

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 2

RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 2020

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Barbara Kellner to the Board of Directors of the Downtown Columbia Partnership.

Introduced and read first time on February 3, 2020.

By order Diane Jones Schwartz
Diane Jones Schwartz, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on February 18, 2020.

By order Diane Jones Schwartz
Diane Jones Schwartz, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted X, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on March 2, 2020.

Certified by Diane Jones Schwartz
Diane Jones Schwartz, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

BARBARA KELLNER

EXPERIENCE

1992 – 2017

DIRECTOR, COLUMBIA ARCHIVES, DIV. COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

Directed and managed the operation of the community archives by planning and implementing the programs, collection management, and outreach to the community and working collaboratively with Columbia Association departments on budget, marketing and promotion and administration. Programs included conceiving and managing the Columbia BikeAbout, developing lecture series, exhibits and tours. As first host of Columbia Association's Columbia Matters helped develop content and created the Explore Columbia segment. Management of collection included supervising the professional archivist, attending annual professional conferences, assuring proper funding through the CA budget process, doing outreach to the community to increase the collection. Under my direction the Columbia Archives grew from a grassroots non-profit to the established authority on the history of Columbia notably receiving the James Rouse Manuscript Collection.

2014-2017

Board of Directors, COLUMBIA 50TH BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE

One of the members of the organizing committee and then on the Board after its incorporation was a vital member planning, organizing and implementing the activities that celebrated the 50th birthday of Columbia.

EDUCATION

MAY 1966

BACHELOR OF ARTS, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Yearbook Editor - 1966

SKILLS

- Written and Verbal Communication

- Research
- Flexibility and Adaptability
- Positive Attitude

ACTIVITIES

- I am passionate about Columbia. I fully understand its history and how the history contributes to its ability to adapt to future needs and continue to be a model for urban planning.
- A long-time advocate of multi-modal transportation, I was a founding member of Bicycle Advocates, served on Howard County's Transportation Board, worked on early Bike To Work Day in Howard County, created the Columbia BikeAbout to encourage use of Columbia pathways, and supported Howard County's Pedestrian Plan.
- I am a member of the board of Preservation Howard County.
- Currently serve as chair of the Columbia Art Center Advisory Committee.
- Served on the Howard County Art Council Grant Review Committee for several years.
- Currently co-president of The Cove Condominium Board in Wilde Lake where I have resided for 20 years.
- Authored *Images of America Columbia* published in 2005.
- Co-authored *Oh You Must Live in Columbia, The Origins of Place Names in Columbia, Maryland* published in 2008.

Howard County Council testimony in support of CR18-2020
confirming my appointment to the Downtown Columbia
Partnership

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February 18, 2020

Council Chair Deb Jung and members Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby and David Yungmann. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of my appointment to the Downtown Columbia Partnership.

I am very pleased for the opportunity to serve and fully support its mission and goals.

I have lived in Wilde Lake for 20 years. I enjoy being able to walk to Downtown for errands and entertainment. It is extremely important to me that I live in a place with a good walkability score and a place that meets my needs today and tomorrow.

Twenty five years of immersion into the history of Columbia as director of the Columbia Archives gives me a comprehensive understanding of the Downtown Columbia plan.

I have followed it from its inception -- from the call for a plan, to charrettes, to endless meetings and testimonies. I am passionate about Columbia and its continued success. It is what makes me want to serve on this board.

I retired as director of Columbia Archives, a service of Columbia Association in 2017. I was responsible for the programming and public outreach, including the successful BikeAbout, the management of the physical collection including growing the collection, and budgeting to ensure the success of the community archives. I am proud that I had a part in growing the organization and establishing it as the primary source for the study of Columbia and Jim Rouse and the place they hold in the history of urban planning.

In addition to my professional experience I have a long history of community involvement starting with boards and committees at my children's schools and scouting and then moving on to wider community interests. Highlights of my involvement are: a founding member of Bicycle Advocates of Howard County, serving on the Howard County Transportation Board and helping to organize the early Bike to Work Days in Howard

County. I am an avid supporter of the arts having served on the Howard County Arts Council Grants Committee and currently as chair the Columbia Art Center Advisory Committee. I am a long-time member of the board of Preservation Howard County and am currently co-president of The Cove Condominium Association in Wilde Lake. The arts and multi-modal transportation are among my passions and are the key elements that will drive the success of downtown and Columbia. The celebration of Columbia's 50th birthday in 2017 provided an opportunity to "Appreciate the Past; Imagine the Future". I am enthusiastic about continuing to work toward a future as imaginative and innovative and successful as Columbia's past.