

**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
December 18, 2017**

Chairperson Michelle Wood called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at The Hawthorn Center. Board members present included LaTonya Bland, Lisa Dean, Fred Johnston, Allison Sultan, and Student Member Noah Sutker. Also present was Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There were 4 audience members.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of December 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted. Ms. Dean abstained as she was not present at the previous meeting.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** Ms. Kulesza received an email from a resident who was unable to attend the meeting. The resident thanked the Village Board and staff for the CRS material submitted to DPZ. She noted that the response is reasoned and succinct in rebutting the obvious slights by Kimco towards the Village revitalization efforts, as well as providing point by point lucid and coherent connections to Zoning and Design Advisory Panel requirements.
4. **New Business:**
  - A. **Village Center Redevelopment Response:** The Board reviewed a first draft of testimony in response to the Technical Staff Report prepared by the Department of Planning and Zoning. The Board requested that the testimony be strengthened to clearly indicate that Kimco and DPZ staff had ignored the Village Center Community Plan and the Community Response Statement in its TSR. Ms. Dean moved that the Village hire an attorney to respond to the TSR. There was no second. The Board did agree to have its attorney review the Board's draft of the testimony prior to the Planning Board meeting on January 4. The Board also requested that the community continue to be notified via email and Constant Contact regarding options for providing testimony to the Planning Board. Staff will place signs around the community to remind residents of the meeting date. Information about the proposal can also be found on the Village website.
5. **Old Business:** None.
6. **Reports:**
  - A. **CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind:** Mr. Schwind did not attend the meeting and sent no report.
  - B. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided her report. She noted that responses regarding whether pickleball courts should be built near the Hawthorn Pool or the basketball courts should remain had been received. Comments were evenly split for each option. CA continues to look at possibilities to have both.
7. **Board Comments:** Ms. Sultan noted the recent proliferation of illegal signs at intersections throughout the village.
8. **Action Items:** Staff will re-write the draft testimony for Board review. Ms. Kulesza will contact the Village attorney regarding his review of the testimony. Information on how to testify will be provided to residents multiple times and in multiple ways.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm by Ms. Wood.