

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 5, 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 as amended to accommodate guest presenters.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21ST MINUTES: The minutes were approved as submitted.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Jerry Lioi complimented the Board on the recent e-mail communication updates, and requested a copy of CA's "Minding the Store" presentation on DVD for viewing.

SCOUT PACK 720: Bill Hartley, Committee Chair for Boy Scout Pack 720, asked to Board to renew HRCA's role as the Charter Organization for Pack 720 and appoint a Charter Representative. The Board appointed Linda Hitzelberger as the Charter Representative and agreed to review the contract language, then sign the agreement at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF VILLAGE CENTER COMMUNITY PLAN: Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison for HRCA, presented the final Village Center Community Plan. The Board unanimously approved the final version of the plan.

RAC PROCESS: Sal Dunn of the Hickory Hollow Community Association shared his association's recommendations for improving the RAC process to benefit individual homeowner's associations. The Board heard his concerns and suggestions, and after a discussion the Board agreed to gather more information and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Duvall reported on assorted building and administrative issues.

CA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Schwind reported that CA budget discussions are ongoing, and that the new village allocation formula should be finished by early February. He also updated the Board on the status of downtown redevelopment plans.

FY12 2ND QUARTER FINANCIALS: Ms. Duvall presented the 2nd quarter financial report. The Board approved the report as submitted.

DONATION/FREE USE POLICY: The Board reviewed the proposed language for the Donation Policy and suggested minor changes. The Board agreed to approve the Donation Policy as amended.

ELECTION PROCEDURES: The Board discussed options for improving voter turnout at the 2012 Village Elections, and the possibility of changing HRCA by-laws to eliminate an election if the number of candidates is less than or equal to the number of open seats. The Board asked Ms. Duvall to find out which villages have enacted a similar change, and to research the logistics of some of the suggestions for improving voter turnout.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Bailey suggested implementing a policy that would prohibit homeowners with outstanding covenant violations from being able to apply for new exterior alterations. Ms. Duvall will research the feasibility of such a policy and report back at the next meeting. Ms. Wood reported some graffiti at the large Clemens Crossing tot lot. Ms. Duvall will ask CA Open Space to look into it. Mr. Bailey also noted that he saw

several trees being taken down near the intersection of the Little Patuxent Parkway loop. Ms. Duvall will have the Covenant Advisor investigate. Mr. Loudon wondered about usage data for the Robinson Nature Center. Ms. Duvall will follow up.

ACTION ITEMS: Ms. Duvall will bring an updated Donation Policy and recommendations for the RAC process to the next meeting. Ms. Duvall will request usage information from the Robinson Nature Center. Ms. Duvall will look into Mr. Bailey's policy suggestion. Ms. Duvall will find out which villages have eliminated no-contest elections and will look into suggested measures for increasing voter turnout.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.*

* After the meeting adjourned, the Board entered a closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessamine Duvall,
Village Manager