

The Hickory Hillside Hive

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30 June 2023 (June report)

8 June First [meeting](#) (work session) highlights

-Greg Fitchitt, Howard Hughes Corporation, presented the Downtown Update for over an hour (minute 31:51)

-We reviewed the Ethics Code and Policy for Reporting Violations and discussed the proposed Ethics Panel, a 3-person panel to investigate and recommend actions for ethics violations by board members and senior personnel (the composition of the panel received the most discussion)

22 June Second meeting highlights

-We began the [meeting](#) with excellent short videos of Lakefront Live (12:56), spring prep (14:10) (16:35), and energy saving (19:20).

-Resident Speakout featured two segments: General and “How do you want to see Downtown Columbia evolve?”

-Annual reports of the advisory committees were accepted

-We approved the goals and objectives* of the interim president/CEO and approved the Ethics Code, pending the approval of the Enforcement Policy and Ethics Panel Charter

-Discussion of the Ethics Panel Charter was tabled

Other Activities

I received tours of stream restoration and the Open Space/Pathways. The board spent two Saturday mornings in training and on one Thursday evening received legal training and updates. Since I am on the Audit committee, I also received a briefing on that committee prior to the committee’s first open meeting, followed by a closed portion, as always. I also attended a meeting of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee (there is one vacancy). The CA board had a social event with the senior leadership and we also held a closed meeting. And finally, I attended the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) festival at Merriweather/Symphony Woods. And my usual weekly Office Hours. Whew!

Office Hours

July’s office hours are currently planned for July 11 (Tuesday) 6 pm, and July 30 (Sunday) 5:30pm, at Mad City. Dogs welcome!

And remember, **We are All Hickory Ridge!**

*** Goals and Objectives of CA’s President**

Enhancing CA's Outreach

- Create collaborative partnerships for Lakefront programming

- Create a CA communications initiative focusing on sustainability
- Engage residents to further participate in CA programming initiatives
- Implement Columbia Corps Community Engagement Initiative

Enhancing the CA Organization

- Create a collaborative working relationship between CA Board and CA staff to facilitate working together for the best outcomes
- Meet or exceed financial goals as approved by the Board in the FY24 budget
- Expand ArcGIS integration with Open Space assets, mapping, invasive plant management, etc.
- Hire a new General Counsel

Facilitate Long Term Board initiatives

- Facilitate the CA President/CEO search process
- Facilitate creating the next CA 5-year strategic plan