

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Village Board Meeting Minutes June 12, 2023, 7:30 pm

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Closed Session prior to public meeting:

Chairperson Kristine Amari called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Board members present included Jared Ball, Jeremy Dommu, Steve Hannan, Bill Inglis, Mariah Robertson, Chris Smith and Skye Anderson. Macy Nelson, Hickory Ridge Land Use Attorney was also present. Staff present was Laura Mayton, Village Manager. In compliance with Maryland HOA Act Section 11B-111 (4)(iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, Board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters, Mr. Dommu made a motion to close the meeting. Dr. Ball seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Robertson made a motion to open the meeting. Mr. Inglis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Members Present: Kristine Amari, Jared Ball, Jeremy Dommu, Steve Hannan, Bill Inglis, Mariah Robertson, Chris

Smith and Skye Anderson.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton and Emily Rieger **Guests:** Approximately 17 guests attended.

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

- 1. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Inglis made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Hannan seconded. Ms. Anderson requested to move Village Center Redevelopment Update to Old Business, 7.B and she made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Robertson seconded. The agenda, as amended, was approved unanimously.
- **2. Approval of the May 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Dommu made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Inglis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **3. Board Update:** Dr. Robertson shared that she would be participating in the Harriet Tubman Hill/Juneteenth 5K and invited residents and fellow Board members to join her. Ms. Anderson is working to connect members of the Patuxent Commons project and the Pastor of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church for future partnership opportunities. Ms. Amari wished everyone a Happy Pride Month.
- 4. **Resident Speak-Out:** No comments were made.
- 5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson:** Ms. Anderson will be holding office hours that will be posted on the <u>CA Council Representative page of the website</u>. Ms. Anderson shared a brief overview about the Columbia Points program, an initiative that allows deserving students to earn a membership for themselves and their families through their performance in the classroom.

6. New Business:

a. **Hickory Ridge Watershed Advisory Committee Report (Deborah Wessner):** Ms. Wessner and two WAC members shared their findings and recommendations regarding watershed issues on CA

Open Space. The Board decided to send a letter to CA's WAC highlighting the Hickory Ridge WAC's recommendations. Ms. Mayton agreed to draft the letter and share it with the Board at the next meeting.

- b. Community Engagement: The Board expressed in detail the need and desire to engage residents on a deeper level. The Board brainstormed ideas including but not limited to engaging apartment residents, enhancing social media and creating a community advisory sub-committee. The Board requested that Ms. Mayton contact the Village of Wilde Lake staff to inquire about their community sub-committee and share her findings at the next meeting.
- c. **Election Documents Review:** Ms. Amari recommended deferring this discussion to the meeting on July 10th so that the meeting could be devoted to discussing recommendations. Mr. Inglis made a motion to cancel the Board meeting on June 26th and review the election documents at the in-person Board meeting on July 10th. Dr. Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Property Annexation:** The Board will review Mr. Nelson's findings and review them at a future meeting.
- b. Village Center Redevelopment Update: The Board requested that Mr. Nelson give them an estimate for legal costs associated with participating in Kimco's appeal of the Circuit Court decision. Once Mr. Nelson provides the estimate, the Board will decide if Hickory Ridge will participate in the appeal process. Mr. Nelson does not expect any immediate progress on the case and stated that the appeal could be heard in court in December or January.
- 8. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Mayton notified the Board that the rescheduled Columbia Cleans event was canceled out of an abundance of caution due to the threat of continuing smoky conditions. She reminded the Board about the upcoming Hickory Ridge Pool Party and the Puzzle and Lunch event.

9. Action Items:

- a. Ms. Mayton will draft an email to CA Open Space regarding watershed issues on Open Space.
- b. Ms. Mayton will talk with Wilde Lake staff regarding their community subcommittee.
- 10. Closed Session per Maryland HOA Act Section 11B-111(4) (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel: In compliance with Maryland HOA Act Section 11B-111(4) (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel, Mr. Inglis made a motion to close the meeting. Mr. Dommu seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Ms. Amari made a motion to open the meeting, Mr. Dommu seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **11. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:12pm.