

CLUA, Inc., Annual Meeting - January 15, 2008
7:00 pm, Rising Sun Library

Start: 7:05 pm End: 8:55 pm Attendance: 19

1. Administrative Items

a. Background:

- i. Articles of Incorporation approved by the State just before Christmas
- ii. CLUA Inc. is a new entity, with a new EIN, Bank Account, etc.
- iii. A temporary Board of five (George Kaplan, Ken Wiggins, Wendy Moon, Rupert Rossetti & Jim Mullin) adopted new bylaws (essentially the same as the CLUA bylaws), and adopted the CLUA members as members of CLUA Inc.

b. Now that we are formally a new organization, with members, we need to deal some administrative items

i. Election of 5 Board of Directors members - 2-year terms

1. Report of Nomination Committee

- a. Jim Mullin, Ed Cairns, Rupert Rossetti, Paul Hughes & Ted Patterson's terms expire, Jim, Ed & Ted would like to stand down
- b. Rupert Rossetti & Paul Hughes will run again
- c. Ron Hartman will run

2. Nominations from the floor

- a. Ed Cairns will run again
- b. Charles Hertzog will run

3. Vote

- a. Motion to close nominations made, seconded and carried
- b. Since there were no contested seats, a motion to elect the five new board members was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

2. Transfer of assets from CLUA to CLUA, Inc. (see over)

a. Resolution 1 (to carry over Board members with continuing terms):

- i. The membership of CLUA, Inc., hereby elects the following people, now serving on the Board of Directors of CLUA, to the Board of Directors of CLUA, Inc., with terms of office ending in January 2009: Diana Broomell, Vernon Duckett, George Kaplan, Wendy Moon, and Ken Wiggins.

b. Resolution 2 (to transfer all assets to CLUA, Inc.)

- i. The membership of CLUA hereby transfers all assets and liabilities of CLUA to CLUA, Inc., including all money, debts, membership and mailing lists, documents, material, and the web site.

c. Resolution 3 (nomenclature)

- i. References to "Cecil Land Use Alliance" or "CLUA" in documents, letters, or on the web site are now understood to refer to Cecil Land Use Alliance, Inc.

A motion to approve all three resolutions as a group was made, seconded and carried unanimously

3. Report of Political Committee - Endorsement of candidates in primary races
Committee members: Ken Wiggins, Diana Broomell, Ted Patterson, Nancy Valentine & Paul Hughes
 - a. This is the first time we've done this. It was much more difficult than imagined
 - b. Goal was to come up with an objective way to determine where the candidates stood with respect to the values of CLUA
 - c. Only Primary Candidates with opponents were interviewed. A second set of interviews will be conducted for the General Election
 - d. The process included a set of written questions followed by individual interviews
 - e. Mr. Mullin & Mr. McWilliams excused themselves from the proceedings, returning after the vote.
 - f. Findings
 - i. Pamela Bailey / John Bunnell (1st District Democrat contest) Recommend endorsing Mr. Bunnell but not to expend CLUA funds in support. Mr. Bunnell is in harmony with our goals and knowledgeable about land-use topics.
 - ii. McWilliams / Hodge (5th District Republican contest) Positions very similar on the issues. Could not come to a conclusion between the two. Political Committee chose not to make a recommendation.
 1. Considerable discussion, with many concerns voiced about not supporting Mr. McWilliams, who has been a staunch supporter and advocate over the years, for the same policies that CLUA now promotes
 - iii. Q&A from George re. the candidates.
 1. One of the only original ideas came from Mr. Hodge: re. banking TDRs.
 - g. Vote:
 - i. On Bunnell endorsement for the Primary. Motion to endorse approved
 - ii. Motion to endorse Tom McWilliams made & seconded and approved
 - h. Many thanks to the Political Committee for their hard work, and for the process. Diana, Ted, Nancy, Paul, & Ken recognized for their hard work

4. Meeting Reports
 - a. Comp Plan "small group" (CLUA members in COC) meeting
 - i. CLUA members have been comparing notes
 - ii. Shared concern re. integration of, and interdependencies among the 7 subcommittees
 - iii. Shared concern about proactive or reactive role for the Committee vs consultant and county staff. Entire Committee overwhelmingly wants to be proactive
 - iv. Consultant needs to be in the middle, but the committees need to talk to be able to talk to one another directly, too, and not always through the consultant or staff

5. CLUA Committee Reports (None)
6. Other business
 - a. George's letter stating CLUA's support for Code Home Rule appeared in the Whig today. Unfortunately, they omitted the web site URL. A suggestion was made to consider taking out a small ad in the Whig & Herald expressing CLUA's support for Code Home Rule
7. "Working Lands": 30-minute DVD on how Maryland farmers are trying to cope with development pressure
8. Adjournment
9. Next CLUA Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 7 p.m., North East Library
10. Other meetings:
 - a. Comp Plan COC: Wednesday, Jan. 16, @ 6:30 pm in the new County Admin Building, Elkton
 - b. Council of Governments: Thursday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m., Elkton Town Hall
 - c. Commissioners' Public Information Meeting on Forms of Government: Thursday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m., new county admin building