

## CA BOD Notes from the 6/22 Meeting

- President's Report
  - Videos regarding CA's engagement with the community
    - Proud of work at the Lakefront - Lakefront Live, Columbia's Birthday
    - Community Operations Spring Prep
      - Mulching Tot Lots, Painting pools, tot lot inspections, Island Maintenance in Lakes/Ponds, planting in CA spaces, restarting the fountain at the lakefront
    - Invasive species report - English Ivy, Japanese Honeysuckle
      - Kills trees and not good for animals to eat
      - Neighborhood groups, Adopt A Spot groups go out and remove the invasive species and plant native species
      - Join Weed Warriors or Adopt A Spot Group
      - To get involved: [openspace.resourcerequests@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:openspace.resourcerequests@columbiaassociation.org)
      - Plants, training, and equipment provided by CA
  - Energy Efficiency of Sports Clubs/Gyms
    - Participating in all BGE Smart Energy programs
    - Jeremy Scharfenberg is leading these efforts - won a number of awards for CA
- Resident Speakout
  - 6 residents spoke in opposition to the stream restoration
  - 2 residents spoke about how they want to see Downtown Columbia evolve:
    - Want to have more community involvement in the design of downtown
    - Make good use of the lakefront area
    - More art and benches
    - CA should have its own space in the new library
    - Positive input on the lakefront library – need more indoor space in Columbia
    - Lakefront Live has great programming
    - Ensure there is affordable housing available
    - Desire for CA to support the creation of a park in Symphony Woods
    - Hickory Ridge bike corridor plan
- Consent Agenda
  - Approval of annual reports for advisory committees, approval of representatives to committees (all passed)
- FY2024 Goals and Objectives
  - Enhancing CA's Outreach
    - Create collaborative partnerships for Lakefront programming
    - Create a CA communications initiative focusing on sustainability
    - Engage residents to further participate in CA programming initiatives
    - Implement Columbia Corps Community Engagement Initiative
  - Enhancing the CA Organization
    - Create a collaborative working relationship between CA Board and CA staff to facilitate working together for the best outcomes

- Meet or exceed financial goals as approved by the Board in the FY24 budget
    - Expand ArcGIS integration with Open Space assets, mapping, invasive plant management, etc.
    - Hire a new General Counsel
  - Facilitate Long Term Board initiatives
    - Facilitate the CA President/CEO search process
    - Facilitate creating the next CA 5-year strategic plan
- Code of Conduct/Ethics Policy/Ethics Enforcement Panel
  - Ethics Policy
    - Passes 7-1-1
  - Ethics Enforcement Panel
    - Discussion tabled until after a CA BOD closed meeting with Legal counsel
- Closing topics
  - School walkzones – BOE is using CA paths to determine distance for children to walk. CA does not light the paths nor does it guarantee they will be salted or shoveled. Dennis Matthey is going to speak with the superintendent.
  - Staffing is challenging this time of year for CA – lifeguards
  - Would like to have regular updates on the RFP for the president search