

Columbia Association

Board of Directors Report

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To: Columbia Association Board of Directors
CA Management

From: Andrew Stack, Board Chair

The Columbia Association Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

	5 min.	Page Nos.
1. Call to Order		
(a) Announce the procedures being used to conduct the hybrid meeting		
(b) Roll Call to determine Directors in attendance		
(c) Announce that both audio and video of the meeting are being broadcast. Anyone using the link to the meeting on CA's website will be able to see and hear the proceedings.		
2. Announcement of Closed/Special Meetings Held/To Be Held	1 min.	
3. Approval of Agenda	1 min.	
4. Columbia Update	15 min.	
5. Verbal Resident Speakout will be available to individuals who submitted the Resident Speakout form on CA's website by 5:00 on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 . Please note that, due to time constraints, it may be necessary to limit the number of people at Verbal Resident Speakout.	<i>(20 min.)</i>	
6. Consent Agenda	1 min.	
(a) Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2023 BOD Meeting		2 - 6
7. Board Votes	3 min.	
(a) Turn over responsibility for Community Engagement-Focused Advisory and Advocacy Committees (Millennial; Aging Well in Columbia; and Teen & Middle School) to the appropriate CA Division/Department.		7
8. Board Discussion	80 min.	
(a) Board FY25 Budget Discussion (draft operating budget and capital project allocations)	<i>(60 min.)</i>	8 – 78
(b) Improving Board Operations and Governance	<i>(20 min.)</i>	
i. Process to Categorize Board Policies		79
9. Reports (Questions Only)	10 min.	
(a) President's Report		80 – 87
(b) Report on Board Action Items		88
(c) Report from the Inner Arbor Trust		89 - 91
(d) Pre-Filed State and County Legislation		92
10. Proposed New Topics	1 min.	
11. Chair's Remarks	3 min.	
12. Adjournment – Anticipated Ending Time: Approximately 9:35 p.m.		

Upcoming Scheduled Hybrid Meeting

November 9, 2023 – Board of Directors Meeting – Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

CA Mission Statement

Engage our diverse community, cultivate a unique sense of place, and enhance quality of life

CA Vision Statement

CA creates and supports solutions to meet the evolving needs of a dynamic and inclusive community.

NOTES (These were captured during the meeting and are the sole

Announcement of closed meetings

Agenda approval – passed

Columbia Update from Dennis Matthey

- HoCo Pride
- Color Columbia Plein Air Paint Out
 - <https://www.visithowardcounty.com/things-to-do/arts-culture/plein-air/>
- Columbia Association Budget Process
 - Encouraging people to get involved and make their voices heard for the budget process
- New Heat Pumps at the Columbia Arts Center
 - Help conserve energy and reduce the carbon footprint of CA
 - Using these for all the new and HVAC rooftop replacement units
- CA Visit to the White House
 - Jeremy Scharfenburg was invited to the White House
 - Reduction of 32% energy usage across the entire CA portfolio, 60% reduction in greenhouse gasses

Resident Speakout

- Sharon Boyce - Protect our Streams
 - Calling for an immediate halt to all stream restorations in the future and remove funding for it in the budget
 - Follow the plan to keep the lakes and ponds on a regular dredging schedule and a dredging fund to be used on a yearly basis
- Bob Dover
 - Summarizing last 6 months of stream restoration activity in Howard County
 - States that there is no benefits to stream restoration and there was no science involved in the decisions made
 - Integrate residents nearby proposed stream restoration sites to get their involvement and feedback
- Joel Horowitz
 - Harper's Choice board, but speaking on his own behalf
 - Concerns about the Columbia Council processes
 - Correct the minutes vs. notes
 - Meeting vs. work session – need to have a better understanding and implementation
- Sarah Kellett
 - Sewell's Orchard Park project - increased discharge rate that was not allowed by CA that has required raising the embankment, requiring many months of construction
 - Does not believe there was any science considered for this project
 - Concerned about the incessant beeping of the construction vehicles
 - Two responses were sent to her email but she did not receive or did not see either of them

Consent Agenda

- Approval of notes from previous meeting - all passed

Board Discussion

- FY25 Budget Discussion
 - § Draft operating budget and capital project allocations
 - § In the "Listening" phase - getting feedback on what the community wants the budget to focus on
 - § Strategic Priorities
 - Infrastructure
 - Accessibility
 - Affordability
 - Environment
 - Staff Training
 - Grants
 - Fund the existing strategic plan
 - § Significant increase in insurance all over the country - 25% - due to mostly wood construction and increasing storms with climate change
- Process to categorize Board policies

Reports

- No questions regarding reports

Strategic Priorities

BOD Charge:

At its September 28, 2023 meeting, the Board voted for the following strategic priorities for the FY25 budget.

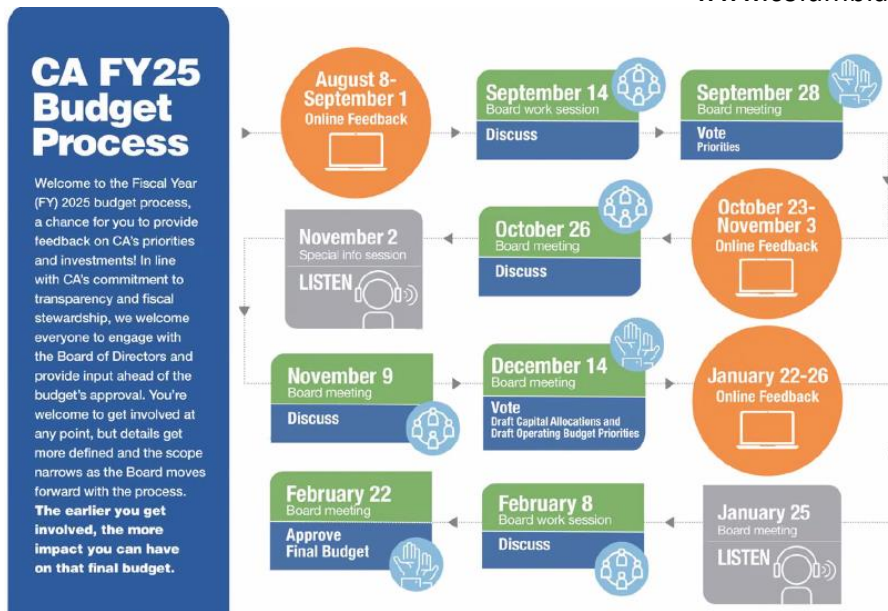
- **Infrastructure** - Have a plan for each critical area and fund the plan.
- **Accessibility** - Increase resident participation (for example, increase resident memberships), and make things easier to promote engagement.
- **Affordability** - Make living in CA more affordable by maximizing value for the dollars spent while understanding the impact on annual charge.
- **Environment** - Maintain a focus on environmental priorities. For example, fund the existing watershed plan.
- **Staff Training** - Be an employer of choice in Howard County.
- **Grants** - Continue the grant funding program.
- Ensure that we fund the existing strategic plan.



CA is exploring new ideas and potential changes for outdoor play areas. Please take this short survey to share your thoughts and let your voice be heard!

[Learn More](#)

Found at the CA homepage – www.columbiaassociation.org



All meetings are hosted virtually and recorded for easy access. Visit ColumbiaAssociation.org/budget for more information on the process and how to get involved.