

Hickory Hillside* Hive!

March 2025 CA Report to the Village of Hickory Ridge

Meetings

CA Board meetings – [agendas](#), [board packets](#), [meeting videos](#). The CA Board meetings were held at 7 pm on 13 and 27 March. We also had 2 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 (the board packet was 476 pages long), which was a work session, we heard a presentation on the categories of policies. I know: b-o-r-i-n-g! And then we discussed it and related resolutions. Our assignment was to look at the groups of policies and sort of agree or disagree with some of them. A lot of what we do is interesting only as being internal to the CA Board, rather than the village. E.g., policies were identified in meeting minutes, as drafts, as single sentences – and includes board policies and staff policies and procedures. The general counsel will oversee the organization of policies and help to bring them up to date or archive them, which will probably take a few months.

At the 27 March meeting, we discussed management of village** buildings, received a presentation on election information online, and on GIS community engagement, again discussed the board policy project, the annual funding of emergency cash reserves, quarterly financials and financial reports and statements.



I attended the [Art Center](#) Staff Advisory Committee meeting on 3 March at their temporary quarters in The Youth and Teen Center. They are in the middle of a 3-phased move back into their renovated spaces at the Long Reach Village Center. The front door has been moved to the opposite side of the building.

The village held a candidate forum with scripted questions remotely on 31 March for CA Rep candidates, myself and Jared Ball. There is no election this year for village board since 5 people submitted packets and there are 5 positions open.

“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 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.

Looking Ahead to April

The village will hold an in-person forum for CA candidates. I will have a Risk Management Committee meeting and the board will hold a regular meeting on 10 and 24 April and a get-together on 17 April.

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).

**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).