

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2011

Vice Chairperson John Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at The Hawthorn Center. Those present included John Bailey, Michelle Wood, Tom Louden, and Gregg Schwind. Also present was Village Manager Jessamine Duvall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17th MINUTES: The minutes were approved as submitted.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: There were no residents who wished to speak on non-agenda issues.

DONATION/FREE USE POLICY: The Board approved a donation of \$250 to Running Brook Elementary School for their Artist-in-Residence program, and a request for meeting space from the Women's Giving Circle of Howard County. Ms. Duvall recommended updating the policy for free use of The Hawthorn Center by charitable and community groups. After a discussion, the Board approved the adoption of the free use policy as amended. Ms. Duvall will update the policy for handling requests for financial contributions and will present it at the next meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Duvall updated the Board on office operations, and asked for suggestions on how to fill the vacancy on CA's Senior Advisory Committee.

CA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Schwind reported that the CA Board expects to discuss a service reduction protocol and to vote on the proposed senior discount at their next meeting. He updated the Board on the dredging process at Columbia's lakes, the CA budget process, and the controversy surrounding the new women's only swimming times at the Columbia Swim Center.

RAC PROCESS: Mr. Louden explained that he spoke with a resident who has concerns about the RAC application process for townhomes that have independent homeowners' associations in place. Ms. Duvall explained the current process. After a discussion, the Board agreed to table the issue until the next meeting. Ms. Duvall will research this issue further and make a policy recommendation at the next meeting.

ELECTION PROCEDURES: The Board agreed to table this issue until the next meeting due to the absence of Mr. Coffman and Ms. Hitzelberger.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Louden shared his frustration with the ongoing dredging process at CA's lakes, and asked Ms. Duvall to include information about the new NotifyMe Howard service in the next issue of *The Log*. Mr. Bailey urged Mr. Schwind to vote against a senior discount at the CA Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: Ms. Duvall will bring an updated Donation Policy and recommendations for the RAC process to the next meeting. Ms. Duvall will also add the NotifyMe Howard information to *The Log*, implement the Board's suggestions for recruiting a Hickory Ridge resident to the Senior Advisory Committee, and investigate the possibility for having ads in future online versions of *The Log*.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessamine Duvall, Village Manager