School after-prom party
Action: **Mrs. Mackey** made a motion to donate \$600 to the Wilde Lake High School after-prom party; **Seconded by:** **Mr. Fuchs**
Vote: 4-0-1
For: Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Carey; Mr. Fuchs; Mr. Menefee
Against: 0

Abstain: Ms. Simpson – son is a senior at Wilde Lake High School.

d. 3rd Quarter Report

Action: Mrs. Mackey made a motion to accept the 3rd Quarter Report; **Seconded by:** Mr. Carey.

Vote: 5-0-0

For: Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Carey; Mr. Fuchs; Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Simpson

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ms. Simpson signed off at 7:52pm

VI. Board Member Comments:

1. Mr. Fuchs – Submitted his petition for the Columbia Council Representative position which Mr. Boulton will be leaving at the end of his term.
2. Mr. Menefee – picked up his candidate packet for a Board Seat
3. Mr. Carey – appreciates Mr. Boulton’s work as the CCR representing Dorsey’s Search
4. Mrs. Mackey – attended a CA sponsored information session on Invasive Plants for Village Board members

VII. **Adjournment:** The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Meredith

Assistant to the Village Manager