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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 8:49 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Scooters

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PLEASE do not allow electric scooters on our Columbia lake pathways. It is already sometimes treacherous to the strollers (walkers) and baby strollers, dog walkers, etc. to have bikes whizzing by - we do NOT need more people/kids whizzing by on scooters without a word of warning as many unfortunately do.

Not a good idea!!!

Michelle Stewart
Lake Elkhorn

Sayers, Margery

From: Walsh, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jones, Diane
Subject: FW: CB3 - Electric Scooters

FYI, I sent this to Bruce just now. I don't think the scooter legislation is where it needs to be to pass tonight, so will be moving to table. I hope that some of you please join me in getting more of the details right before allowing permitting to proceed.



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From: Walsh, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Gartner, Bruce <bgartner@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB3 - Electric Scooters

Good afternoon, Bruce: Wanted to let you know: I'm not opposed to the concept generally, I just don't think the bill is where it needs to be—amended or not—to do it right. I'll be moving to table tonight so we can resolve together in the next few weeks.



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From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:43 AM
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Cc: Eatough, Christopher; Gartner, Bruce; Sager, Jennifer; Kuc, Gary
Subject: CB3-2020 Additional Clarifying Amendments are Needed

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Dear Council,

In addition to the Columbia Village covenant provision, additional clarifying amendments to CB3-2020 in the spirit of Amendment 1 are also appropriate.

In places where electric scooters are to be regulated or prohibited, the provisions and signage requirements in Title 19, Subtitle 5 - Public Recreation on Private Lands and Section 21.403 need clarification. In particular, electric scooter riders are unlikely to understand that scooters are legally considered as bicycles when reading any sign that prohibits bicycles.

Section 21.503 should be amended to add a scooter permit public hearing to the Multimodal Transportation Board's duties and responsibilities.

Title 28 should be amended to add scooters to the duties and reporting requirements of the Downtown Columbia Partnership.

In addition, there does not appear to be a provision in CB3 to require that the Office of Transportation will conspicuously post the permit, supporting documentation, complaint, and contact information on the Office's webpage.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joel Hurewitz

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From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:43 PM
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Cc: Ball, Calvin; Eatough, Christopher; Gartner, Bruce; Sager, Jennifer
Subject: CB3-2020 Columbia Village Covenant Amendment Needed

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Dear Council,

The amendments for CB3 address many points omitted from the draft of the bill. However, I believe that is also necessary to address the issue that approval from the Architectural Committee from the appropriate Columbia Village Community Associations might be needed, especially for example, if the scooter companies wish to put docking stations on the Kimco properties in the village centers.

During the break in the Council Work Session, I spoke with the representative from Spin. I tried to explain that Architectural Committee approval might be needed in addition to any agreements with the private property owners. He stated that they would not operate on private property without permission. I said that was missing the point and that possibly approval from the Columbia Village Community Associations might also be needed. Because of this unique requirement, I think is imperative that these out-of-state companies be on notice that Architectural Committee approval might be necessary.

Therefore, I propose that the following language be added as Amendment 1 to Amendment 4:

(15) A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN COOPERATION OF A PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER TO ACQUIRE ANY NECESSARY APPROVALS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE APPROPRIATE COLUMBIA VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (PURSUANT TO THE COVENANTS, DEEDS, AGREEMENTS, AND/OR DECLARATIONS OF RECORD AND ANY RULES OR GUIDELINES PURSUANT THERETO) AND TO SHARE WITH THE COUNTY THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S APPROVAL AT THE TIME OF THE PERMIT APPLICATION AND AS THEY ARE OBTAINED THROUGHOUT THE TERM OF THE PERMIT, AND

I know that the Council, especially Councilwoman Rigby with her past membership on the Kings Contrivance Village Board, recognizes the role that the village covenants play in land use in Columbia. The Wilde Lake Board has a short discussion on e-scooters scheduled for Monday evening. As a member of the Harper's Choice Board, I had the scooter covenant issue placed on the agenda for the Board meeting on Tuesday; I hope to have the Board endorse the language for Amendment 1 to Amendment 4.

If the Council would like to have this input from the Columbia Villages, I urge the Council to delay taking final action on CB3 this month.

I would appreciate if you could have your offices respond Monday afternoon with your general thoughts on including the Columbia Village covenant language in the bill and the sense of the Council on whether there will be a final vote on the bill at Monday's Legislative Session.

As always, I am happy to discuss this topic further.

Sincerely,

Joel Hurewitz

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Nick, all it takes is a Google search of the accidents and deaths from these scooters to realize how dangerous they are but it's HoCo so why not add scooters and folks who can't safely ride them to our congested roads and our walking paths. What could go wrong.

Remember we only have one hospital, one ER and despite many dedicated professionals just not enough room or personnel to now add scooter accident victims.

Why listen to reason, health and safety concerns when you can then ignore residents complaints because it's already out there.

Maria Alvarez

On Saturday, February 1, 2020 Nick Nichols beertrekker <HOWARD-CITIZEN@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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I look forward to seeing them clog our pathways around lakes and inside and outside movie theaters and Mall areas. MPP, around schools, a dumpster near you etc. soon.

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But I digress...

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This response inspired by Quentin Tarantino.

Nick Nichols Woodstock

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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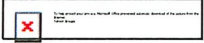
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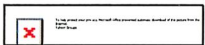
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Good morning,

I have been to cities with sharable e-scooter services. They provide an easy, low-cost mode of transportation to a variety of people for a variety of purposes. These services also come with their own set of problems. It seems to me that the bill, through the proposed permit process, attempts to prevent many of these problems and/or provide a mechanism for remedy when the problems arise. I support the bill and the amendment to keep the initial program smaller than the original bill proposed. I also support the amendment to establish an annual review process that includes a public hearing.

However, I am opposed to amendment 3, which would restrict e-scooter use to people age 18 and over. People age 16 and 17 should be allowed to rent and use these sharable scooters, too, as many of them are also driving cars. I don't see a compelling reason for the higher age limit on e-scooters.

Sincerely,
Lisa Schlossnagle