

# HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Village Board Meeting Minutes July 10, 2023, 7:30 pm

# Meeting recording:

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

Mariah Robertson were absent with advance notice and Bill Inglis was also absent.

**Staff Present:** Laura Mayton and Emily Rieger **Guests:** Approximately 6 guests attended.

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

- 1. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Hannan made a motion to approve the agenda and Dr. Ball seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- **2. Approval of the June 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Hannan made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **3. Board Update:** Dr. Ball shared his positive experience attending a concert at the Merriweather Post Pavilion. Ms. Anderson attended a planning meeting on the Patuxent Commons project. Ms. Amari, Mr. Smith and Dr. Robertson hosted a Board member walk & talk and they hope to continue on a monthly basis.
- 4. **Resident Speak-Out:** Mr. Gardner asked if CA has a review process for tree removal on Open Space. Ms. Mayton agreed to connect Mr. Gardner with Mr. Mooneyhan, Director of Open Space Operations. Ms. Link also commented on tree removal and seconded Mr. Gardner's comments.
- 5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson:** Ms. Anderson's June report has been published on the website and she reminded residents that she will be holding office hours that are posted on the <u>CA</u> Council Representative page of the website.

### 6. New Business:

- a. **Review of FY 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials:** Ms. Mayton reviewed the FY 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the FY 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials. Mr. Hannan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Election Documents/Rules Review: Ms. Amari led the Board in a discussion regarding each of the Election Committee recommendations. The Board agreed with the Election Committee's recommendation to convene members of the Election Committee earlier in the year. Mr. Hannan suggested changing the 48-hour deadline for the Contribution and Expense Report to 5pm the Monday following the election. Mr. Ball suggested prohibiting campaign spending and creating Village-wide election signs with the hope of fostering an all-inclusive, village-uniting election rather than focusing on individual campaigns.

## 7. Old Business:

- a. Letter to Open Space Regarding Hickory Ridge Watershed Advisory Committee
  Recommendations: Ms. Mayton drafted a letter regarding watershed issues in Open Space in
  Hickory Ridge found during a WAC review of Open Space in Clary's Forest. The letter received
  approval from the members of the WAC. Dr. Ball made a motion to send the letter to Open Space.
  Mr. Hannan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 8. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Mayton notified the Board that new residents have been mailed a letter welcoming them to the Village. She also shared that the neighborhood signs that were damaged by cars at the Broken Land Pkwy/Hickory Ridge Road intersection and the Seneca Dr/Martin Rd intersections will be replaced; Jan Clark at CA is pursuing the approval process for the expenses as capital projects.

### 9. Action Items:

- a. Ms. Mayton will send the letter to CA Open Space regarding watershed issues.
- b. Dr. Ball will draft a proposal of the village-wide election concept.
- **10. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10pm.