



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Village Board Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2024, at 7:30 pm

Meeting recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/u3EktVGygLrSckGmelTe5naqKRk2-HOZA6vfW8e7IGjSfRZJUPLi9YXpGHMTfwz0.EAgnTUK3xO-5_Cph?startTime=1707783183000

Members Present: Kristine Amari, Jared Ball, Jeremy Dommu, Steve Hannan, Bill Inglis, Mariah Robertson, Chris Smith and Skye Anderson

Staff Present: Laura Mayton and Emily Rieger

Guests: About 43 guests.

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Inglis made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dommu seconded. The Board approved the agenda unanimously.
2. **Approval of January 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the January 22, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Inglis seconded. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Board Update:** Dr. Ball invited the Board and residents to join Dedrick Asante-Muhammad, Chief of Organizing, Policy, and Equity with the National Community Reinvestment Commission, for a talk about the history of Columbia on February 29th at 7pm at The Hawthorn Center. In his talk, he will examine the history of Columbia beyond his childhood memories and scrutinizes its challenges and progress in addressing Black/white inequality.
4. **Resident Speak-Out:** No residents spoke.
5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson:** Ms. Anderson shared the Columbia Arts Center will be closed in the fall of 2024 for renovations, however, programming and outreach events will continue at other locations. She encouraged residents to attend her weekly office hours on Fridays, 5:00 – 6:00pm at Mad City Coffee at the intersection of Cedar Lane and Hickory Ridge Road. Ms. Anderson said that tonight there will be a short presentation on a proposed, revised CA policy by a resident of Oakland Mills. She also informed us that the CA Board has not yet discussed it but when they do and when she has something to share, she will report back to the village.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Hickory Ridge Village Center Appellate Court Hearing, G. Macy Nelson:** Mr. Nelson shared that he will be representing Hickory Ridge for the hearing on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 9:30am – 12:30 pm, in Annapolis. Interested may attend in-person or virtually. To attend virtually, [go here](#) and select “Courtroom 1.”
 - b. **Proposed Easement Policy for CA, Karin Emery, CA Board Member from Oakland Mills:** After Ms. Amari introduced Ms. Emery as a CA Board member, Ms. Anderson said that Ms. Emery was not speaking as a CA Board member because the CA Board has not taken a stand on the procedure or even discussed the procedure. Ms. Anderson also stated that the CA Board has not received advice from legal counsel, so Ms. Emery’s presentation should be considered introductory information. Ms. Emery stated that she was speaking as a CA Board member. Ms. Emery presented the draft easement procedure for Columbia Association and requested feedback from Board members and residents. Several Board members and residents had comments and questions, to which Ms. Emery responded. The Hickory Ridge Board will discuss her proposal again at an upcoming meeting.

- c. **Patuxent Commons, Debbie Clutts, Howard County Autism Housing Task Force:** Debbie Clutts, Hickory Ridge resident, and Elizabeth Everhart, Senior Development Manager at Mission First Housing Group, updated the Board and residents on the progress of Patuxent Commons. Patuxent Commons is an intentional, supportive community for people of all ages, abilities, and incomes planned for the northeast corner of Freetown Road and Cedar Lane. The project will have 76 units and is expected to break ground in June.
- d. **Board Meeting on April 22nd-Passover:** Ms. Mayton suggested to the Board that they move the April 22nd meeting, which conflicts with Passover, to April 29th. Mr. Dommu made a motion to move the Board meeting to April 29th. Mr. Inglis seconded. The Board approved the April 29th meeting date unanimously.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Election Procedure Review:** Ms. Mayton shared with the Board how she incorporated the edits into the Election Procedures and Guidelines document. The Board then reviewed the fully revised document. Mr. Hannan made a motion to approve and finalize the document. Mr. Smith seconded. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

8. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Mayton reminded Board members and attendees that the candidate packet to run for the Village Board or the CA Board of Directors is due on March 11th at 5pm. Ms. Mayton also shared the success of the Hickory Ridge Pizza Party.

9. Action Items:

- a. Ms. Mayton will share the video link for observing the oral argument during the Appellate Court Hearing.
- b. The Board will send their comments about Ms. Emery's proposed policy to Ms. Mayton. Ms. Mayton will compile the comments and share them with the Board at the next meeting.

10. **Adjournment:** Mr. Inglis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hannan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.