



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Village Board Meeting Minutes September 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, Jessamine Duvall and Fred Johnston. Also present was Gregg Schwind, CA Council Rep, Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There were four audience members.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of August 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** There were no comments from the audience.
4. **New Business:**
 - A. **Wilde Lake High School Donation:** Jennie Hill, head of the Math Department at WLHS, asked for assistance with funding an after-school activity bus so that students would be able to participate in an Algebra 1 help class. The Board approved a donation of \$501.
 - B. **CA's Solar Coop Program:** Danielle Tyeryar, CA Environmental Program Assistant, and Lexi Williams from Retrofit Baltimore attended the meeting to ask the village to get the word out regarding the information session scheduled for October 2 at The Hawthorn Center. CA and Retrofit are working together to provide discounted rates for purchasing solar panels.
 - C. **FY19 1st Quarter Financials:** The Board reviewed and approved the FY19 1st Quarter Financial statements.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Columbia Bike Guy:** Ms. Anderson stated that she had spoken to representatives from Harper's Choice about finding a way to honor the "Columbia Bike Guy" who picks up trash all over town. Various options are being considered.
6. **Reports:**
 - A. **CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind:** Mr. Schwind stated that there had been no CA Board meetings in August. In upcoming months, CA will be discussing land use issues. The County is in Phase 2 of a process to redo the Zoning Regulations for the entire county, including the NT zone which defines Columbia. He asked the Village Board to send a letter to the CA Board in support of the CA Board getting more involved in the discussions. The Village Board agreed to send a letter. Mr. Schwind has asked CA to explain its process and procedures on dealing with sexual harassment issues. He also asked that the village provide column space for him on its website.
 - B. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided updates on activities of the Watershed Advisory Committee. She noted that several recent village events had gone very well. Many more events are being planned. The Residential Architectural Committee asked that each Board member commit to attending one of its meetings. Ms. Kulesza presented a new rental rate schedule for The Hawthorn Center. The Board agreed with the increase in rental rates and security deposit. Hawthorn Pool upgrades will begin in September. The roof replacement is scheduled for late October. David Zeitzer has agreed to be on the Senior Advisory Committee.
7. **Board Comments:** Mr. Johnston noted that the 4-way stop signs at Martin Road and Seneca Drive seem to be working. There was some concern about a de facto 4-way stop situation that occurs on Freetown Road at Fair Oaks. Ms. Duvall asked staff to find out the timeline for replacement of the swings that were removed from several village tot-lots. Ms. Anderson expressed concern about a drug related robbery that took place in her neighborhood. She was also saddened by the mauling death of a Columbia resident by a pit bull. Ms. Sultan asked that residents be reminded to continue to mow their grass during the growing season including areas in the rear of their property.

- 8. Action Items:** Ms. Kulesza will send a check to WLHS. The village will advertise the Solar Coop program in its newsletter and on Facebook. Ms. Lancos will draft a letter to the CA Board asking it to be active in future discussions about changes to the Zoning Code. She will also check on the de facto four way stop on Freetown and the status of concerns raised about the Martin Road and Quarterstaff Road intersection. Ms. Kulesza will check on the status of repairs to the tot-lot swings.
- 9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 by Ms. Sultan.