

HICKORY CLUSTER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 16, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINTUES

QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

- President Silvia Merrill, Vice President Sean Joyner, Secretary Tom Drake, and Directors, Katy Hughes, Michael Smith, and Margot Wolcott formed a virtual quorum at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBER FORUM

- Block 2 resident mentioned the need for the remaining leaves and dead growth needs to be cleaned up and residents need to be careful not to plant invasive species in common areas
- Block 1 resident mentioned the bamboo behind several Block 1 homes and the need for some of the bamboo to be used as a privacy screen as the development continues with the Fellowship House construction

MINUTES

- Board reviewed and approved revised November minutes

OFFICER REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- Directors reviewed and approved November financial report
- Bill Becker, professional arborist joined the meeting to review his report and discuss need to prioritize tree removal and tree trimming, including planters and bamboo
- Director Smith discussed the need to plan to start the cluster repairs, including retaining wall and planter boxes, per the engineering study in the spring
- Directors thanked Director Wolcott for her effort to set up the new Hickory Cluster web site
- Directors approved to have TWC send a letter to resident to stop planting invasive species plants in common area
- Directors Merrill and Drake reviewed the Reston Association Board's Legal Committee meeting they attended regarding the status of RA ruling on the unauthorized roof-top building in block 3. The RA committee indicated that a letter will be sent to the Hickory Cluster board with details of the RA Legal committee's findings and decision. No delivery date for the letter was provided.
- Directors were informed that Director Swift had resigned and discussed the need to work with TWC to send out a letter and application to all cluster residents to run for this vacant board seat and schedule date for election
- Directors discussed the issue of numerous carports with excess storage items in plain sight. Directors will coordinate cluster walk-through with TWC to identify homeowners with excessive clutter and communicate directly that they need to clean up their carport areas per cluster regulations.
- Directors discussed the poor paint job that was completed and the need for TWC to contact the paint contractor to re-paint railings and other newly painted surfaces that were already peeling
- Directors agreed to form two ad-hoc groups to discuss tree maintenance (Directors Hughes, Merrill, and Smith) and Common Area homeowner furniture and ornamental items (Directors Drake, Joyner, and Wolcott)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Directors discussed proposed new By-Laws documents drawn up by cluster lawyer. Board will continue to review and discuss these documents, which include updated parking issues, board configuration, and other elements of Board authority and Cluster regulations

Directors adjourned the virtual meeting at 9:20 p.m.