CCR Report for February 22, 2024 CA Board Meeting



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	+ - [**https://columbiaassociation.org/about-us/leadership/board-of-directors/archived-meetings/**](https://columbiaassociation.org/about-us/leadership/board-of-directors/archived-meetings/)

* **Call to Order**
* **Approval of Agenda**
* **Columbia Update**
	+ Snow event preparation and management
		- Brining (prior to storm) vs. rock salt (during storm)
	+ February is Heart Month
		- Cardiovascular fitness at the gyms and clubs
		- Have Automatic Defibrillators in all facilities and train employees to use them if needed
		- Free CPR classes for employees, especially lifeguards (over 500 team members certified)
	+ Art
		- Young students displaying art in gallery at the Columbia Art Center
	+ Pop Up Videos
		- Heart Health facts overlayed on video of people exercising at the gyms
		- Exercise on the pathways

* **Resident Speakout**
	+ Michelle Krupka - Columbia Arts Center
		- See the updates being made at the gyms and would like to have similar updates be made to the Columbia Arts Center - specifically the maintenance for the gas kilns
		- Different finishes can be obtained with gas and electric kilns
		- After 50 years of fixes, a new gas kiln is needed to replace the old ones
		- Kilns are costly, but classes are expensive and students expect that they'd get great results provided by a gas kiln
		- 18 cu ft = $35k; only 1 gas kiln remains out of 5
		- Dennis to confirm that a new gas kiln is part of the renovation
	+ Bob Dover - not present
		- Testimony sent via email
	+ Joel Hurwitz
		- Policies
			* Ask questions but don't have a discussion - don't follow this
			* Policy update submitted by Karen; should amending the charters and put leases back in the charter
		- Discussion about if easements end - construction easements end
		- Policy update in packet - glad to see it
	+ Amy Brooks
		- Homeowner in Oakland Mills - people have concerns
		- Seeing Board Members meeting outside of the formal Board meetings
		- Why are these meetings happening, are people aware of them, what is being discussed?
	+ Sharon Boies
		- Concern over budget surplus - $5M (?); dredging, etc. - does not consider retention bonuses a good use of surplus money
		- Iron flocculate bloom in water and disturbance by stream restoration - negative effects on stream life

* **Consent Agenda**
	+ - Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes (1/25/24) - Approved by consent

* **Board Votes**
	+ - Proposed FY 2025 Capital Budget
			* Move to approve and seconded
				+ Motion raised to add $200k for Inner Arbor Trust - motion failed
				+ Capital budget approved
		- Proposed FY 2025 Operating Budget
			* Move to approve and seconded - motion approved

* **Board Discussion**
	+ CA Policies
		- General Counsel - Progress on Review of Policies
			* CA General Counsel is reviewing outdated policies for management - archiving, removing, superseding, etc.
			* John continues to review and wants to create a user-friendly database
		- New Business/Old Business Agenda Format
			* Bill Santos presented his proposal to be considered

* **Reports (Questions Only)**
	+ President's Report
	+ Report for Inner Arbor Trust
	+ State and County Legislation
	+ Update on Board Action Items

* **Proposed New Topics**
	+ Alan Klein - Language regarding how residents can interact with board members outside their 3-5 minutes during resident speakout
		- Several Board Members recommended removing the language entirely

* **Chair's Remarks**
	+ Completing budget process
	+ Next goal is strategic plan

* **Adjournment**

Sincerely,

Chris Fuchs