

**Minutes of the  
Dorsey's Search Community Association Board of Directors  
meeting via Zoom**

4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Held: January 10, 2024

**Approved: 2/15/2024**

The Board of Directors of the Dorsey's Search Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular Board meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing.

Present: Ellen Mackey-Chair  
Derek Carey-Vice-Chair  
Luke Menefee  
Russell Stephenson  
Chris Fuchs, CCR  
Ingrid Hatz, Village Manager  
Anne McKissick, Covenant Advisor  
Nancy Meredith, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Christine Simpson

Mrs. Mackey **called** the meeting **to order** at 7:02 p.m.

**I. Adoption of the agenda:**

**Action:** Mr. Menefee moved to approve the agenda; **Seconded:** Mrs. Mackey;  
**Vote 4-0-0.**  
**For:** Mr. Carey; Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Stephenson  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0

**II. Guest/Resident Speakers**

- a. Adrian Thomas – Strategic Outreach Coordinator; Office of the County Executive
  1. Excited to work with the Village; will be our point of contact regarding concerns or issues that would go to Howard County Government
- b. Jeremy Scharfenberg – Interim Director of Community Operations
  1. CA President's Report submitted
  2. Highlighted a few points in the report
  3. CA is working on the FY'25 budget
  4. Eric Walker is CA's non-native/invasive species specialist.
    1. Mr. Walker is using GIS to track non-native/invasive in our area
  5. CA is building a band shell at Lake Kittamaquandi. Looking for funding from the state, hopefully it will be erected by next year.
  6. Wooden bridges are being replaced with different materials. They will have a non-slip surface and replacement is going great.

Q: Is there a schedule for Bridge replacement?

A: Most of the bridge activity is done in the summer. CA is looking to perform replacement to 13 – 14 bridges per year. A priority list for bridge replacement is made based on the structural integrity of the bridge. CA's team is analyzing the bridges now.

Q: Can GIS take information like assets, maintenance, and replacement into consideration such as sidewalks?

A: Sidewalks are County; most of the time, paved pathway are CA

Q: This would be a good way to report problems by using GIS, very similar to Tell HoCo.

A: CA will look into it. It would be a good community support tool

III. **Approval of November 8, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**Action:** Mr. Carey moved to approve the November 8, 2023 Board of Directors minutes; **Seconded:** Mr. Menefee;

**Vote 4-0-0**

**For:** Mr. Carey; Mr. Menefee; Mr. Stephenson; Mrs. Mackey

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

IV. **Reports from:**

a. **Covenant Advisor**

b. **Manager**

1. Future Board Meeting dates: February 14; March 13; April 10
  1. Asked if we wanted to move the February date
  2. No motion
2. Manager's Meeting recap
3. FY'25 Budget preparation
4. CA approved our kitchen update

c. **CCR:**

1. Report submitted

V. **Business**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

Q: Why is there a line for taxes?

A: We pay the tax and get reimbursed by the County

**Action:** Mr. Stephenson motioned to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter budget; **Seconded by:** Mrs. Mackey

Vote: 4-0-0

For: Mr. Menefee; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Carey; Mr. Stephenson

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Election Calendar 2024

**Action:** Mr. Stephenson motioned to approve the Election Calendar for 2024;

**Seconded by:** Mrs. Mackey

Vote: 4-0-0

For: Mr. Menefee; Mr. Stephenson; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Carey  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

VI. Board Member Comments:

1. Mr. Fuchs – storm was crazy; our power went out a few times; Giant has lost power a few times.
2. Mr. Menefee – appreciates living in this area; besides attending some CA planned events, he was able to attend Midnight Madness in Old Ellicott City
3. Mr. Carey – problems with audio
4. Mr. Stephenson – Enjoyed the Holiday Open House Dinner. It was a great party. We live in a great place.

VII. **Adjournment:** The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Meredith*

Assistant to the Village Manager