

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2011

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5th MINUTES: The minutes were approved as submitted.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Jerry Lioi thanked Ms. Duvall for working with Mary Kay Sigaty's office to encourage Comcast to remove the graffiti on a cable box near College Square. Mr. Lioi also noted that he researched College Square's architectural review process after the last meeting. He found that College Square doesn't have any process of its own, and uses the Hickory Ridge RAC process for regulating exterior alterations in the neighborhood.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Duvall updated the Board on the bids for window treatments in the Conference Room. The Board voted unanimously to approve up to \$2000 for the purchase of cellular shades. Ms. Duvall presented a bid from Harford Security for desired upgrades to the security system at The Hawthorn Center. The Board decided to revisit this proposal in March. Ms. Duvall updated the Board on the recent meeting the Village Managers had with Phil Nelson, CA's President. Ms. Duvall presented the revised Donation Policy, which the Board voted unanimously to adopt. Ms. Duvall shared attendance figures for the Robinson Nature Center from its opening day through December 15, 2011. She also informed the Board about the printing, marketing, and distribution schedule for the Village Center Community Plan. After a discussion, the Board agreed to meet only once next month, on Monday, January 2, 2012.

CA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Schwind reported that the vote on a proposed Senior Discount has been moved to the December 22 CA Board meeting, and expressed his desire for input from Columbia's senior community on how CA can serve them best. He also reminded the Board that CA Board of Director meetings are available as podcasts for those unable to attend the meetings.

APPOINTMENT TO SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Joanne Piersall attended the meeting and expressed her interest in serving as the Hickory Ridge representative on CA's Senior Advisory Committee. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Piersall as the Hickory Ridge village's representative to the Senior Advisory Committee for a term of two years.

SCOUT PACK 720: Ms. Duvall presented requested information from the Boy Scouts of America in response to Board questions about the language of the Charter Agreement. After a discussion, the Board voted to continue as Charter Organization for Boy Scout Pack 720 for 2012, with Linda Hitzelberger serving as Charter Organization Representative. The Board added the provision that all BSA Packs and Troops sponsored by Hickory Ridge Community Association be notified of the Board's concerns about the language in the Charter Agreement, and advised that if the BSA cannot address and alleviate these concerns, the Board may decide not to continue sponsoring Boy Scout units in 2013. The motion was passed 4-1, with Mr. Loudon voting against it.

RAC PROCESS: Ms. Duvall reported that a new e-mail distribution list for RAC Agendas had been created in an effort to improve communication with local Homeowners Associations. Ms. Duvall recommended that no other changes to the RAC process be made at this time, and noted that the Board and RAC may consider some policy changes in 2012, after gathering information from the planned RAC and Village Board work session and

the planned meeting of all the village's townhome and condo associations.

ELECTION PROCEDURES: Ms. Duvall shared information on how other villages are ensuring they have a quorum for their elections, and the Board agreed that Hickory Ridge has a unique challenge in getting voter turnout because our village office is not adjacent to the Village Center. The Board discussed changing the organization's by-laws to eliminate an election if there are no contested seats, and when a special meeting to vote on the change should be held. Ms. Duvall will research the rules regarding such a meeting and will report back to the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Loudon expressed a desire to clarify the responsibility for repairing damage to sidewalks caused by trees. The Board agreed to ask Jim Irvin from Howard County Public Works to attend a meeting in March 2012 to discuss this and any other issues in the village.

ACTION ITEMS: Ms. Duvall will clarify the rules around changing the association's by-laws. She will also notify all village-sponsored Boy Scout groups about the Board's position on the Charter Agreement.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessamine Duvall,
Village Manager