



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2018  
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Members - Lin Eagan (Chairman) Terry Eberhardt, Janet Evans, Ellen Flynn Giles (Vice Chairman & Secretary), Milton Matthews, Mary Ann Scully; Staff - Nina Basu (President & CEO) Bill Woodcock (Treasurer).

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m.

Howard County Recreation and Parks (HCR&P) Pathway Discussion: The Board reviewed the maps for the pathway (Phase 2) under consideration for funding by HC Dept of Recreation and Parks that is to cross Merriweather Park in parallel to Little Patuxent Parkway (LPP) and connect with the CA-funded pathway (Phase 1) that will link LPP to the Chrysalis. All parties are committed to working collaboratively.

Approval of redlining proposals for the CA and HCR&P pathways: In addition to the redline for the work proposed for the Phase I & 2 pathways, a plan for grading and improved access/egress for the overflow parking in the VIP Lawn Lot (which does not impact the existing easement) was proposed by Ms. Basu. The Board agreed to defer consideration of the proposed Phase 3 (IMA-funded) and Phase 4 (DCP-funded) pathways as questions remained about alignment with the SDP.

Ms. Scully moved that the Trust approve the redline proposal and work with CA with the process for the CA-funded Phase I pathway (Green). Ms. Giles seconded, all approved.

Ms. Giles moved that the Trust approved the redline proposal and work with HC Government in with the process for the Phase 2 pathway under consideration for funding by HC Recreation & Parks. Mr. Matthews seconded, all approved.

Mr. Matthews moved that the Trust work with HC Government to proceed with regrading of the VIP Lawn Lot. Ms. Giles seconded, all approved.

Board Chair's Report: Ms. Eagan presented an update on recent meetings with Debbie Ellinghaus (Chair) and Ian Kennedy (Executive Director) from the Downtown Columbia Arts &

Culture Commission (DCACC) and the status of various items: their funding and planned programming for community arts programs; the construction of shared bathroom facilities; and the continued utilization of the White House by the Chrysalis Parking Lot.

She reminded us of the importance of continuing to work collaboratively with our partners in the Columbia Association (CA), Columbia Festival of the Arts (CFA), Down Town Columbia Partnership (DTC), DCACC, HC Arts Council, HCR&P, and others to most effectively support arts and culture in our community.

Noting the importance of a clearly defined mission in driving all of the Trust's plans and actions, Ms. Eagan asked that we take time to review the proposed Mission Statement and place it on the next meeting agenda for approval by the Board.

President & CEO's Report: Ms. Basu reported on a variety of items under consideration for 2019 and beyond, including gateway signs and sculpture placement in Merriweather Park, programs with the Baltimore Concert Opera, HC General Hospital (HCGS), and ManneqArt.

IMA Billing and Invoicing: Following a discussion of a variety of outstanding items related to IMA service fees, assignment of pre-payment and carryover funds, status of environmental repairs in Merriweather Park, among others, the Board resolved to work together with all users to develop a plan. In the meantime, Ms. Evans moved that the Board approve that the Trust charge rent to IMA for their occupancy of any space not identified for their use under the terms of current operating agreement. Mr. Matthews seconded, all in favor.

Friends of Merriweather Park Program/End of Year Fundraising: Board Members were encouraged to participate in and reach out to their networks about joining the new Friends of Merriweather Park membership program at tiered levels from \$50-\$1,000.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Flynn Giles, Secretary