



October 3, 2016

Board Minutes

Present: Martin Knott, Chair; Gregg Schwind, Vice Chair, Lin Eagan, Secretary;
Milton Matthews David Sciamarelli

Ex Officio: Michael McCall, President & CEO; Nina Basu, Esq., General Counsel

Absent: Gill Wylie; Kristen Coombs, Treasurer

Call to order and welcome by Michael McCall at 6.50 pm.

August 25, 2016 Minutes: The minutes of the August 25th meeting was approved on a motion by Gregg Schwind, seconded by Dave Sciamarelli. All in favor, with Martin Knott abstaining because (as he was not yet in the room).

Chrysalis Project Update: McCall reported that the IAT has \$85,000 not obligated, which should be enough for completion of the Chrysalis. Completion is expected in early 2017. McCall has led tours for the CA Board members both present and past, local officials, and business leaders. Response has been very enthusiastic.

General Counsel Update: Nina Basu, Esq. reported that the agreement with Howard County General Hospital Foundation, regarding Symphony of Lights, is close to finalization.

Park Repairs and Operating Matters: The CrossLand off-road cycle event held October 1st (promoted by IMA and sponsored by the Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture Commission and the Downtown Columbia Partnership) had not received approval from the Trust, the Park was severely torn up. IMA will cover the cost of repairing the damage. McCall further explained that the Howard County Recreation and Parks Department is leading the Fall restoration of the Park and providing all the organic material at no cost. The cost of the contract labor, estimated to be about \$60,000, will be split by the County, IMA and Columbia Association, as per the respective agreements with the parties.

Budget: The FY18 Operating Budget was presented by McCall and approved. (see attached). There is currently \$60,000 of cash in the Operating Accounts. A grant request will be presented to the Columbia Association in time for its November meetings. Martin Knott moved to approve the budget. Lin Eagan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Park Logo: McCall introduced a new logo for Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods (see attached). Upon a motion by Martin Knott, second by Gregg Schwind, the motion passed unanimously.

Fundraising: Gregg Schwind and Lin Eagan volunteered to lead the effort.

Upon a motion by Dave Sciamarelli, seconded by Greg Schwind, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is on November 3, 2016

Respectively submitted.

Lin Eagan, Secretary