



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Village Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019, 7:30 pm at The Hawthorn Center

Members Present: Skye Anderson, Allison Sultan, Fred Johnston, and Jessamine Duvall

Staff Present: Anne Kulesza, Joan Lancos

Guests: There were three audience members

Call to Order: 7:31 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
2. **Approval of October 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** None
4. **New Business:**
 - **Howard County Housing Repair Loan Program:** Deborah Gillen from Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development provided information on *Reinvest, Renovate, Restore* which is a county funded housing repair program that provides low cost loans to income eligible residents.
 - **Cub Scout Pack 720 Charter:** Mike Solpietro gave a brief update on the Pack and requested that the charter be renewed and that Mr. Johnston be re-appointed as the Board Liaison. The Board moved approval of the Charter renewal and re-appointed Mr. Johnston.
 - **EV Charging Station:** The Columbia Association is considering placing a charging station in the parking lot at The Hawthorn Center. By consensus, the Board agreed to allow Hawthorn to be considered for the installation.
5. **Old Business:** None
6. **Reports:**
 - **CA Board of Director's Report:** Ms. Siddiqui was unable to attend the meeting; however, River Hill representative Renee DuBois attended to update the Board. She noted that CA is considering several budget items including completion of renovations at the Supreme Sports Club and Columbia Gym, various options to improve the bottom line at the Haven, and a policy for neighborhood center maintenance and use.
 - **Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza is still working on the insurance issue. She provided information on a recent meeting with the Bureau of Highways regarding funding priorities for maintenance of Right-of-Way. Second quarter financials will be ready shortly. Thanks to Ms. Anderson's reach out to Deb Jung's office, the D4 crime report should be continued.
7. **Board Comments:** Ms. Anderson mentioned the range of affordable housing options in Howard County. Ms. Anderson attended the Community Ecology Institute's Open House event as the representative from Hickory Ridge. Mr. Johnston expressed concern about the speeds of vehicles using US29 considering the recent double fatal accident. Ms. Sultan expressed her continuing concern regarding the dead tree in front of Clemens Crossing Elementary. She also thanked Ms. Kulesza for recent updates from the community resource officer regarding some local issues.
8. **Action Items:** Staff will post a link to information about the housing repair program on the website. Staff will contact the county again about the dead tree. Ms. Kulesza will let CA know that the Village Board is amenable to an EV charging station at The Hawthorn Center.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm by Ms. Sultan.