

CA Council Rep Report

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There have been some more positive changes taking place during the last couple of weeks. The CA Board met with the interim president Dennis Matthey for dinner. The whole board attended and all agreed it was a good start in improving communications. The conversation was warm and friendly and led to the recommendation that it would be good to repeat this for the new board in May.

We had two new members join the board Keith O'Neil representing Kings Contrivance and Josh Friedman representing Long Reach. Keith told me he is interested in running again but Josh will be moving out of Columbia so he will only stay on the board until May.

Recently I was asked to be the liaison for the CA Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC), it was fun to join their meeting this past Monday and to connect again with many of those I worked with as co chair and chair of CA WAC a few years ago.

The CA Board continues to receive input from the community on the proposed Lake Elkhorn Stream project, although the project doesn't affect Hickory Ridge directly the process being followed does. It's very clear that experts in the field agree on one thing there has to be good communication between, homeowners, businesses, the CA and Howard County. We have received input from Richard Klein CEDS, Doug Myers, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and more recently I went on a watershed walk with Maryland Department Environment employee Deb Cappuccitti. Deb also did an excellent presentation Monday on stormwater management to the CA WAC.

Other important issues that the board is considering is the update to the ethics policies and input on the Howard County General Plan.

As always feel free to contact me with any questions.

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