

**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2018**

Chairperson Michelle Wood called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at The Hawthorn Center. Board members present included LaTonya Bland and Allison Sultan. CA Board member Gregg Schwind attended. Also present was Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There were 6 audience members.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of February 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** There were no resident comments.
4. **New Business:**
 - A. **Howard County General Hospital Construction Updates:** David Nitkin, Chief of Staff for HCGH, spoke about the current construction at the hospital. A new emergency room entrance is being created as well as a new observation unit. A twenty-bed psychiatric unit is also under construction. Mr. Nitkin noted that over 60 per cent of the hospital's employees and nearly all of its patients are Howard County residents. He asked the Board to support the hospital request for both capital and community net funding in the upcoming county budget. The Board passed a resolution to send a letter to the County Executive in support of the funding requests.
 - B. **Board Donation Request -Atholton High School PTSA:** The Board approved a request to donate \$500 to the Atholton High School After Prom Party.
 - C. **FY19 Draft Operating Budget:** The Board motioned to approve the FY19 Draft Operating Budget.
5. **Old Business: None**
6. **Reports:**
 - A. **CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind:** Mr. Schwind noted that the improvements to the Hawthorn Pool will not be done until the fall. He suggested that the Board pay attention to the County vision for Gateway which may be different from the community's vision for the area. He stated that facility memberships are in a decline despite the fact that many facilities are getting major renovations. The Athletic Club will be closed for about six months.
 - B. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided her report.
7. **Board Comments:** The Board requested that staff organize an Open House for residents on April 20.
8. **Action Items:** Ms. Kulesza will send a letter to the County Executive in support of HCGH funding. She will also send the donation to AHS-PTSA for the After Prom Party. Ms. Kulesza will follow up with the Board on reimbursement amounts.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm by Ms. Wood.