

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 2, 2009

Chairperson Miles Coffman called the meeting to order at 8:05pm at The Hawthorn Center. Those present included John Bailey, Linda Hitzelberger, Tom Loudon and Michelle Wood. Also present were CA Board Rep Gregg Schwind, Village Manager Jane Parrish, and Land-Use Liaison Joan Lancos.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19TH MINUTES: The minutes were approved.

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

COLUMBIA BOARD REPORT: Mr. Schwind reported that the Board of Directors had voted down a measure to videotape all the Board meetings. He had added an amendment that would limit the tapings to just the full Board meetings, but that version also failed. He said the Board had seen an Economic Impact presentation about the GGP Downtown Plan. He also discussed the CA-renovation of the Woodlawn Slave Quarters.

PREPARATION OF TESTIMONY FOR ZRA 177 RE APIARIES: The Village Board agreed to accept the draft testimony in support of the bill regarding apiaries. The Board asked Ms Lancos to give testimony at the Council hearing.

PREPARATION OF TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL RE DOWNTOWN PLAN: Ms Lancos gave a draft testimony, and the Board added comments about Symphony Woods and economic impact. Mr. Bailey will speak on the Board's behalf at the November 14th Council hearing.

Resident Marvin Lawson expressed concern about GGP's plans to build in Symphony Woods. Mr. Schwind said the county had asked GGP to include some suggestions for the development of Symphony Woods because CA had not proposed any plans. Subsequently, CA developed a landscape plan for the woods, and GGP withdrew its proposal for that CA-owned area.

PREPARATION OF TESTIMONY FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL BILL RE CABLE BOXES/WIRES: The Village Board supports the bill as written and passed a Resolution to have Ms Lancos speak on its behalf at the November 16th hearing.

THE VILLAGE CENTER PLAN: Mr. Coffman said the passage of Council Bill 29 allows Village Boards to develop a suggested plan for their commercial village centers. Although the plan would not be binding for developers, it would help developers to see what would be easily accepted by the community. Howard County planners have informed us that they would be available with assistance by next spring. They are currently assisting Wilde Lake Village Board, because that village's redevelopment is imminent. Because the board presently has several active land-use issues, Mr. Coffman said he would start this process at a January meeting.

Mr. Lawson said he would be happy to serve on a resident committee dealing working on the Hickory Ridge plan. He mentioned that other villages had surveyed their residents and developed task forces. Mr.

and Ms. Donavan from Tanglewood Homeowners Association were present and interested in following this topic.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Parrish reminded the board members about the upcoming Volunteer Party. She also updated the board members on resident calls/emails about tot lots in the village. The Village Board asked Ms Parrish to continue advertising for opinions about the safety, locations and usage of our village tot lots in The Log. She also updated the board about the pruning of the buffer trees at the Village Center's Sunoco station. The Office of Planning and Zoning has appointed an inspector to investigate the issue, because the original county approval of the station required a visual buffer.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: The Department of Planning and Zoning sent our office a copy of the approval for Wegman's to waive the requirement to apply for building permits to initiate construction on the site within one year of the signature approval of the SDP. Wegman's had been delayed by a number of appeals from citizens and organization opposed to Wegman's building on McGaw Road.

BOARD COMMENTS: Ms Wood thanked the board for including in its testimony all sides of the apiary issue.

ACTION ITEMS: Mr. Bailey will testify for the Village Board at the Nov. 14 Council hearing re the Downtown Plan. Ms Parrish will prepare a board resolution for Ms Lancos to testify on the Village Board's behalf at the Nov. 16 County Council hearing re cable box maintenance. Ms Lancos will gather land-use maps and investigate what other villages have done thus far developing Village Center Plans.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Parrish
Village Manager