



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Village Board Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2024, at 7:30 pm

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Members Present: Kristine Amari, Jared Ball, Steve Hannan and Samantha Link. Michael Campbell was absent. Skye Anderson was absent in order to attend the CA Audit Committee meeting.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton and Emily Rieger

Guests: Approximately seven guests, including Jonathan McKinney, Community Engagement Committee Chair.

Call to Order: 7:30pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Amari made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Ball seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of September 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Amari made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024, meeting minutes. Ms. Link seconded. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Board Update:** Dr. Ball stated that he gave a talk at the Central Branch of the Library on the topic of Black integration and Palestinian liberation. Ms. Amari reminded everyone that [Howard County Pride is on Sunday, October 13, 2024, 12 - 4pm, in Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods.](#)
4. **Resident Speak-Out:** No comments were made.
5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson:** Ms. Mayton gave a brief update on behalf of Ms. Anderson. See Ms. Anderson's [September Council Rep report](#) for more details.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Community Engagement Committee Mission and Goals – Update:** Mr. McKinney gave an update on the activities of the Committee. After discussion, the Board set the term for Committee members as November 1 – October 31. The Committee will continue with the current mission and goals.
 - b. **FY25 4th Quarter Financials and Revised FY25 Budget:** Ms. Mayton stated that a small change was made to the way the CA reimbursement is recorded, so an amended FY25 budget needed approval. Ms. Mayton also shared the FY25 Q1 financials with the Board and requested approval. Ms. Amari made a motion to approve the amended FY25 budget and the completed FY25 Q1 financials. Dr. Ball seconded. The motion passed.
 - c. **Howard County Budget Priorities:** Ms. Mayton reviewed the suggested budget priorities. The Board members discussed the priorities. Ms. Amari made a motion to approve the letter to the County Executive with the amended budget priorities. Ms. Link seconded. The motion passed.
 - d. **CA Budget Priorities:** Ms. Mayton reviewed the suggested budget priorities. The Board members discussed the priorities. Ms. Amari made a motion to approve the letter to the Columbia Association Board of Directors as amended. Dr. Ball seconded. The motion passed.

7. Old Business:

a. CA Management Contract Negotiations: Mr. Hannan stated that the letter to the CA Board and staff had been approved by all ten Villages.

1. Manager Report-Laura Mayton: Ms. Mayton shared that the mailed newsletter will begin to hit mailboxes on October 3rd. She shared various upcoming Hickory Ridge events.

8. Action Items:

a. Ms. Mayton will keep the Board informed of any updates on the management contract process.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Community Engagement Committee

Mission of the committee: to connect residents across the Village's neighborhoods by creating links that will increase communication in the Village.

Committee goals:

- Generate ideas for engaging residents in our Village.
- Identify people willing and interested in informing residents of their HOAs, apartment complexes or streets about Village activities.

Input cells

Village: HICKORY RIDGE
 Fiscal Year: FY25
 Quarter: 1
 Date Prepared: 19-Sep-24

DETAILED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
 May 1 - July 31

	<u>Actual Quarter</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD Prior Year</u>
REVENUES					
1 CA Annual Charge Share	81,469	81,469	81,469	0	80,222
A. CA Base Annual Charge Share	79,658	79,658	79,658	0	76,835
B. CA Medical Reimbursement	1,811	1,811	1,811	0	3,148
C. Other CA Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	239
D. Payment to CA for excess cash reserves	0	0	0	0	0
2 Lease & Rental	38,758	38,758	38,496	262	44,114
A. Room Rentals	28,262	28,262	28,000	262	31,219
B. Leases	10,165	10,165	10,165	0	8,350
C. Retained Deposits	331	331	331	0	4,545
3 Tuition & Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0
A. Classes	0	0	0	0	0
B. Camps	0	0	0	0	0
C. Other	0	0	0	0	0
4 Interest	34	34	24	10	35
5 Special Events	665	665	635	30	375
6 Fees	15	15	15	0	121
A. Copier	15	15	15	0	42
B. Late Fees	0	0	0	0	0
C. Postage	0	0	0	0	12
D. Notary	0	0	0	0	33
E. Other	0	0	0	0	34
7 Miscellaneous	850	850	820	30	900
A. Sales	40	40	20	20	60
B. Newsletter Ads	810	810	800	10	840
C. Catering/Food Service	0	0	0	0	0
D. Other	0	0	0	0	0
8 Gain/loss on Disposal of Asset	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	121,791	121,791	121,459	332	125,766



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Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on short, medium, and long-term priorities for communities in Howard County. We appreciate your efforts in the past year in accomplishing several items on our previous list. Below please find our updated list of priorities.

Short Term (one year, in order of priority):

1. Pedestrian crossings at intersections. While pedestrian crossings have been added in several areas, the Little Patuxent Parkway loop needs additional crosswalks for safety. There are several locations where pathways are on either side of the road with no crosswalk nearby. Also, at the south end of Martin Road near county park, there is a crosswalk without curb cuts and no connection to the sidewalks. Please continue to evaluate village intersections and other pedestrian crossing areas to be in line with the “walkability/bikeability” of Columbia. (Transportation)
2. Traffic study on Martin Road north and south of Halfcrown Court to determine the need for traffic calming/control in this area. (Transportation)
3. Road maintenance – Pothole filling should be tended to as soon as possible to avoid compounding the problems. (DPW)

Mid Term (next two years, in order of priority):

1. Facility Maintenance – Neighborhood schools, like Bryant Woods ES, require repairs/renovations to bring facilities up to good maintenance standards.
2. School Capacity Projects and– School capacity is an issue as our part of Columbia is set for significant new housing development. We want to ensure that we have adequate school capacity for our growing population. The HCPSS 2020 Feasibility Study recommends building a new elementary school in downtown Columbia as one of the next school construction projects. New school capacity at the elementary school level should be added to our area as soon as possible. (HCPSS)
3. Expansion/Improvements to our local public transportation options – Bus routes (and maintenance of bus stops), expanded bike sharing (perhaps at every village center, library), adoption of Complete Streets Policy/Bikeway funding. (Transportation)
4. Cedar Lane and Hickory Ridge Road Bike Corridor– implement the Bicycle Master Plan which includes improvements to Cedar Lane from Route 32 to Harpers Farm Road and improved cycling accessibility from Hickory Ridge to downtown Columbia. (Transportation)

5. Climate Action Plan – Implement recommendations of work groups in a timely manner to meet benchmarks in climate action.

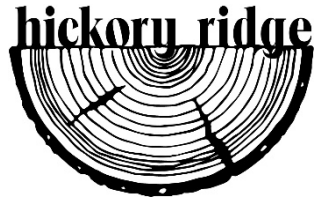
Long Term (next 4 to 5 years, in order of priority):

1. Racial Equity – Hickory Ridge fully supports the mission of the Equity & Restorative Practices Unit. Please ensure that the recommended practices are being observed by all County offices. County programs and policies should be evaluated through the lenses of their ability to close racial disparities and inequalities. Columbia should strive for racial equity in metrics such as home ownership, college attainment, and wealth. (DCRS)
2. Comprehensive traffic congestion and traffic safety – a thorough, comprehensive review of traffic congestion, safety, and travel patterns should be a priority on our major corridors: Cedar Lane, Broken Land Pkwy, Little Patuxent Parkway, and Hickory Ridge Road. These roads are only going to get more congested with the pending developments in and around Columbia. (Transportation)
3. Environmental – Increase tree canopy with tree planting in Howard County Open Space areas adjacent to Hickory Ridge.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

Cordially,

Stephen Hannan
Chair, Hickory Ridge Board of Directors



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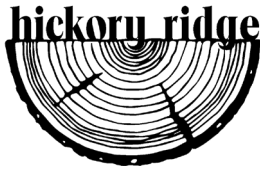
Dear Directors:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on budget priorities for Hickory Ridge in the Columbia Association FY26 budget. Here are some suggestions that Hickory Ridge would like you to consider as you review the priorities.

- The Clemens Crossing pool splashpad project and locker room renovation has been deferred for several years. Please return this project to the capital budget for FY25.
- Update the large tot lot at the center of the Little Patuxent Parkway loop. This tot lot is in a densely populated area, and it gets a lot of use.
- Place additional charging stations for electric cars at CA facilities.
- Reach out to new residents who are not new homeowners to welcome them to Columbia and make them aware that they are members of the community and Columbia Association.

Cordially,

Stephen Hannan
Hickory Ridge Board Chair



Manager's Report

September 23, 2024

1. Dates to Note:

- **October 2, 7:30pm**, RAC meeting (virtual)
- **October 7, 7:00pm**, Community Engagement Committee (in-person)
- **October 14**, Board meeting (virtual)

2. Howard County Police: If you missed the presentation by the Howard County Police Officers at the last Board meeting, you could check out the resources available on their website. [Here, under "Quick Resources"](#) you will find Traffic Data Dashboard and Crime Data Dashboard. You may use both these tools to check specific areas and filter for different types of activity.

3. CA and County Budgets: Both Columbia Association and Howard County are accepting input on and suggestions for their FY26 budgets. For more information about [Columbia Association, go here](#). For [Howard County, go here](#).

4. Upcoming Events:

- Flea Market, Saturday, October 19, 9:00 – 11:00am
- Storytime, Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 23, 9:30am
- Halloween at the Hickory Ridge Village Center, Tuesday, October 29, 5:30 – 7:00pm
- Winter Artisan Market, Sunday, November 10, 2:00 – 5:00pm

2. Interested in Joining the Community Engagement Committee? Attend a meeting on the first Monday of the month at The Hawthorn Center! The Committee meets regularly and is always looking for new, excited members! You must be a Hickory Ridge resident to join.

3. Follow Hickory Ridge: Find all the ways to connect with [Hickory Ridge here](#):

4. Committee Reports:

- **Resident Architectural Committee:** The RAC continues to review applications as usual.
- **Aging Well in Columbia Advisory Committee (AWCAC):** The AWCAC continues to meet but the committee has no report at this time.
- **Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC):** The WAC continues to meet but the committee has no report at this time.
- **Community Engagement Committee:** The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the conference room at The Hawthorn Center.

