

**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
July 2, 2018**

Board Chair Allison Sultan called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm at The Hawthorn Center. Board members present included Skye Anderson, Jessamine Duvall and Fred Johnston. CA Board of Directors Member Gregg Schwind was also in attendance. Also present was Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There were about seven 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. **Clary's Forest Pool Landscape Screening:** Jan Clark from Columbia Association Open Space presented a plan to re-landscape the berm area between the pool and the homes on Sun Circle Way. Many of the pines planted when the pool was constructed in 1990 have lost the needles on the lower branches and are no longer providing adequate screening for the residents. The proposed plan affects four homes and calls for removing some of the overgrown pines on the berm and replacing them with large, quick growing arborvitae. A resident expressed concern that if the pines are removed, she will lose the screening they provide to the upper level of her home. She suggested a tall, board-on-board fence might be an alternate solution. Neither solution will provide a buffer for noise from the pool. Ms. Clark offered to visit the homes and speak personally with the residents and make adjustments to the plan, if necessary.
 - B. **Bicycle Master Plan Updates:** Albert Engel from Howard County Office of Transportation did a presentation on Bike Howard 2015 as the plans relate to Hickory Ridge. Hickory Ridge Road is scheduled to be repaved in Spring 2019. When that occurs, the Office of Transportation would like to re-stripe the road to include bike lanes between Martin Road and Little Patuxent Parkway. Mr. Engel was made aware of community concerns regarding the current location of the merge from two lanes to a single lane on westbound HRR and whether the addition of bike lanes would cause additional safety issues. He noted that a traffic study would be done before a final decision is made. Ms. Anderson stated that she had contacted the police to inquire about traffic accidents in the area. She was given no specifics but was told there are about three a year along that section of HRR. Ms. Duvall expressed concern about bike lanes limiting parking on HRR west of Cedar Lane. Mr. Engel described the proposed crosswalk on Hickory Ridge Road near the athletic fields and the ingress/egress of the existing CA path on the south side of HRR. He stated that it would be clearly indicated and include refuge islands for pedestrians to cross half way at a time. He noted that the pathway through the college could be completed by late fall. Mr. Engel also indicated that a proposed pathway from the Sebring neighborhood to Martin Road near Broken Land Parkway would be difficult to construct. He further noted that there are other ways to accomplish the needed connection for bicyclists. Finally, Mr. Engel asked for comments and input regarding the plans to be forwarded to BikeHoward.com by July 19.

5. Old Business: None

6. Reports:

A. CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind: Mr. Schwind noted that he had met with residents concerned about music/noise coming from the Clary's Forest Pool. He also expressed concerns about the level of development in the Columbia area and that the CA Board is provided with a monthly Development Tracker Report.

B. Manager's Report: Ms. Kulesza provided her report. She reminded the Board members about upcoming events including a Kimco sponsored concert at the village center on August 29. She provided them with a sample "good works" giveaway card. She updated them about possible renovation work at The Hawthorn Center. She is waiting to hear from CA regarding the updated Management Contract. She explained CA's policy regarding music at some pools and noted that Clary's Forest has had speakers playing music for the past five years. It is a popular amenity that draws people to that particular pool. The volume is pre-set, the system automatically shuts off at 6pm and the playlist is limited. Ms. Kulesza announced that the Atholton Robotics team is receiving free meeting space at The Hawthorn Center over the summer. Based on previous input, she provided the Board with a draft of an updated Student Member charter and will put the issue on a future agenda for discussion.

7. Board Comments: Ms. Duvall asked staff to find out why parking is not allowed in a particular spot at Clemens Crossing Pool. She asked that CA consider striping it to clearly prohibit parking if there is a reason. Mr. Johnston noted that he will not be at the July 16 meeting. Ms. Sultan expressed excitement about the planned "good works" giveaway.

8. Action Items: Ms. Kulesza will send the Board a copy of the recently received letter regarding noise at the Clary's Forest Pool. She will place a link to the BikeHoward presentation on the website. The Student Member Charter will be placed on a future agenda. Staff will check into Ms. Duvall's parking concern at the Clemens Crossing Pool. Ms. Lancos will send information regarding the original conversations on striping of Hickory Ridge Road to Mr. Engel. Ms. Kulesza will request crime and accident statistics from the police department to be presented at the July 16 Board meeting. She will get the approved Good Works coupons to Board members as soon as possible.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm by Ms. Sultan.