Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
February 14, 2013

Approved: February 28, 2013

A meeting of the Columbia Association Board of Directors was held on February 14, 2013, at 7:05 p.m. at the Columbia Association building. Present were the Vice Chair, Andy Stack, and members Michael Cornell, Ed Coleman, Tom Coale, Regina Clay, Suzanne Waller, Alex Hekimian, Cynthia A.S.H. Coyle, Gregg Schwind (who arrived at 8:43 p.m.), and Shari Zaret (via telephone); Chief Staff Liaisons Marc Kolp, Susan Krabbe, and Jane Dembner; Governance Chief of Staff Rob Goldman; and President Phil Nelson.

2. **Board Monitoring Form** The Board monitoring form will be sent via email in the morning; the Board members were reminded to fill it out and send it back.

3. **Announcement of Closed/Special Meetings Held / to be Held** There were no closed meeting held.

4. **Approval of the Agenda**
   
   **Action:** Ms. Waller moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Cornell seconded. Ms. Coyle asked that the designation of “1st Reading” be added to agenda item #7.(a).1.(a), Inner Arbor Plan and Organization Discussion. The agenda was approved unanimously as amended.
   
   **Vote:** 9-0-0
   
   For: Mses. Coyle, Clay, Waller, and Zaret; and Messrs. Stack, Cornell, Coale, Coleman, and Hekimian
   
   Against: None
   
   Abstain: None

5. **Approval of Minutes**
   
   **January 24, 2013**
   
   **Action:** Ms. Waller moved to approve the minutes of January 24, 2013, and Ms. Clay seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.
   
   **Vote:** 8-0-1
   
   For: Mses. Coyle, Clay, and Waller; and Messrs. Stack, Cornell, Coale, Coleman, and Hekimian
   
   Against: None
   
   Abstain: Ms. Zaret

6. **Resident Speakout** There were twenty residents for Resident Speakout.
   
   a) John Slater of Town Center spoke of concerns with the Inner Arbor plan.
   
   b) Jervis Dorton of Oakland Mills spoke on unanswered questions and other concerns with Inner Arbor plan.
c) Tom Scott of Wilde Lake enumerated his unanswered questions on the Inner Arbor plan.

d) Linda Wengel of Town Center spoke on behalf of the Town Center Village Board, and urged the Board to start on Phase I of the park plan, and expressed concern over some of the features of the Inner Arbor plan and the creation of the trust.

e) Rhoda Toback of Wilde Lake spoke in support of the Inner Arbor plan.

f) Barbara Russell of Oakland Mills spoke about the Inner Arbor plan.

g) Russ Swatek of Long Reach spoke about his concerns with the process for Inner Arbor plan, and would like to see the original plan go forward.

h) Ann von Lossberg of Town Center spoke in favor of the original plan for the park.

i) Lillian Shapiro of Wilde Lake read a prepared statement of Barry Blyveis of Owen Brown (who was ill) in which he expressed his concerns with the Inner Arbor plan.

j) Norma Rose of Wilde Lake spoke of her concern about the haste in adopting the Inner Arbor plan.

k) Joan Lancos of Hickory Ridge asked the Board to vote in favor of the Inner Arbor plan.

l) Marvin Lawson of Hickory Ridge spoke in favor of the original park plan and expressed concerns with some aspects of the Inner Arbor plan.

m) Ursula Kondo of Hickory Ridge asked that the Board not approve the “McCall plan,” i.e., Inner Arbor plan, right now because there has been too little participation by the public and there are real concerns that have not been addressed.

n) Ginger Scott of Wilde Lake spoke about previous plans for the park and the explicit desire by Columbia residents that the emphasis of the plan be on the woods.

o) Ian Kennedy of Oakland Mills spoke in support of the Inner Arbor plan, and stated he had 300 supporters who signed a petition in support of the plan.

p) Cy Paumier of Harpers Choice spoke about the efforts of his team to develop a plan that had significant public input and support, and asked that the Phase I plan be implemented.

q) Alan Klein of Harpers Choice spoke of his support for the “Paumier plan,” i.e., the original Phase I park plan, and expressed concerns about some aspects of the Inner Arbor plan.

r) Bernard Jennings of Harpers Choice spoke about problems with communicating the Inner Arbor plan to the residents and the rush to approve a plan with unanswered questions.

s) Cecilia Januszkiwicz of Long Reach spoke of her concerns with the trust and its perceived lack of transparency and accountability.

t) Joel Broida of Town Center asked that the Board vote against the Inner Arbor plan and vote for the original Phase I plan for the park.
7. Committee Agenda  
(a) Strategic Implementation Committee  

1. Discussion  
(a) Inner Arbor Plan and Organization Discussion  
Michael McCall gave a short presentation, Phil Nelson read portions of the memo containing the staff’s recommendation on the Inner Arbor plan and trust, and Shari Fanaroff explained the 501(c)(3) that would be created to oversee the plan’s development.

At 8:43 p.m., Gregg Schwind arrived.

**Action:** Mr. Schwind moved and Ms. Clay seconded that the SIC waive further consideration of this issue and move it to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.  
Vote:  3-0-0  
For:  Ms. Clay; Messrs. Schwind and Coale  
Against:  None  
Abstain:  None

**Action:** Mr. Schwind moved and Ms. Clay seconded that the SIC recommend to the Board that it adopt the recommendation by the staff in the amended February 13, 2013 memo. The motion passed unanimously.  
Vote:  3-0-0  
For:  Ms. Clay; Messrs. Schwind and Coale  
Against:  None  
Abstain:  None

8. Special Topics and Presentations  
(a) Presentation from Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC—2012 Access Audit Report (ADA)  
John McGovern of Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC discussed his organization’s findings regarding CA’s recreation facilities’ compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**Action:** Ms. Waller moved and Mr. Cornell seconded to suspend the rules and bring the recommendation re: the Inner Arbor Plan from the Strategic Implementation Committee to a vote of the Board.

**Action:** Ms. Coyle moved and Mr. Hekimian seconded to postpone the Symphony Woods vote until the next meeting. The motion failed.  
Vote:  2-8-0  
For:  Ms. Coyle and Mr. Hekimian  
Against:  Mses. Clay, Waller, and Zaret; and Messrs. Coleman, Stack, Cornell, Coale, and Schwind  
Abstain:  None
The motion to suspend the rules passed.
Vote: 7-3-0
For: Mses. Clay, Waller, and Zaret; and Messrs. Stack, Cornell, Coale, and Schwind
Against: Ms. Coyle; and Messrs. Coleman and Hekimian
Abstain: None

Action: At 10:47 p.m., Ms. Clay moved to call the question and Mr. Coale seconded. The motion passed.
Vote: 7-3-0
For: Mses. Clay, Waller, and Zaret; and Messrs. Stack, Cornell, Coale, and Schwind
Against: Ms. Coyle; and Messrs. Coleman and Hekimian
Abstain: None

The motion to accept the SIC recommendation passed.
Vote: 8-2-0
For: Mses. Clay, Waller, and Zaret; and Messrs. Coleman, Stack, Cornell, Coale, and Schwind
Against: Ms. Coyle and Mr. Hekimian
Abstain: None

9. Committee Agenda

(a) Planning and Strategy Committee

1. Discussion

(a) Investment Policy (2nd Reading)
Action: Mr. Stack moved and Mr. Cornell seconded that the Planning and Strategy Committee recommended to the Board that it approve the modified Investment Policy, and the motion passed unanimously.
Vote: 3-0-0
For: Messrs. Stack, Cornell, and Coleman
Against: None
Abstain: None

(b) Committee Tracking Form This item was not addressed.

10. Chairman’s Remarks The Vice Chair announced that the ERC is hosting a dinner with the Howard County Police and Fire Departments on February 25, 2013 at Oakland.

11. President’s Report; Follow up Questions from Board Members The President had no comments.

12. Committee Chairs’ Reports

(a) Board Operations Committee Mr. Stack had nothing to report.
(b) External Relations Committee Ms. Coyle had nothing to report.
(c) Planning and Strategy Committee Mr. Coleman had nothing to report.
(d) Strategic Implementation Committee Mr. Coale had nothing to report.
13. Recommendations for Board Action
   (a) Consent Agenda There was none.
   (b) Recommendations for Action There were none.

14. Tracking Forms
   (a) Tracking Form for Board Requests This item was not addressed.
   (b) Tracking Form for Resident Requests This item was not addressed.

15. Talking Points The Recording Secretary, Erin Gilland Roby, read the Talking Points.

16. Adjournment Mr. Cornell moved and Ms. Waller seconded that the meeting be adjourned;
   hearing no objection, the Vice Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Gilland Roby
Recording Secretary