

**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
June 4, 2018**

Board Chair Allison Sultan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at The Hawthorn Center. Board members present included Skye Anderson, LaTonya Bland, and Jessamine Duvall. Also present was Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There were six 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. **Kimco Realty:** Gregg Reed and Caren Garfield from Kimco Realty attended the meeting to introduce themselves to the new Board. They noted that the plan for the village center has not changed and that they anticipate scheduling a hearing before the new Zoning Board in the first quarter of 2019. They expressed interest in continuing to work with the Board and the community to find some compromise in a plan for redevelopment of the center. Mr. Reed went into detail regarding the timeline noting that in a best-case situation, it would be 2 ½ to three years before ground could be broken. He also noted that tenants are coming to the end of their leases and are choosing to leave the center because there is no certainty as to the future of the project. He further stated that he has been in contact with Howard County Economic Development Authority to offer temporary space to businesses displaced by the Ellicott City flood.
 - B. **4th Quarter FY18 Financials:** The Board reviewed and approved the FY18 4th Quarter Financial statements. Ms. Sultan signed the documents were completed by the accountant.
5. **Old Business: None**
6. **Reports:**
 - a. **CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind:** Mr. Schwind was not in attendance due to a conflict with another meeting. He provided a written report. At its meeting on May 24, the Board agreed with Staff's recommendation to have 13 members on the new Climate Change and Sustainability Advisory Committee. The Board continues to discuss the Royal Farms SDP proposal on Snowden River Parkway and will likely oppose the SDP. CA has hired outside counsel to assist.
 - b. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided her report. She reminded the Board members about upcoming events including the Ice Cream Social on June 8 where they will be the "Celebrity Scoopers." She noted that the new Story Hour program was popular and well-attended. Most of the other villages have approved the Management Contract with the proposed changes to verbiage regarding benefits. A new weekend/evening desk staff person has been hired. Ms. Lancos provided updates on several local land use projects including the cell tower adjacent to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, the twelve townhouses behind the church, and a new proposed use for a parcel of land on Grace

Drive. She also noted that the Zoning Board approved the assisted living facility on Martin Road behind the park.

- 7. Board Comments:** Ms. Anderson stated that she attended the Story Hour. She noted the large number of potholes on Hickory Ridge Road and asked that the location of the stop bar on Seneca Drive at Martin Road be reviewed. She also inquired as to whether the vacancy on the RAC had been filled. Ms. Bland noted that she heard good things about the Story Hour event. Ms. Duvall was pleased with the installation of the four-way stop signs at Martin Road and Seneca Drive. She also noted that the deep potholes on the south end of Dovecote Drive near the pathway had returned and need to be fixed again. She commented that several Hickory Ridge residents volunteered at a recent Girls on the Run event. She asked that staff look into whether proposed crosswalks near Martin Road Park could be provided sooner and whether they could be raised rather than just painted. Ms. Sultan thanked staff for following up with the county regarding graffiti on the sidewalk near Clemens Crossing Elementary. The temporary fix is wonderful. She also heard good things about the Story Hour. She expressed concern about a bubbling water main on Pyramid Way. A resident in the audience stated that there is a new county app to deal with such matters.
- 8. Action Items:** Ms. Kulesza will send the approved FY18 4th Quarter Financials to CA. Staff will put information regarding the hearing on the proposed cell tower adjacent to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in the Log. Staff will follow up with the county regarding crosswalks near Martin Road Park, the stop bar on Seneca Drive, and the potholes on both Hickory Ridge Road and Dovecote Drive.
- 9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm by Ms. Sultan.