



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 6:36 pm. Members present were Kevin McAliley, Chair, Tina Horn, Vice Chair, Brandon Cogdell, Kondi Walters-Smith, and Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Claudia Allen, Cynthia Fikes, Katherine Rathburn, and Phillip Schulz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Ms. Horn made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments: 1) close the business of the board meeting to conduct an AC meeting to hear an appeal from the RAC; 2) add Columbia Council representatives report and 3) review a donation request from the Wilde Lake High School PTA. The motion was moved by Ms. Horn. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Mr. Yarbrough made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2024. Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion. All in favor.*

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Susan Tucker shared information about the activities of Wilde Lake CARES. Columbia Clean Up day is scheduled for April 13th. Wilde Lake CARES will participate in the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 20th and conduct a plant giveaway and exchange. Green Fest will be held on April 13th at Howard Community College. Residents may order two shrubs or trees as a part of the Tree for Bees program. The Snowy Reach Adopt A Spot will be cleared on April 27th. Kurt Schwartz will conduct a bird walk on May 4th and The Rouse Rock Adopt a Spot will be cleared on May 5th. Susan Tucker is the Chair for the 2024 Election. Ms. Tucker shared information about the Candidate Forum scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th.

YOUTH ADVOCACY/CLUB AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING – Mr. Cogdell shared that two after school programs: Anchors Up and the Y of Central Maryland will begin this month at Slayton House. The Y will offer programs including topics around financial literacy, nutrition and healthy relationships on Tuesday and Thursdays. The meetings will include roundtable discussions for the teens to share. The program will be marketed to students at Wilde Lake High School. The planning team will meet with Wilde Lake High School Principal Marcy

Leonard to discuss best strategies for disseminating this information with the students. The Board discussed partnering with area Villages that have residents who attend Wilde Lake High School including Town Center, Harpers Choice, and Dorsey's Search for collaboration and financial sponsorship for Club Wilde Lake.

The Wilde Lake Village Board Closed the business meeting at 6:49 pm. The motion was moved by Ms. Horn and seconded by Ms. Walters Smith.

Special AC Meeting – A motion to open the Special AC meeting was moved by Ms. Horn. Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion. Mr. Santos acknowledged he is not a member of the AC.

Appeal of a home-based business application was presented by resident Cynthia Fikes. A meeting of the Resident Architecture Committee was held on March 12th where an application was presented to conduct micro events and high tea events at the property located at 10382 Green Mountain Circle. The RAC disapproved the application due to concerns about lack of licensing and parking constraints in the neighborhood. The applicant's presentation included added information related to a reduction in the number of people who would attend the events to 21 (including staff) thus reducing the number of cars to be parked. The applicant is enrolled in a food safe learning opportunity which will lead to a certificate in food safety. Ms. Fikes indicated that she has been in touch with the Howard County Health Department and that a member of the department will visit her home later this week. Ms. Fikes indicated that she does not currently cook the items served at the events but plans to attend a culinary program in pastry arts beginning in the fall 2024 semester at Howard Community College. Increases in traffic and the safety of children were discussed. The hours for the events are planned for Thursday – Sundays. Mr. McAliley suggested that the applicant withdraw the appeal and submit a new application since a substantial portion of the initial application had been modified and added information has been realized which could inform the RAC's decision. ***A motion was made by Ms. Horn to close the AC meeting. Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion.***

The Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting reopened at 7:33 pm.

Adrian Thomas, Howard County Government liaison to Wilde Lake from the County Executive's Office was introduced to the attendees. Mr. Thomas spoke about Club Wilde Lake and the County Executive's commitment to this program.

Donation Request Luminus: Wilde Lake Village Board Vice Chair presented a donation request to Luminus an organization that provides leg I and social services to immigrants. The organization was previously named FIRN. Luminus provides resources to immigrants who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected. The group works with high school to help English education learners. Luminus requested a \$500 donation to support Luminus' ongoing

work. Following her presentation Ms. Horn left the meeting room while the Board deliberated over the donation request. ***Mr. Yarbrough moved to approve the donation request of \$500. Mr. Cogdell seconded the motion.***

Donation Request Wilde Lake High School After Prom Event: Mr. McAliley read a letter submitted by the Wilde Lake PTA. The group requested a \$1,000 donation to be used for the school's After Prom event. ***The motion to donate \$1,000 was made by Ms. Walters Smith and seconded by Mr. Cogdell.***

Discuss Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2025: Ms. Cooper-Kerr reviewed the draft budget and answered questions posed by the Board. The Board agreed to move camp revenue to the facility rentals line item in the budget since WLCA does not currently sponsor summer camp programs. Camp providers reserve space at Slayton House to conduct their summer camp programs. The Board inquired about the cost for the insurance deductible and suggested a quarterly printing of Wilde Lake Community Association news. The methodology for tracking depreciation was discussed.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES:

Education – Tina Horn and Brandon Cogdell: – Ms. Horn commended Mr. Cogdell and team for the Club Wilde Lake programming and collaboration. She mentioned upcoming events including the Battle of the Books and Simulated Congressional Hearings sponsored by Howard County Public Schools System. Ms. Horn encouraged the Board to volunteer for the Simulated Congressional Hearing at the elementary schools, particularly Bryant Woods, Longfellow, and Running Brook Elementary Schools.

Health and Wellness – Ms. Walters Smith shared that April is Stress Awareness Month.

Neighborhood Reps – Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough mentioned the recent edition of the Neighborhood Reps newsletter which was sent this evening. The open rate for communications is 81%. The Neighborhood Reps coffee hour was successful with seven in attendance. A sign-up Genius has been created for Neighborhood Reps to volunteer at the Earth Day Festival on April 20th.

A/C Liaison – Chuck Yarbrough: Mr. Yarbrough shared that two RAC meetings have been held regarding grocery store signage at Lynx Lane. The signage specifications submitted by

the Grocery Outlet are being reviewed. Modifications to the current architectural guidelines are currently under review and are open for public comment.

Columbia Council Representative – Bill Santos: The Columbia Association is preparing for the outdoor pool season. The CEO search is nearing completion with an announcement being made soon. The Strategic Plan discussions will resume at the next CA Board meeting. Five Villages will have contested Columbia Council elections this year including Wilde Lake, Hickory Ridge, Oakland Mills, Owen Brown, and Town Center.

Executive Director/Village Manager - Sharon Cooper-Kerr: The next meeting will include a vote on the FY 2025 budget. Discussions are underway with the Columbia Association and the Merriweather Cultural District to produce a winter concert series at Slayton House in 2025.

Chairman’s Report – Kevin McAliley – Mr. McAliley thanked everyone for their participation and mentioned the next meeting will be virtual. New pathway signs along Little Patuxent Parkway will arrive soon. The Regional Childhood Early Education project is moving forward. \$22 million has been pledged. The grand opening celebration for the Legacy at Twin Rivers apartments will be held on April 19th.

Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Ms. Horn moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor.