



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Village Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2018, 7:30 pm
at The Hawthorn Center

Members Present: Allison Sultan, Skye Anderson, LaTonya Bland, Jessamine Duvall and Fred Johnston. CA Council Representative Gregg Schwind

Staff Present: Anne Kulesza, Joan Lancos

Guests: About 20 audience members

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of October 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** There were no comments regarding items not on the agenda.
4. **New Business:**
 - **Annual Columbia Association Update:** Andy Stack, Chair of the CA Board of Directors, provided an update on activities by the Columbia Association in the past year. He discussed the progress of several major facility improvements and listed upcoming projects at other facilities. The CA Board has provided CA President Milton Matthews with four primary goals for the coming year. Mr. Stack also announced that the CA Board is paying particular attention to land development as the County rewrite of the Zoning Code gets underway.
 - **Employee Benefits Option:** Ms. Kulesza presented the Board with some changes to eligible part-time employee benefits provide by Columbia Association for 2019. The Board approved the proposed changes.
5. **Old Business:**
 - **Village Center Board Position Discussion:** The Board heard from many residents, both for and against the Village Board changing its position on the redevelopment of Hickory Ridge Village Center. Board members are considering a more nuanced response that takes into consideration the concessions already agreed to by Kimco Realty while still expressing concern about traffic, the number of units and the height of the apartment building among other things. The Board will be discussing this topic further at the November 19 Board Meeting.
6. **Reports:**
 - **CA Board of Directors Report:** Mr. Schwind stated that CA will be putting additional lighting around a portion of Lake Kittamaqundi. CA is looking at the future of Fairway Hills Golf Course due to flood damage during several recent storms. He also encouraged the Board to pay attention to development proposed in the Columbia area.
 - **Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided updates on recent village events and reminded the Board of several upcoming events. She noted that no one had applied for the Student Member position. She also discussed changes and updates on the village website.
7. **Board Comments:** Ms. Anderson announced that Howard County had honored Athar Khan, the Columbia Bike Guy, and requested an article be placed in the Log. Additional recognition of Mr. Kahn is forthcoming. Mr. Schwind thanked Ms. Kulesza for the website updates. Ms. Sultan noted that she received a thank you letter from Wilde Lake High School for the Board's recent donation.
8. **Action Items:** Ms. Kulesza will talk to employees about changes to benefits and update the Employee Handbook. She will include a piece in the Log and on the website about the continuing discussion and upcoming meeting on the Village Center position. She will contact CA regarding clearing the open space at the village center.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 by Ms. Sultan.