



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Village Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023, 7:30 pm

Meeting recording: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/O8-YUiBiYHpc9IkBRIbWxcr1Y7xWOUspH9niENpPYztrtzBWqKzyKWJbMyIGCzmb.IVLIjZ22yBbsyqp m?startTime=1699921721000> There was a technical issue with the recording of this meeting.

Members Present: Kristine Amari, Jared Ball, Steve Hannan, Mariah Robertson, Chris Smith and Skye Anderson. Jeremy Dommou notified members of his absence. Bill Inglis was also absent.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton

Guests: Two guests attended.

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Dr. Robertson made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Hannan seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of October 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the October 23, 2023, meeting minutes. Dr. Robertson seconded. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Board Update:** Dr. Robertson mentioned attending a Native American Celebration. Mr. Smith attended The Longest Table event sponsored by Howard County Library. Ms. Amari encouraged everyone to respond to CA's [Tot Lot Survey](#).
4. **Resident Speak-Out:** No residents spoke.
5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson:** Ms. Anderson mentioned her Office Hours Outside at Mad City Coffee on Friday, November 17th, 5:00 – 6:00pm. Ms. Anderson also stated that the CA Board is working on the FY25 budget and beginning the search for a permanent President and CEO. She stated that the CA Board is also updating the Board policies and procedures.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Election Committee Status Report:** Ms. Mayton reported on behalf of the Chair, Don Warner, that the Committee met on October 26, 2023. At the next meeting on November 21, 2023, the Committee will review and edit the current election documents.
 - b. **Community Engagement Committee Appointments:** Ms. Mayton stated that she received applications from Brian England, Elizabeth Hammon, Viviana Lindo, Jonathan McKinney and Camille Williams. Ms. Mayton verified that all applicants were residents of Hickory Ridge and recommended appointing them to the committee. Dr. Robertson made a motion to appoint the five residents to the Community Engagement Committee. Dr. Ball seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Board Procedures Review (Meeting Recording and Resident Speak-Out):** The Board discussed recording the meetings and agreed to continue recording. The Board discussed Resident Speak-Out procedures and Dr. Robertson and Mr. Smith volunteered to come up with some new procedures to present to the Board, perhaps at the December meeting.

- b. **Advocacy Letter for Rent Control in Howard County:** The Board discussed sending a letter. Ms. Mayton offered to compose a letter in favor of rent control policies in Howard County to the County Executive and County Council and send it to Board members for review before the next meeting.
8. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Mayton listed the upcoming Special Events. She also mentioned that Howard County's Economic Development Authority will be at the Hickory Ridge Village Center to meet with merchants and guide them to available resources.
9. **Action Items:**
 - a. Ms. Mayton will work with committee members to set the date for the first meeting for the Community Engagement Committee.
 - b. Ms. Mayton will draft a letter advocating for rent control policies in Howard County and send the draft letter to Board members.
 - c. Mr. Smith and Dr. Robertson will brainstorm about Resident Speak-Out procedures and present them to the Board at the December meeting.
10. **Adjournment:** Dr. Ball made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Robertson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.