

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
May 2, 2011

Chairperson Miles Coffman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm at The Hawthorn Center. Those present included John Bailey, Linda Hitzelberger and Michelle Wood. Also present were CA Board Rep Gregg Schwind and Village Manager Jane Parrish.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 4TH MINUTES: The minutes were approved as submitted.

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

WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: WAC member Brian England updated the Village Board on WAC's policies and projects. Committee members had visited a stream area in Owen Brown, and now CA has begun a Lake Elkhorn watershed project. He also spoke about other watershed project in Columbia that are sponsored by other groups, in particular the Micro Watershed Protection organization. That group recently involved neighbors of Woodelves Way in Harper's Choice with restoring an eroded channel. Mr. England said that citizen involvement will be a top priority with the Watershed Advisory Committee. Mr. Schwind noted that he would like to see more projects underway. Last May CA approved the funds for watershed work, and he thinks there should be more visible work by now.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Parrish reported on the April 30<sup>th</sup> Election results. We had 270 votes but needed 330 for quorum. A second election will be held on May 14 from 9am-noon. Residents who have not yet voted may submit an absentee ballot before May 14 or cast a secret ballot on May 14. The Village Board members may then select a chair and vice-chair at the May 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPORT: Mr. Schwind reported that the CA Board of Directors had awarded CA President Phil Nelson a \$12,000 bonus. He told the board that architect Cy Paumier has submitted a new plan for Symphony Woods that the CA Board favor over the old plan. The plans can be seen on the CA web site ([www.ColumbiaAssociation.com](http://www.ColumbiaAssociation.com)) under "Meetings." Select the agenda for April 28, 2011 and scroll down to backup materials, selecting Symphony Woods. He said if CA elects to go with this new plan, the construction schedule would not be delayed.

FY2012 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Ms Parrish suggested several changes to the proposed FY2012 budget now that the fiscal year has ended and actual expenses are clear. The Village Board will vote on the budget at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS: Ms Wood was pleased with the turnout of 60 people at the Village Center Master Plan meeting on April 26. Ms Hitzelberger said she liked the idea of using the CA parcel at the Village Center for a dog park. Mr. Schwind thought the large Open Space area inside the Little Patuxent loop in Clary's would be ideal for a dog park, as would the Clary's Forest undeveloped school sit on Bright Passage. Mr. Coffman said the Master Plan presentation was excellent and commended the committee and Joan Lancos for their work.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Jane Parrish