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Columbia Association Rep Report
30 September 2023 (September report)

The Hickory Hillside Hive

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1. Work Session, 14 Sep, Thursday, 7 pm (Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZeITxz3Mp8>)
(Packet with Agenda: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZeITxz3Mp8> 59 pages)
 - a. Brainstormed high-level budget requests
 - b. Discussed an easement request regarding the Jug Handle
 - c. Briefly went over Strategic Plan procedure
 - d. Discussed two new committees (Search and Strategic Plan)
 - e. Discussed a Director's Handbook and Job Description
 - f. Discussed Resident Speakout
2. Meeting, 28 Sep, Thursday 7 pm (Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqfl3gITTMc>)
(Packet with Agenda: <https://columbiaassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Packet-for-Posting-1.pdf> 201 pages)
 - a. Disbanded two committees (incorporated them into the board)
 - b. Approved the directors' guidebook
 - c. Appointed a committee member
 - d. The jug handle easement request was passed
 - e. No changes were made to the Resident Speakout policy – this was a very long discussion which resulted in tabling two topics
 - f. Approved strategic priorities
 - g. Accepted 1st quarter financial reports and statements from the Audit Committee
 - h. Accepted Minority Business Enterprise report
3. Closed Meetings (18 Sept) plus some closed portions of committee meetings
(see meeting minutes of the voting meeting for details)

4. Training - none
5. Committee meetings
 - a. Audit - attended
 - b. Climate Change and Sustainability - cancelled
 - c. Inner Arbor Trust – conflict with village board meeting
 - d. Art Center Advisory Committee – I was a substitute for a CA Board member who could not attend
6. Advisory Committee information for residents (accurate as of 16 September)
Highlighted this month are the following advisory committees with resident members:

Health and Fitness Advisory Committee
International & Multicultural Advisory Committee
Millennial Advisory Committee

Health and Fitness Advisory Committee

What they do: This is a community that cares deeply about encouraging wellness, and the Health and Fitness Advisory Committee (HAFAC) is all about promoting initiatives that support a healthier Columbia.

This committee is looking for new members! If you're a current member of a CA fitness facility and interested in applying, email Kevin Shaffer (kevin.shaffer@columbiaassociation.org).

The HAFAC serves as a resource to CA staff and the Board of Directors, making recommendations on CA fitness club policies, programs and investments. Members of the HAFAC also serve as liaisons between fitness club members and CA management, and help disseminate information on CA's wide array of health and fitness initiatives.

When they meet: The HAFAC meets one Monday evening per quarter. The next meeting is 11/13/2023 7:00pm

International & Multicultural Advisory Committee

What they do: Part of what makes Columbia special is its incredible diversity, and the International & Multicultural Advisory Committee (IMAC) is proud to celebrate these diverse cultures and help champion cultural understanding and awareness.

The IMAC typically meets every other month on the third Wednesday. If you're a resident or employee in Howard County interested in serving a one-year term, email Grace Chang (grace.chang@columbiaassociation.org) or CAInternational.Advisory@columbiaassociation.org.

When they meet: The IMAC typically meets every other month on the third Wednesday, at 7 pm.

Millennial Advisory Committee

What they do: The Millennial Advisory Committee was initially formed as a work group, which resulted in a report called "[Exploring Ways to Better Serve Millennials.](#)" Since then, the committee provides insight to CA staff and the Board of Directors on how to increase engagement with the community's young adult population and offers feedback on how to best implement the report's recommendations. This group is often tapped to bring new ideas and viewpoints about CA's existing services, programs and amenities. The Millennial Advisory Committee is made up of members between the ages of 19 and 35. This group is in the process of transitioning, so stay tuned for updates.

Remember: We are all Hickory Ridge!
