

## **Hickory Hillside\* Hive!**

February 2025 CA Report to the Village of Hickory Ridge

### **“Office Hours”**

As the Hickory Ridge representative to the Columbia Council and a member of the CA Board of Directors, I am responsible for CA’s policies (along with my nine colleagues) while the village manager, Laura, and her staff handle the day-to-day operations of our village, as CA staff does for CA as a whole. I am also an ex-officio member of the Hickory Ridge but have no vote (ex-officio merely means to come to a position by other means than the rest of the board – therefore, not by election)

I can be reached by contacting the village office at 410-730-7327 or by emailing [Skye.Anderson@CA-Board.Org](mailto:Skye.Anderson@CA-Board.Org) and I am happy to meet with you. A good place to meet is Mad City Coffee at Hickory Ridge Road and Cedar Lane. I also meet with people at the Wilde Lake Starbucks three to four times a week.

### **Meetings**

CA Board meetings – [agendas, board packets, meeting videos](#). The CA Board meetings were held at 7 pm on 13 and 27 February. We also had two closed sessions. Registration for Resident Speakout is always due COB the day before. Meetings are in person and streamed in real time as well as taped.

At the first meeting, we received a presentation of the IAT, the Inner Arbor Trust, where the green Chrysalis is located. CA will be receiving approximately 5 acres of Open Space in Kings and Gateway.

At the 27 February meeting, we had 20 residents at SpeakOut. Since we allot 20 minutes to that, the board had to vote to extend it by an hour. That meeting turned out to be 5 hours long even with two topics tabled – one was a discussion of the WRGrace issue. CA does not generally become involved in issues outside CA plus the county council will vote on the issue on 3 March. The board discusses or is briefed on an issue at one meeting and then votes on it at the next meeting (the two-meeting rule): in this case, the CA discussion was to have been on 27 February with only 2 business days until the county council vote which would not have complied with the two-meeting rule

The CA Board passed the budget for next year FY26.

The CA staff presented three new options for the relationship between CA and the villages: the rental and management of the village association and neighborhood buildings (our village does not have neighborhood buildings).

I met with the developers (at their request) of the Long Reach Village Center. They subsequently gave a presentation to the CA board. Their ideas include townhouses, apartments

for seniors, a small grocery store, retail, and a huge indoor athletic complex. To do so will require the purchase of several plots of land, including five acres of CA property. The presentation can be viewed here (1:41:51)(<https://www.youtube.com/live/RdatMP5AOHA>).

I also attended a meeting of the staff advisory committee on Climate Change and Sustainability. All residents are welcome to these meetings.

I took the day-long Stream Waders course.

### **Looking Ahead to March**

CA Board meeting to be held on 27 March with a closed session on 13 March.

Art Center Staff Advisory Committee meeting on 3 March.

Remember, **We are all Hickory Ridge!**

\*Hickory Hillside Hive: *Hickory* for Hickory Ridge Village, *Hillside* because CA Headquarters is located on Hillside Street (near Stevens Forest Road and Broken Land).