

**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
June 18, 2018**

Board Chair Allison Sultan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at The Hawthorn Center. Board members present included Skye Anderson, Jessamine Duvall and Fred Johnston. Also present was Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There were about twenty audience members.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of May 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** No residents wished to comment.
4. **New Business:**
  - A. **Columbia Association Aquatics:** Director of Pools Marty Oltmanns, Cluster Leader Elena Pikounis, and Site Manager Avery Bazell attended. Mr. Oltmanns stated renovations continue at the Swim Center so Hawthorn Pool is once again the site of early morning swims. The wibit program will again be at Hawthorn on Wednesdays. The repairs to the main pool at Hawthorn were completed in time for the pool to open as scheduled. Work on the baby pool will be done during the next off-season which will make Hawthorn Pool fully ADA compliant. The Clemens Crossing bathrooms will be next on the list of upgrades for Hickory Ridge pools. CA Aquatics is considering replacing several baby pools with splash pad features. The Board expressed interest in the concept. Mr. Oltmanns will reach out to the Board in October for additional discussion.
  - B. **Bicycle Master Plan Updates:** Howard County Office of Transportation was scheduled to do a presentation on the plans related to Hickory Ridge, however, their staff did not show. Ms. Lancos gave a brief update as to what she was aware of in the plan that will impact Hickory Ridge including a connection from Jerrys Drive to the existing bike path behind Hickory Hollow, a pathway through the college that will connect to the main multi-use path on Little Patuxent Parkway, and a small connector path from Sebring to Hickory Ridge Road near Broken Land Parkway. Several residents expressed concern about the proposed bike lanes on Hickory Ridge Road because of the current difficulty with the merge from two lanes to one at College Square. Email addresses were obtained from audience members in order to notify them of a rescheduled date for the presentation from the county.
5. **Old Business: None**
6. **Reports:**
  - A. **CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind:** Mr. Schwind was not in attendance and did not provide a report.
  - B. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided her report. She reminded the Board members about upcoming events and updated them about the photo contest. She noted that roof leaks continue and that CA is actively working to install a new roof. She noted that all ten

villages agreed to the verbiage change regarding benefits in the management contract. She is working to have our new police liaison officer attend a future meeting. Board members asked that he bring crime statistics to the meeting. She inquired about Board members summer travel plans to make sure that there will be a quorum for all meetings. Ms. Lancos announced a pre-submission meeting for a two acre parcel on Freetown Road which is proposed for subdivision.

7. **Board Comments:** Ms. Duvall noted that Lakefest was fabulous. Mr. Johnston stated that he attended the Longest Table event at the library and had the good fortune to be seated next to County Executive Allan Kittleman with whom he had a wide ranging conversation. Ms. Anderson asked Ms. Lancos to fill in the Board regarding the CA led nature walk in Clary's Forest. There were almost 50 people in attendance for the two hour walk. Ms. Sultan attended the Board Chairs meeting and noted that many villages are worried about the future of neighborhood centers as they are an integral part of the community. She inquired about open space mowing. She suggested other ideas for events at the Hawthorn Center including a farmer's market or a food truck Friday. Finally, she noted that she had observed a program in another community where police give out coupons for free ice cream to children who do "good works."
8. **Action Items:** Ms. Kulesza will work with Meadows to obtain gift cards for Board members to hand out to deserving children in the village. She will send out an email to Board members to list their summer travel schedule. She will check on mowing responsibilities for various areas of the village. She will order business cards for Ms. Duvall.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm by Ms. Sultan.