



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Village Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2020, 7:30 pm at The Hawthorn Center

Members Present: Board Chair Allison Sultan, Jess Duvall, Skye Anderson, Fred Johnston, and LaTonya Bland. Also present was CA Board rep Rafia Siddiqui.

Staff Present: Kristina Strakna, Joan Lancos

Guests: There were 3 audience members

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of January 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted. Ms. Sultan abstained.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** A resident expressed concern that the roadbed on Martin Road between Owen Brown Road and Hickory Ridge Road may be sinking.
4. **New Business:**
 - **Hickory Ridge Bicycle Master Plan:** Chris Eatough, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator from Howard County Office of Transportation, provided an overview of the status of the Hickory Ridge Bicycle Master Plan. The county received good results from its survey and also did scientific analysis. As a result, several projects are being considered. The goal is to reduce the level of traffic stress for cyclists in the Hickory Ridge area.
5. **Old Business:** None
6. **Reports:**
 - **CA Board of Director's Report:** Ms. Siddiqui reported on the January 23 CA Board meeting. She noted that there had been much discussion about various community grants that CA funds. The CA Board is concerned about developers contributing to a fee in lieu fund rather than building moderate income housing. In addition, the Board is also interested in a State delegation bill related to developer campaign contributions. The Board is supporting a state bill to provide grant funding for the Butterfly Building to be built in Symphony Woods.
 - **Manager's Report:** Ms. Strakna reminded the Board of upcoming meetings. She provided an election update. She will inquire as to the status of electronic voting. Ms. Lancos provided information on the construction of Brightview Senior Living.
7. **Board Comments:** Ms. Anderson noted that she attended a County Budget Hearing. MS. Sultan suggested having a Candidate's Night for Board of Education candidates running in District 4. Ms. Duvall asked about repaving of Martin Road after construction is completed.
8. **Action Items:** Place information about the Bike Master Plan on village website. Place info about village elections on website. Find out status of electronic voting. Send out via social media. Find out about already scheduled candidate forums. Place discussion of hosting forum on next agenda. Check with Brightview developer regarding possible repaving of Martin Road. Notify county about Martin Road issue between Hickory Ridge Road and Owen Brown Road.
9. **Executive Session:** Ms. Duvall made a motion to close the meeting to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter. Ms. Anderson seconded. The motion passed 5-0. The Board went into closed session at 8:37pm. Those present during the executive session were Fred Johnston, Skye Anderson, LaTonya Bland, Jessamine Duvall, Allison Sultan, Kristina Strakna, and Joan Lancos. Ms. Strakna and Ms. Lancos left the meeting at 9:05. At 9:31 pm, Ms. Bland made a motion to re-open the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Johnston. The Board voted 5-0 to reopen the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a legal matter related to facility safety and then to discuss a personnel matter.
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm by Ms. Sultan.