

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 5, 2009

Chairperson Miles Coffman called the meeting to order at 7:35pm at The Hawthorn Center. Those present included John Bailey, Linda Hitzelberger, Tom Loudon 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 SEPTEMBER 21ST MINUTES: The minutes were approved with one correction.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: Susan Donahue said that it was important for both the RAC and the residents have an opportunity to comment on any Architectural Guideline changes.

COLUMBIA BOARD REPORT: Mr. Schwind reported that the CA Board of Directors passed a resolution not to hire any law firm that the CA Board and the CA President determines to have a real or perceived conflict of interest. He thanked Mr. Coffman for testifying on that issue. He also reported on a recent meeting between the CA Board and our State Delegation.

PROPOSED POLICY RE NATURAL LAWNS: Mr. Loudon reviewed his suggestions for guideline additions re natural lawns and rain barrels. Because the growing season had ended, the board opted to meet with the RAC and covenant advisors at a future RAC meeting when its agenda is short.

15-DAY NOTICE REQUEST: The board voted to send a 15-Day Notice letter to the property owner of 11617 Sun Circle. The board also voted to remove 10502 East Wind Way from its list of outstanding violations. All repairs had been completed.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Parrish announced that the Planning Board will take testimony re ZRA 117 (re bees) at its October 22nd meeting. The staff's Technical Report is not yet ready, however. It should be available two weeks before the hearing. Ms Parrish reported that Sandy Spring Bank now owns the Riverdale property. She noted that a resident had asked about getting a dog park for the west side of Columbia. The board said they would prefer that Howard County provide those facilities due to liability concerns.

After a discussion about tot lots, the board asked Ms Parrish to prepare a list of tot lots in the village and note which are underused. The board also asked Ms Parrish to invite CA President Phil Nelson for a dinner with the board at Hawthorn in November.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: In response to a letter from the Bryant Woods Elem School PTA, the board voted 4-0-1 (Ms Wood abstaining) to contribute \$250 toward the purchase of a climbing wall at the school, noting that children from Hawthorn and the eastern portion of Hickory Ridge Road attend that school.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr Coffman, Ms Wood and Ms Hitzelberger said they would attend the village staff appreciation dinner at Town Center. Mr. Loudon note a covenant violation in Clary's Forest and asked that the covenant advisor investigate. He also noted that the concrete median on Cedar Lane at the

hospital entrance was completed but some Barnside residents are not pleased with it. Ms Hitzelberger said she enjoyed the October 2nd Family Night Bingo and even won half the final jackpot.

ACTION ITEMS: Ms Parrish will prepare a list of village tot lots, schedule the dinner for Mr. Nelson, arrange a meeting for the RAC, covenant advisors and Village Board representatives, send the contribution to the BWES PTA, and ask the covenant advisor to check the reported covenant violation.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Parrish
Village Manager