

## **Report to Dorsey's Search Village Board – February 2023**

- Lakey Boyd, CA's President/CEO, resigned. This was her decision, and she was not pressured to do so. The Board had offered opportunities for discussion and resolution, but these were rejected.
- The CA Board held its regularly scheduled open board meeting on the evening of January 26 which began two hours after the announcement of Ms. Boyd's resignation. Approximately 40 residents attended the meeting in person, mostly to criticize the Board for Ms. Boyd's departure. This delayed the start of the business portion of the meeting by over one and one-half hour, making it impossible to conclude all the agenda in a timely manner.
- The board approved a recommendation to obtain mediation to help resolve any remaining conflicts between the board and senior staff.
- The board voted to issue an RFP to retain an executive search firm to conduct a global search for candidates to be the CEO/President position.
- Board seats for Long Reach and King's Contrivance are currently vacant. The King's Contrivance Village Board has selected Keith C. O'Neil to be their new Columbia Council representative, and Mr. O'Neil's appointment has been scheduled. We are now waiting for Long Reach to make an appointment.
- The proposed Board Ethics Code was scheduled to be discussed at this month's work session and voted on at the following meeting. It was reviewed by CA's General Counsel and his input was incorporated in the draft. An accompanying Ethics Enforcement Policy is in the works that will take into consideration recommendations by an outside consultant. The question of conflicts of interest regarding IAT and village boards will require further discussion.
- A policy relating to CA's votes in certain village elections was adopted. CA will submit blank ballots to villages in order to meet quorum requirements but will not support or oppose any particular candidate.
- There was further discussion of the FY24 budget, and the Board directed staff to add allocations for the Inner Arbor Trust and the Community Foundation of Howard County and to provide recommendations on how to compensate for those spending increases.
- The Board discussed the proposed HoCo by Design County General Plan with the goal of protecting Columbia in any upcoming rezoning activity. This discussion is ongoing and will result in a CA policy recommendation to the County.
- The board discussed CA's overall Watershed Plan and the Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration Project. We asked CA's Watershed Advisory Committee to provide input on the Watershed Plan and will be inviting relevant county stakeholders to a future CA meeting to discuss stormwater management. We also discussed CA's role in providing oversight of the planning and execution of the Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration project.