

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
October 19, 2009

Chairperson Miles Coffman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm at The Hawthorn Center. Those present included John Bailey, Linda Hitzelberger, Tom Loudon and Michelle Wood. Also present were Village Manager Jane Parrish and Land-Use Liaison Joan Lancos.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5th MINUTES: The minutes were approved.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Susan Donahue asked Chairman Miles Coffman to give her the MD Homeowner Association site that deals with when a member may speak at an association meeting.

COLUMBIA BOARD REPORT: Mr. Schwind was out of town.

ZRA 117 REGARDING APIARIES: After hearing opinions from approximately ten residents in attendance, the board voted 3-2 to support the legislation with changes suggested in the Technical Staff Report. Mr. Loudon, Ms Hitzelberger and Mr Coffman voted for the motion, Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Wood opposed it. The board asked Ms Lancos to clarify the setback discrepancies in the Council Bill and the MD State Beekeepers Association's Best Practices.

HCEDA PRESENTATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL RE DOWNTOWN PLAN: Mr. Bailey had attended the October 14<sup>th</sup> presentation. He said the speakers stressed the Downtown Plan's economic benefit to both Howard County and Columbia.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Parrish reported on the number and location of tot lots in the village. Mr. Coffman asked the board members to visit tot lots in order to address safety and usage concerns. The Board also asked Ms Parrish to include an article in The Log, asking residents for their opinions about the tot lots. Ms Parrish said the Sunoco station at the village center had raised its evergreen tree branches, thus removing the necessary visual buffer. The village office had contacted GGP, Kimco and the county's Office of Planning and Zoning.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: The Village Board received a thank-you letter from the Bryant Woods Elementary School PTA for the recent contribution toward the purchase of a rock wall for the gym. Town Center Village Board copied our Village Board on a letter to Sen. Kasemeyer and Del. Bobo regarding the selling of e-cigarettes at the Mall.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Coffman asked that the next agenda include a discussion about a Village Plan for the Hickory Ridge Village Center.

ACTION ITEMS: Mr Coffman and Ms Parrish will research the MD Homeowner Association Act for Ms Donahue; the board members will visit tot lots; Ms Lancos will draft testimony for ZRA 117; Ms Lancos will research apiary setback restrictions; Ms Parrish will include in the newsletter an article about the review of tot lots.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Parrish  
Village Manager