

**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 7, 2018**

Village Manager Anne Kulesza called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm at The Hawthorn Center. Board members present included Skye Anderson, LaTonya Bland, Jessamine Duvall, Fred Johnston, and Allison Sultan. Also present was Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There were two audience members.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of April 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** No residents wished to comment.
4. **Certification of Village Election:** Ms. Kulesza presented the official results of the village elections submitted by the Chair of the Election Committee, Jim Loesch. A motion was made and seconded to certify the final election tally. The motion passed unanimously. The certified election results are:

Village Board:

Tamara Bishop	184
Fred Johnston*	332
LaTonya Bland*	334
Jessamine Duvall*	331
Skye Anderson*	344
Allison Sultan*	309

* **Denotes winner.** This number includes Columbia Association (CA) votes. CA casts all of its year election votes (85) with the majority of the votes cast.

Columbia Council Representative: Gregg Schwind (appointed per Section 4.04 of the Hickory Ridge Community Association By-Laws)

5. **Board Organizational Tasks:**
 - A. **Election of Village Board Chair:** The Board voted unanimously for Allison Sultan to serve as Board Chair. Ms. Sultan presided as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.
 - B. **Election of Village Board Vice Chair:** The Board voted unanimously for LaTonya Bland to serve as Vice Chair of the Board.
 - C. **Appointment of Board Designees:** The Board appointed Anne Kulesza and Joan Lancos to serve as their designees.
 - D. **Appointments to the Architectural Committee (AC):** The Board voted unanimously for Fred Johnston, Skye Anderson and Jessamine Duvall to serve on the AC. Two more representatives will be appointed at the May 21 Village Board meeting.
 - E. **Designation of Authorized Check Signers:** In addition to Village Manager Anne Kulesza, the Board designated Allison Sultan, LaTonya Bland, and Jessamine Duvall to act as authorized check signers on the Association's bank accounts.
 - F. **Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Responsibility:** Each Board member signed the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Responsibility.
 - G. **Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest Policy:** Ms. Kulesza gave each Board member a copy of the Hickory Ridge Conflict of Interest Policy. The Board members each signed their Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest Policy forms.

6. New Business:

- A. **Appointment to the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC):** The Board appointed Craig Benjamin, Barbara Condron, Celindah Grier, Linda Loesch, Kathy Mardaga, and Bob Opatovsky to the RAC.
- B. **Appointment of the Watershed Advisory Committee Charter (WAC):** The Board re-appointed Iris Mars, Ellen Roberts, Etarae Weinstein, and Deborah Wessner to the WAC. The Board appointed Sara McGarity as an ad hoc member from an outparcel.
- C. **Appointment to the Columbia Association Watershed Advisory Committee:** The Board appointed Deborah Wessner to the Columbia Association WAC.
- D. **FY2018 Final Operating Budget:** The Board approved the FY2019 Final Operating Budget.

7. Old Business: None

8. Reports:

- a. **CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind:** Mr. Schwind was unable to attend the meeting and sent a report. He announced that CA has a new sister city in China. CA has received a liquor license to sell beer on the Fairway Hills Golf Course. Beer is already sold at Hobbits Glen. Many residents of Kings Contrivance attended the CA Board meeting to complain about the proposed storage facility near the trail to the Bollman Truss Bridge. CA adopted a proclamation related to Gun Violence Awareness.
- b. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided her report. She reminded the Board members about upcoming events.

9. Board Comments: Ms. Duvall stated that she likes the recent furniture and decorating upgrades made to the building. Mr. Johnston expressed sadness about the loss of the Hickory Ridge Grille at the village center. He also commented that the music was very loud on opening weekend at Merriweather. Ms. Anderson stated that the loss of the Hickory Ridge Grille is a significant milestone related to the village center. She also thought that the shred event did a lot to bring in the vote. Ms. Bland said she is excited to be working with the new Board. Ms. Sultan wondered when the four-way stop signs will be installed at Martin Road and Seneca Drive. She was also excited to see the high school volunteers at the shred event. She noted that the recent Open House was a great event.

10. Action Items: Ms. Kulesza will send the approved FY2019 budget to CA. Staff will follow up on the timing for the installation of the stop signs.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm by Ms. Sultan.