

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
February 6, 2012

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> MINUTES: The minutes were approved as submitted.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Brian England, Hickory Ridge's representative on Columbia Association's Watershed Advisory Committee shared committee updates.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Duvall submitted a written report (file copy attached). The Board agreed to hold a second Board meeting in February on February 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

CA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Schwind reported that there is at least one CA budget work session scheduled in February, and the CA Board will be voting on the budget on February 22. Mr. Schwind noted that there is a meeting about the Aquatics Master Plan coming up in March.

BUDGET TESTIMONY RESPONSE (CA Staff): Jan Clark, Denis Ellis, John McCoy and Chick Rhodehamel discussed possible uses for the Open Space Parcel (Area C) adjacent to the Hickory Ridge Village Center. Mr. Rhodehamel informed the Board that this site was no longer under consideration for use as a dog park, and identified an alternate parcel of land in the village that is one of four sites in Columbia from which the CA Board will choose for a dog park. He explained that CA staff plans to come up with some designs for Area C in-house after completing a survey to determine which amenities will work on the site. CA will come back to the Board in early April with the survey results and initial conceptual drawings.

DONATION REQUEST: The Board considered a request for a donation from the Bryant Woods Elementary School PTA to help cover the cost for a special assembly to kick off their Science Fair. Mr. Bailey made a motion to contribute \$250 to the Bryant Woods Elementary School PTA. Ms. Hitzelberger seconded. The motion was approved 3-0, with Ms. Wood abstaining.

BY-LAWS CHANGE/VILLAGE ELECTION: Ms. Duvall presented the proposed changes to the Association's By-Laws that will be added to the ballot for this year's village election, and noted that they had been reviewed by CA's legal department and independent counsel. Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the language as submitted and publish the information according to the village's legal documents. Ms. Wood seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The group discussed ways to attract more voters to the village elections. The Board agreed to offer voting at the Hickory Ridge Village Center on the evening of Friday, April 20. Ms. Duvall will come up with some suggestions for attracting voters, and will report back at the next meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS: Ms. Hitzelberger noted that Boy Scout Troop 618's Court of Honor will be held at The Hawthorn Center on February 7 and asked if another Board member could attend, since she will be unavailable. She also asked Mr. Schwind how the Board can best lobby for approval of their budget request. After a brief discussion, the Board asked Ms. Duvall to send a letter to the CA Board reiterating their request for funds in the Category II budget for a gathering place at the Village Center.

ACTION ITEMS: Ms. Duvall will send a letter to the CA Board requesting planning funds for the gathering place at the Village Center. Ms. Duvall will publish the proposed changes to the by-laws in advance of the election. Ms. Duvall will come up with suggestions for attracting voters to the village election for the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:45 p.m., Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session to discuss legal matters. Ms. Hitzelberger seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The executive session was adjourned, again by unanimous vote, at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessamine Duvall,  
Village Manager