

**Minutes of the  
Dorsey's Search Community Association Board of Directors**  
4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Held: December 11, 2024

**Approved: January 8, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Dorsey's Search Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular Board meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Derek Carey - Vice Chair

Mrs. Mackey **called** the meeting **to order** at 7:01 p.m.

I. **Adoption of the agenda:**

**Action:** Mrs. Mackey moved to modify the agenda by removing executive session; **Seconded:** Mr. Stephenson;

**Vote 4-0-0.**

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

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

II. **Guest/Resident Speakers**

1. Jeremy Scharfenberg – CA VP of Community Operations
  1. Report submitted (CA President's report)
  2. Budget process is underway

*Ms. Simpson arrives at 7:33pm*

2. Resident Speak Out

1. Mr. Gobbert here to listen
2. Vicky Garcia, Strategic Outreach Coordinator here to listen
3. Jake Burdett – interest in forming a Tenant union
  1. Bill for rent stabilization was presented but not passed in Howard County
  2. Problems that tenants have in Howard County

3. Encourages the Board of Directors to create a tenant union/committee in Dorsey's Search that would be similar to one at Oakland Mills
4. Question: What do you have in mind with what this committee will do?  
Answer: Would like to have a Steering Committee with a chair. A representative would be from each complex

Question: Do we have issues in this Village?

Answer: No committee has authority to do anything between a tenant and landlord. Tenant Committee cannot interfere with landlord & renter

### III. Approval of September 10, 2024 Board of Directors meeting minutes

**Action:** Mrs. Mackey moved to approve the September 10, 2024 Board of Directors minutes;

**Seconded:** Ms. Simpson;

**Vote 4-0-0**

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

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

### IV. Reports

#### 1. Covenant Advisor

##### 1. Resolution Letter; 4620 Broken Lute

**Action:** Mrs. Mackey motioned to request the Columbia Association, Inc. remove the flag on the assessment files and restore access to Columbia Association facilities and programs, as the covenant violations set forth in the complaint have been corrected;

**Seconded by:** Mr. Stephenson;

**Vote 4-0-0**

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

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

#### 2. Manager

1. Future Board meeting dates

2. Due to a scheduling conflict the Board of Directors meeting will be moved to Tuesday, March 11, 2025

**Action:** Mrs. Mackey motioned that the Board of Directors meeting be moved to Tuesday, March 11, 2025; **Seconded by:** Mr. Stephenson

**Vote:** 4-0-0

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

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

3. The Annual shutdown is from Monday, December 23, 2024 – January 1, 2025. The office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 for the observation of Martin Luther King Day

4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ends in January. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report will soon follow

5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report was presented to the Board of Directors  
**Action:** Mrs. Mackey motioned to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report; **Seconded by:**  
**Mr. Menefee**  
**Vote:** 4-0-0  
**For:** Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Stephenson; Ms. Simpson  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0
6. Donation line removed from Agenda  
**Action:** Mrs. Mackey motioned that the Donation line be removed from the Agenda; **Seconded by:** Mr. Menefee;  
**Vote:** 4-0-0  
**For:** Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Stephenson; Ms. Simpson  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0

3. **CCR**

1. Report submitted
2. Ginny Thomas brought up a question about residents speaking to Columbia Association (CA) Board of Director members
3. February 27, 2025 final vote on CA Budget
4. Discussion on management contract

V. **Business**

VI. **Board Member Comments**

1. Mr. Fuchs – deer situation; membership cost
2. Ms. Simpson - No comment
3. Mr. Menefee – sounded like a nice event on Saturday
4. Mr. Stephenson – Happy Holidays
5. Mrs. Mackey – still recovering; Saturday’s event was great.

VII. **Adjournment:** The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Meredith*

Assistant to the Village Manager