



**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2023, 7:30 pm via Zoom meeting**

**Meeting recording:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/qJNvPYcT9O2xeBb5HINrT1OsnM0Ckw4EtcPBK442-atEGLshOb7FBE7bEQDWKgn4.nckpMjlk24uAe9LP?startTime=1678750278000>

**Members Present:** Skye Anderson, Jeremy Dommu and Bill Inglis. James Blackwood joined a couple of minutes into the meeting. Kristine Amari was an excused absence.

**Staff Present:** Laura Mayton

**Guests:** Approximately 18 guests attended.

**Call to Order:** 7:30 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Inglis made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dommu seconded. The agenda was approved. Ms. Anderson, Mr. Dommu and Mr. Inglis in favor.
2. **Approval of the February 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes and Review of Approval of February 21, 2023, Closed Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Dommu made a motion to approve the February 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Inglis seconded. The February 27, 2023, meeting minutes were approved unanimously. The review of the approval of the February 21, 2023 Closed Meeting Minutes was tabled.
3. **Board Update:** Ms. Anderson shared that Hickory Ridge collected paperback books at three events, which were then delivered to Howard County General Hospital's ER. Mr. Dommu reported that new sidewalk connections are being installed on Owen Brown Road at Jerry's Drive and Llanfair Drive. These will be connected to each other when construction occurs on the property at 10446 Owen Brown Road. A crosswalk across Owen Brown Road at Jerry's Drive is also part of the project.
4. **Village Voices:** Ms. Link expressed her dismay that the Board directed the attorney to take possible costly action in a closed session. Ms. Link also stated that she does not appreciate attacks on those interested in compromise on the Village Center redevelopment. Mr. Des Roches believes all residents of Hickory Ridge would like a vital Village Center whether they are for or against the proposed redevelopment. Ms. Grier stated that the Senior Advisory Committee at Columbia Association is now officially the Aging Well and Community Advocacy Committee. Membership has been expanded to include residents 55+. Mr. Surowitz believes the equipment at the Athletic Club is not maintained to a satisfactory level. He also stated that he feels that Sierra Villas is not receiving adequate support to enforce covenant issues.
5. **CA Board of Directors Report – Brian England:** Mr. England discussed Columbia-wide watershed issues and "slowing the flow" before the water hits the streambeds. He also discussed working with Howard County to remediate the flow of water off County property and various options he would like to advocate for.
6. **New Business:**
  - a. **FY2024 Draft Budget:** Ms. Anderson made a motion to accept the FY2024 Draft Budget. Mr. Inglis seconded. Mr. Dommu stated that planning the budget with a deficit is a good idea in order to attempt to minimize Hickory Ridge dollars being given to Columbia Association at the

end of the year. Mr. Domm recommended adding an additional \$5000 to the Special Events line so that Block Party and Cul-de-Sac Grants dollar amounts can be increased. Mr. Domm made a motion to increase the Special Events budget line to \$30,000. Mr. Inglis seconded. The proposed amendment to the FY24 Draft Budget was approved unanimously. The amended FY2024 Draft Budget was approved unanimously.

- b. Senior Advisory Committee Report:** Ms. Grier gave the committee report during Village Voices. See above for information.

7. **Old Business:**

- a. Village Center Update:** Board members discussed G. Macy Nelson's motion filed with the Circuit Court of Howard County regarding Kimco's petition to redevelop the Hickory Ridge Village Center. Kimco is appealing the Howard County Zoning Board's decision to deny the petition to redevelop the Hickory Ridge Village Center. The appeal will be heard by the Circuit Court. Kimco's attorney has filed a motion to supplement the Zoning Board case record with additional materials. The attorney for Hickory Ridge, G. Macy Nelson, filed a motion in response to Kimco's motion. You may read the motion filed by Mr. Macy on behalf of Hickory Ridge here: [Response of Hickory Village Community Association to Motion to Supplement the Record.](#)

- 8. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Mayton stated that the Saturday Storytime was a success with about 30 children and their family members in attendance. She also reminded the community that there will be two Candidate Forums, one virtual on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00pm and one in-person on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:00pm More information will be on the Hickory Ridge website.
- 9. **Feedback Session:** There were no comments.
- 10. **Board Comments:** There were no comments.
- 11. **Action Items:** None.
- 12. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.