



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Village Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 6:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair: Kevin McAliley, **Vice Chair:** Tina Horn, Claudia Allen, Brandon Cogdell, Jean Joklik, Katharine Rathbun, Bill Santos, Kondi Walters-Smith, **Executive Director/Village Manager:** Sharon Cooper-Kerr

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Barton, Robin Stimson, Susan Tucker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Mr. McAliley made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *The minutes from the October 7th meeting were approved.*

Resident Speakout: Resident Edward Richards spoke regarding resident issues. Mr. McAliley stated the issues were addressed and will be further investigated.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Governance

1. Wilde Lake Village Board Elections – Voter Eligibility – No vote, a discussion was held, regarding the election process and comments made at a recent Columbia Association Board meeting about the 2024 Wilde Lake Village election. Mr. McAliley stated he recommends that Ms. Cooper-Kerr and Ms. Allen attend the next Columbia Association Board meeting on November 14th to share information about Wilde Lake’s Election on behalf of the Village and Board of Directors. They will bring back information to share at this meeting. *Mr. McAliley made a motion for Ms. Allen and Ms. Cooper-Kerr to attend CA’s next meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Rathbun opposed.*

Update: Columbia Association, Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager – CA provided updates on activities.

- November 10th at 9:30am the Tenth Annual Howard County Veterans Day Parade & Celebration will be held at Downtown Columbia Lakefront, honoring our community’s veterans.
- The Howard County Sheriff’s Office Coat Drive is accepting donations at the Howard County Circuit Courthouse Lobby from 8:30am to 4pm, Monday through Friday until the end of November.
- For the 10th year, CA will host Festive Fridays which are a tradition of the Downtown Columbia holiday season. This event will be held throughout December at the Columbia Lakefront.

Welcome to Wilde Lake – Grocery Outlet Owners – Jay and Rizwana Mirza were unable to attend the meeting. The invitation will be extended for a future Wilde Lake Village Board meeting.

Update: Howard Community College Foundation Wilde Lake Scholarship, Charalyn Rogers-Nado, Assistant Director of Resource Development, Howard Community College – Ms. Rogers-Nado gave an update on Wilde Lake scholarship at Howard Community College. Scholarship recipient Deya Dimitrova

Wilde Lake High School graduate thanked the Village Board for the contribution to her education. Ms. Dimitrova is majoring in Education.

Donation Request: Jacqueline Bates, WLMS PTSA Sponsorship Chair – Ms. Bates stated the PTSA is actively looking for funds to expand the range of help and benefits to provide the students. *Ms. Horn made a motion to donate \$500 to help enrich the lives of the students in our community. The motion was seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

New Business

Village of Wilde Lake priorities for Columbia Association are Howard County Government budget consideration. The Board deliberated over the draft priority list. *Ms. Allen made a motion to add 20 minutes for discussion. The motion was seconded. See attachment for final recommendation of budget priorities. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

REPORTS

Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association Board of Directors – Mr. Santos stated the Board is focusing on strategic priorities for the upcoming year and reviewing return on investment and affordability and accessibility of CA facilities.

Committees

- CARES – Wilde Lake Cares held an adopt-a-spot community garden activity at the Faulkner Ridge location. The group raked leaves, pulled English ivy, and installed plants provided by the Columbia Association.
- Education – Mr. Cogdell stated the after-school Club Wilde Lake programs to provide positive enrichment activities for students who attend schools in the Village Wilde Lake is operating well with: Anchors Up, iCode Columbia, and Y of Central Maryland, and is looking to expand to other schools.
- Outreach and Engagement Committee – the committee will meet on Wednesday.

AC Liaison – Ms. Allen stated the RAC considered applications just once in October, no applications received for the October 8th meeting. Two applications were received for the October 22nd meeting, and both were approved as submitted. The next RAC application due date is January 7, 2025, and the meeting date is January 14, 2025.

Executive Director/Village Manager – Ms. Cooper-Kerr thanked everyone for attending the Fall Festival which was attended by up to five hundred guests and stated that Events Coordinator, Karly Maroney led this event beautifully. Wilde Lake's Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 7th at Slayton House. Little Minds Creative Center, III has signed a lease for the Running Brook Neighborhood Center with plans to open their third school early next year. Reports have been made about certain inappropriate substances being consumed in the village center. The authorities have been notified and are working with the community, tenants, and owners to address these concerns. Ms. Cooper-Kerr has scheduled a meeting with the Legacy at Twin Rivers on November 8th to discuss Club Wilde Lake and the upcoming Village Board election.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McAliley thanked everyone and stated the next James Rouse presentation by Beverly White-Seals, Community Foundation of Howard County President & CEO will be held here at Slayton House on Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:30pm. *Mr. McAliley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. The motion was seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

NEXT MEETING – Monday, December 2nd at 6:30pm



Addendum - FY2026 Budget Priorities for Consideration

Columbia Association
#1 - Site selection and funding for an after-school program in the Village of Wilde Lake adjacent to Slayton House
#2 - Provide disability parking at Wilde Lake Park
#3 – Install basketball courts at Wilde Lake Park and between William Tell Lane and the day care center in Bryant Woods
#4 - Refresh of the Faulkner Ridge Neighborhood Center (Summer 2025)
#5 – Develop a project to increase local election participation throughout Columbia
#6 - Fund new high-definition security cameras system for Slayton House
#7 – Provide funding for Green infrastructure/environmental initiatives to plant trees, create pollinator gardens and stream restoration (in the Beaverbrook neighborhood)
#8 – Add new playground equipment at the Bryant Woods neighborhood center

Howard County Government
1 - Continued funding of youth engagement programs (Club Wilde Lake) - \$150,000
#2 - Affordable housing initiatives – investigate what is available on the federal, state, and local level. Program to assist Howard County workers - teachers, police, firefighters, teachers, non-profit workers, etc. to obtain housing in the County.
3 - Continued development of the Faulkner Ridge Early Childhood Learning Center
#4 - Renovation of Wilde Lake High School’s gymnasium and locker room areas including adding air conditioning.
#5 - Renovation of Bryant Woods Elementary School