

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

4765 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Held: February 12, 2025

Approved: 3/11/2025

The Board of Directors of the Dorsey's Search Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular Board meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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

Absent: Luke Menefee

Mrs. Mackey **called** the meeting **to order** at 7:00 p.m.

I. Adoption of the agenda:

Action: Mrs. Mackey moved to adopt the agenda; **Seconded:** Mr. Carey;
Vote 4-0-0.

For: Ms. Simpson; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Stephenson; Mr. Carey

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

II. Guest/Resident Speakers

1. Jeremy Scharfenberg – CA VP of Community Operations

1. Report submitted – briefly highlighted topics in report

2. Q: Kiln at Art Center

A: Being finalized

Q: Security cameras at the Village Centers as the Next Door App had people speaking about them.

A: Wilde Lake and Harper's Choice had cameras installed at the Village Center. Kimco installed from the insistence of the Village Centers.

Q: Were the trees planted on CA or Howard County since it was a collaboration between CA and County services?

A: The trees planted were on CA and County property. They are a mix of native canopy species with protective coverings around the tree.

Two additional documents were sent regarding trash cans on the pathways and a crosswalk that would connect the Gwynn Acres and Plumtree pathways in the area of Ram's Horn Row.

2. Resident Speak Out

1. There were several residents online listening.
2. Karen Carter, Dorsey Hall Deer Management Task Force, wanted to know the outcome of requested letter to Howard County.
3. Barbara Scott interested in being more involved

Q: What is happening to the roadway now that the development is open to residents?

A: They do not pay CA lien. You would have to contact the County or State Highway Administration

III. **Approval of January 8, 2025 Board of Directors meeting minutes**

Action: Mrs. Mackey moved to approve the January 8, 2025 Board of Directors minutes; **Seconded:** Mr. Stephenson;

Vote 4-0-0

For: Ms. Simpson; Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Stephenson; Mr. Carey

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. **Reports**

1. **Covenant Advisor**

1. No report/no questions

2. **Manager**

1. At the Village Managers Meeting, it was stated that CA is going have a special meeting for the Village Management Contract. Please share any information you can about the CA budget since funding to the Villages is important to creating a budget.
2. Manager received donation requests from the following entities: Wilde Lake After Prom; Housing Center; Wilde Lake High School Fine Arts' Spring Musical.

Action: Mrs. Mackey moved to donate \$250 to the After Prom and \$100 towards the Spring Musical; **Seconded:** Mr. Stephenson;

Vote: 4-0-0

For: Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Stephenson; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Carey

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. The Village Accountant had to revise the FY'25 1st Quarter Report

Action: Mrs. Mackey accepts the revised 1st Quarter Report; **Seconded:** Mr. Stephenson;

Vote: 4-0-0

For: Mrs. Mackey; Mr. Stephenson; Ms. Simpson; Mr. Carey

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. An email, containing a suggested letter to the County regarding archery hunting on the County Open Space in Dorsey Hall, was forwarded to the Board of Directors. The Board members reviewed it. A letter will be sent to the County which will acknowledge a need for archery hunting on County Open Space. The letter will go out before the April Community meeting with the County.

3. CCR

1. Report submitted
2. Q: Who tracks the funds that are given to Community Foundation of Howard County for disbursement?
A: There is a CA Board member which sits on the Committee. All grants go to organizations in Howard County. Does not know if there is a mechanism that tracks it.

V. Business

Votes taken under the Manager's Report

VI. Board Member Comments

1. Ms. Simpson – Garden Club article in The Scroll was great
2. Mr. Carey – A lot of talk in the neighborhood about a coyote. Has anyone seen it? A: Yes, from resident in Mr. Carey's neighborhood
3. Mr. Stephenson – Who would be responsible for the maintenance of the apartment? A: The landlord would be responsible, but the Village has no Covenant authority over the apartment complex because they are not on CA lien paying property.
4. Mr. Carey – Good to be back. Keep your thoughts on those in New Orleans and California as they process the disasters impacting their area.
5. Mrs. Mackey – attended a reception in January with Columbia Village Chairs. Didn't get a chance to many people, but was there to listen.

VII. **Adjournment:** The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Meredith

Assistant to the Village Manager