## The Hickory Hillside Hive

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## 11 May First meeting – organizational meeting

Basically I am the village rep to the Columbia Council. The Council met to appoint ourselves to the Board. Also the Board 'elected' a chair: this part of the meeting was also written up in *The Merriweather Post* <a href="here">here</a>. Andy Stack from Owen Brown will be the chair for the first half of the year, followed by Eric Greenberg from River Hill. Interim President/CEO Dennis Mattey gave a PowerPoint orientation. The board agreed to begin the search for the President/CEO search firm (and will vote on this during the next meeting). And finally, board members signed policy agreements and accepted assignments to various committees and the Inner Arbor Trust (IAT).

## **25 May** Second meeting.

The Board meets the second Thursday of the month for a 'board work session' at which time no votes are taken but several topics are discussed. On the meeting of the fourth Thursday, the board holds a 'board meeting,' essentially a voting session. The board voted to increase and extend the line of credit, the Customer Relationship Management system was presented and the board received a report from the IAT.

## **Other Activities**

I received a briefing from the President/CEO and his staff, with the Senior Leadership Team; the board held a social event; I attended Wine in the Woods, a presentation on the proposed new library, the year-end celebration for Points Program participants, and the Board Operations Committee meeting (quarterly, sets the agendas). I also held Office Hours (at Mad City and the Wilde Lake Starbucks) where Columbia residents can come to tell me what they want to about Columbia. The next Office Hours will be Friday on the patio of the Hawthorn Center from 4-5pm. Dogs are always welcome!

And remember, We are All Hickory Ridge!