

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Village Board Meeting Minutes November 27, 2023, 7:30 pm

Meeting recording:

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Members Present: Kristine Amari, Jared Ball, Jeremy Dommu, Steve Hannan, Bill Inglis, Chris Smith and Skye Anderson.

Mariah Robertson notified members of her absence.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton and Emily Rieger

Guests: Seventeen guests attended.

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

- 1. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hannan seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- **2. Approval of November 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Hannan made a motion to approve the November 13, 2023, meeting minutes. Dr. Ball seconded. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3. **Board Update:** Ms. Amari shared that The Columbia Association is hosting an interactive session and panel discussion on the impact of climate change on our community on Wednesday, November 29th from 6-8pm at Claret Hall and encouraged fellow Board members and residents to attend.
- 4. Resident Speak-Out: No residents spoke.
- 5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson:** Ms. Anderson shared that the CA has selected a search firm who will assist in the process of identifying a permanent President and CEO with that person to start May 1, 2024. Ms. Anderson will be hosting her office hours at Mad City Coffee on Fridays in December at 5pm.

6. New Business:

a. **Election Committee Status Report:** Mr. Warner, the Chair of the Election Committee, shared that the Committee has met twice. At their most recent meeting, the Committee reviewed and edited 90% of the current election documents. The committee will meet again on Tuesday, November 28th to make final adjustments which will then be sent to the Board for review.

7. Old Business:

- a. Advocacy Letter for Rent Control in Howard County: Ms. Mayton, at the request of the Board, composed a letter in favor of rent control policies in Howard County to the County Executive and County Council. She shared the letter and highlighted an additional sentence that had been added, written by Mr. Smith. After much discussion, Mr. Hannan made a motion to send the letter as amended. Mr. Inglis seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 8. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Mayton listed the upcoming Special Events. She reminded everyone that there will be an in-person Board meeting on Monday, December 11th, the last one in 2023. Ms. Mayton shared that she received a community engagement application from Lynn Hannan and recommended that the Board appoint her to the

committee. Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Lynn Hannan to the Community Engagement Committee. Mr. Inglis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Action Items:

- a. Ms. Mayton will send the letter advocating for rent control policies in Howard County to the County Executive and County Council.
- b. Mr. Smith and Dr. Robertson will present their ideas regarding Resident Speak-Out procedures to the Board at the December meeting.
- 10. **Adjournment:** Mr. Dommu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Ball seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.