



**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2023, 7:30 pm**

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**Members Present:** Kristine Amari, Jared Ball, Jeremy Domm, Mariah Robertson, Chris Smith and Skye Anderson. Mr. Inglis joined at approximately 7:55pm. Mr. Hannan notified the staff that he would not be in attendance.

**Staff Present:** Laura Mayton and Emily Rieger

**Guests:** Approximately 25 guests attended.

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

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Domm made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Smith seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of the July 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the July 24, 2023, meeting minutes. Dr. Robertson seconded. Mr. Domm made a request that the minutes note the names of the Board members and their vote regarding Macy Nelson's estimate for the Village Center redevelopment appeal. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously, as amended.
3. **Board Update:** Dr. Ball shared that he and his family had a wonderful time at the Howard County Fair. Ms. Amari invited residents to join members of the Hickory Ridge Village Board at Mad City Coffee Tuesday, August 22nd from 7:00—8:00pm to ask questions, raise any issues or just to chat.
4. **Resident Speak-Out:** Ms. Hammon invited residents to attend Unlearn University: Anti-Racism 101: Back to Basics event at Freetown Farm on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00pm.
5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson:** Ms. Anderson encouraged residents and Board members to attend the upcoming Columbia Association Board meeting on September 14 at 7:00pm. Ms. Anderson also reminded everyone of her office hours (posted on the website) and invited all residents and Board members to attend.
6. **New Business:**
  - a. **Village Assessment Share, Michael Golibersuch, Owen Brown Village Board Chair:** Mr. Golibersuch shared a very detailed presentation designed to bring attention to the disparities of funding from The Columbia Association to each Village. He hoped that by presenting the information in a clear, concise way to the Hickory Ridge Board and residents, Hickory Ridge would work with representatives of Owen Brown to take the initiative to address the issue of inequitable funding. Ms. Amari and Dr. Robertson agreed to attend a meeting with Mr. Golibersuch to discuss this issue with the Village of Kings Contrivance.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a. **AWCAC (Aging Well in Columbia Advisory Committee) Report by Celindah Grier, Hickory Ridge Representative:** Ms. Grier encouraged the Board to consider ways to support senior transportation to and from events at The Hawthorn Center. The AWCAC continues to work on aging in place initiatives.

- b. **Letter to the County Council Regarding Proposed General Plan:** Several residents spoke in opposition to the draft letter presented at the Board meeting. The Board decided not to send a letter to the County Council regarding the proposed General Plan.
- c. **Election Document Review:** Several residents expressed concern with the Election proposal to prohibit campaign spending. Dr. Ball believes that this new approach will help to simplify the election process and encourage more resident involvement. Ms. Amari asked the Board to each send a time and list of tasks that they would like the Election Committee to focus on to Ms. Mayton before the next Board meeting.

8. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Mayton invited the Board to attend the Hickory Ridge Back to School Community Celebration scheduled for Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Hawthorn Center parking lot. Ms. Mayton shared that the Winter Artisan Market vendor application will go live on September 1<sup>st</sup> as well as registration for the Hickory Ridge Flea Market. Ms. Mayton reminded the Board and residents that the next Board meeting will be in-person at The Hawthorn Center on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

9. **Action Items:**

- a. Ms. Mayton will send the assessment share chart to the members of the Board.
- b. Ms. Mayton will send the letter that Mr. Golibersuch has drafted to the Board.
- c. Ms. Mayton will email the Board to remind them to send a list tasks and a timeline for the Election Committee.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.