

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

4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Held: June 13, 2023

**Approved: 7/12/2023**

The Board of Directors of the Dorsey's Search Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular Board meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing.

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

Absent:

Mrs. Mackey **called** the meeting **to order** at 7:00 p.m.

**I. Adoption of the agenda:**

**Action:** Mr. Menefee moved to approve the agenda; **Seconded:** Mr. Carey;  
**Vote 4-0-0.**  
**For:** Mr. Carey; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0

**II. Guest/Resident Speakers**

a. Jeremy Scharfenberg – CA Director of Sustainability

1. Senior Staff member at Columbia Association (CA) assigned to Dorsey's Search to actively interact with Staff and Board. Other CA staff members may attend according to what the Village Board is interested in
2. Briefly reviewed the CA President's Report which may be viewed on the CA website at: <https://columbiaassociation.org/about-us/leadership/board-of-directors/>
3. Mr. Fuchs had the opportunity to discuss Stream Restoration with Mr. Scharfenberg, since this is a very important topic for many residents.
4. Does CA track development and concerns about water runoff? In specific, does CA know what is happening with the development at rt. 108 and Columbia Road?  
A: They are aware, but CA has no formal role in the development.

**III. Approval of April 12, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**Action:** Mrs. Mackey moved to approve the approval of the April 12, 2023 Board of Directors minutes; **Seconded:** Ms. Simpson;

**Vote 4-0-0**

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

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

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

a. Dismissal of Old Board

b. Seating of the New Board

c. Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1. **Action:** **Ms. Simpson** moved to have Mrs. Mackey as the Chair and Mr. Carey the Vice-Chair; **Seconded by:** **Mr. Menefee**

**Vote 4-0-0**

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

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

d. Board Appointments

1. Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) Members

1. **Action:** **Mrs. Mackey** moved to appoint the following members – Marc Volkmann, John Slater, John Ingalls, Dick Hesse, Norman Wright onto the RAC; **Seconded by:** Mr. Carey.

**Vote 4-0-0**

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

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

2. Architectural Committee consists of Board Members

1. All Board members agreed to sitting on this committee

e. Appointment of Village Manager

1. Ingrid Hatz – Village Manager

1. **Action:** **Mrs. Mackey** moved to appoint Ingrid Hatz as the Village Manager; **Seconded by:** Mr. Carey

**Vote:** 4-0-0

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

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

V. **Reports from:**

a. **Covenant Advisor**

1. Covenant Annual Report
2. Update on the 3 property cases from last month
  1. Two out of the three have contacted the office
  2. One has not contacted the office and was sent to CA legal
3. Brief discussion on Covenant process

b. **Manager**

1. Pool Party this Saturday, June 17
2. Upcoming Board Meetings
  1. July 12, 2023
  2. August 9, 2023

3. September 13, 2023
3. Management contract with CA is coming up for review
  1. Ms. Hatz sees no issues with the allocation formula
4. Mrs. Mackey will miss the Board meeting in July due to a prior commitment
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report was sent to the Board members for review
  1. **Action:** Mrs. Mackey moved to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report; Seconded by: Mr. Carey  
**Vote: 4-0-0**  
**For: Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Carey; Ms. Simpson**  
**Against: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**

c. **CCR:**

1. Report submitted – post on Village website
2. Lake Elkhorn Stream restoration project plan is still under review; many residents have concerns about the work being planned
3. Mr. Fitchitt talked about development happening in the downtown area including the proposed library that has been promoted by Howard Hughes, Howard County Government, and the Library System (Heatherwick Studio designed the building)
4. Question: What is invasive plant management?  
Answer: CA has been using glyphosate herbicide for invasive plants, Adopt-A- Spot (weed warrior) volunteer group, and looking to have an Invasive species Open Space task force to control and eliminate these invasive species.
5. Ms. Simpson made a comment about the Ethics Policy regarding the use of law firms

VI. Business

a. The Village in Howard

The Board agreed to table this donation request to a later time. No vote taken

VII. Board Member Comments:

1. Ms. Simpson – Thanked Mr. Fuchs for the comprehensive explanation of CA Board of Directors updates
2. Mr. Menefee – BBQ was great, met Mr. Fuchs in person
3. Mr. Carey – See everyone on Saturday for the pool party
4. Mrs. Mackey – I will miss the pool party, but my family will be there

VIII. **Adjournment:** The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Meredith*

Assistant to the Village Manager