



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Village Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2024, at 7:30 pm

Meeting recording:

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Members Present: Kristine Amari, Jared Ball, Jeremy Domm, Steve Hannan, Chris Smith and Skye Anderson. Dr. Robertson joined the meeting around 7:50pm. Mr. Inglis was absent.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton and Emily Rieger

Guests: Approximately 16 guests

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Domm made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith seconded. The Board approved the agenda unanimously.
2. **Approval of February 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Hannan made a motion to approve the February 12, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Domm 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 Columbia at 55 on February 29th at 7pm at The Hawthorn Center. Mr. Domm raised concerns regarding the potential budget cuts from the Howard County Public School System. He asked to include the topic on a future Board agenda.
4. **Resident Speak-Out:** Ms. Grier, Hickory Ridge Representative to the Aging Well in Columbia Advisory Committee at CA shared a brief update. Ms. Mars, a Hickory Ridge resident requested that the Board concentrate on issues pertaining to Hickory Ridge residents only.
5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson:** Ms. Anderson invited 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. She thanked those who have attended and appreciates their feedback. Ms. Anderson also thanked Ms. Mayton for representing the Villages at the information session for those interested in running for a CA Council or Village Board seat.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **FY24 Q3 Financials:** Ms. Mayton shared the 3rd quarter financial report and stated that the Village is in good shape for the 4th quarter. She estimated that there will be a small amount of excess cash at the end of the fiscal year that can be used for donations or other needs. Ms. Anderson made a motion to approve the Q3 Financials. Mr. Hannan seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - b. **March 11, 2024, Meeting-Virtual or In-person:** Ms. Grier requested that the Board vote for virtual as it is still dark at the start of the board meeting resulting in difficult driving conditions. The Board discussed the pros and cons of virtual vs. in-person meetings. Mr. Hannan made a motion to have a virtual meeting on March 11, 2024. Ms. Anderson seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Domm abstained.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Proposed Easement Policy for CA:** Ms. Amari stated that she believes that this is an important issue and encouraged her fellow Board members to send a letter to the CA Board of Directors in support of Ms. Emery's proposed CA easement procedure. After much discussion by the Board members, Ms. Mayton

offered to draft a letter incorporating Ms. Amari's points that will be shared and reviewed at the next meeting.

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 shared that the Community Engagement Committee will be hosting a happy hour on March 18 at Asian Palace.
9. **Action Items:**
 - a. Ms. Mayton will draft a letter in support of Ms. Emery's proposed Easement Policy
10. **Adjournment:** Dr. Ball made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.