



MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Steve Morris, Chair.

Roll Call: Absent: Jean Coberly

Statement of Meeting process: Robert's Rules of Order will be used.
The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.

Announcement: John Chapman announced that the new AV Team is on board. The set up for Resident Council meetings now provides us with more visibility with two screens. John also provided a few instructions on how to use the new microphones.

Reports

- **Rose Villa Management Report** (Jim Willeford)
Jim Willeford announced that our new CEO, Glen Lewis, is scheduled to start on April 2.
- **Foundation Written Report** (Cathy Schar)
We are grateful so many residents volunteer to take on projects that generate new annual income for the Foundation. These volunteer-driven fundraising events include the Treasure House, Holiday Pop-Up Shops, Tuesday Market, and Recycling Cans & Bottles--all planned and implemented by volunteers. When residents share in the planning, logistics, and promotions, great things happen for our whole community. Thank YOU for your continuing volunteer energy that grows the Foundation!

Foundation events coming soon:

1. Another free Financial Fitness Clinic presented by Debbie Suchan, CPA, happens March 14 from 2:00–4:00 pm in the Family Room (next to Heirloom – note change of venue). Sign up with the Receptionists for your 15-minute time to ask your questions of the coach.
2. Two Foundation Subcommittees: Community Engagement and Education & Enrichment have interesting plans for this Spring. In collaboration with Events, a Drag Queen Bingo night and a series of May "Tuesday Night at the Movies." Additionally planned are a climate anxiety and mental health program, an OHSU macular degeneration program, and a Voluntarily Stopping Eating & Drinking program, plus more.

3. March 20 is the Annual Foundation Meeting and Happy Hour in the PAC at 4:00 pm.
4. Finally, mark your calendar for a special presentation (with Happy Hour) on Monday, April 29 from 4:00–5:30 pm. Get your questions answered as you learn about Estate Planning with Planning Expert Cheryl Gill.

- **February District Meetings Reports**

- **North District** (Diana Shaffer)

- Approximately 40 residents attended the meeting. Their preference was to meet quarterly as a district unless otherwise needed. They plan to host a potluck on the last Sunday in June. It was a chance to enjoy refreshments and introduce new residents. Steve Morris shared ways to connect as a neighborhood.

- **Central District** (John Chapman)

- Their district discussed issues surrounding the ice storm and there was appreciation expressed regarding the support of Rose Villa staff. Use of RVillagers.org was shared. They also discussed the tree canopy issue. They plan to sponsor a potluck on April 28.

- **South District** (Carl Peterson)

- They are the smallest district with 80 residents. They had 40 attending in-person and on Zoom. They are sponsoring a potluck in May. The district had a good discussion regarding several topics. Related to the ice storm, concern was expressed about ice dams being needed on the roofs in the Trillium neighborhood. There was a question about the processing of work orders and how to follow up. Also, there was a question about the status of the replacement process for the red buckets.

Old Business

- **Tree Planting Proposal** (Marti Franc)

- The motion that was made at the last meeting was withdrawn. The Tree Committee is continuing to work and is wondering how the \$7,000 from the Community Activity Fund will be spent.

- **Update from District Committee** (Carl Peterson)

- The District Committee has put the district meeting guidelines into booklet form for district leadership to use which includes recommended procedures, a checklist for setting up meetings and a template for an agenda. It is ready for districts to use and review.

New Business

- There was a motion proposed regarding the creation of a Council Standing Committee to address mutual concerns that relate to the resident community, such as the concerns raised by the 2023 Let's Talk session.

A Let's Talk Review Group consisting of Jude Watson, Cindy Brown, Marti Franc, and Al Levit was created at the February 20th Executive Committee meeting. It was tasked with determining the most appropriate functional area or workgroup to address each item on the list of concerns identified by the 2023 Community Let's Talk event.

After this review, the review group recommends that a new Community Engagement Working Group/Committee (name to be determined) be formed to further review, prioritize, and develop actions as needed, as well as become a home for future mutual concerns that do not fall under the purview of existing functional areas and workgroups.

The Community Engagement Working Group/Committee will consist of at least one Council member and at least two residents. In addition, the Working Group/Committee will identify an appropriate staff member to participate.

Al Levit moved that the Council endorse the creation of a community engagement standing committee to review, prioritize, and develop actions as needed regarding community engagement concerns that do not fall under the purview of existing functional areas and workgroups.

A discussion followed with a reminder that the Foundation has a Community Engagement Committee which the proposed committee would need to see how they could work together. There would need to be an effort to see how they could work with other committees and work groups without stepping on any toes. Another issue raised was how information would need to be coordinated with staff. Some subcommittees and cohorts sometimes feel left out, and the many voices need to be encouraged and a way found to bridge the gaps and provide healing as we live together.

There was a friendly amendment that the Council needs to function in a way that builds broader community coordination. The Executive Committee will create a committee in coordination with the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

- The Bylaws Committee has a proposal for changing who on the Council can vote. Currently the five appointed members that cannot vote include the Secretary, Treasurer and Archivist, as well as the liaisons for the Foundation and for Madrona Grove. Currently voting members include the elected Council members who have three-year terms, as well as those who are appointed to complete a vacant

three-year term. The chair votes only to break a tie. As to the issue of term limits, all Council members serve a defined term and may be re-elected or reappointed to serve additional time. The Bylaws Committee asked for feedback on these changes and received several helpful comments.

- We are two months into the year and the Council would like feedback from residents on how we are doing. There was a response that generally the Council is doing well in its work with residents. The one area that is worth reviewing is communication with staff and administration that could improve how we critique staff, especially with a new CEO coming on board. Overall, the comments were positive as to the amount of positive energy felt in the new year with committees and districts being active and professional.

The new seating arrangement for Council meetings seems to be working better with a few problems to be worked out. It does seem to provide a better atmosphere for discussion.

Announcements

- The bulletin board in the south end of the mail room was highlighted. It currently has a list of all the volunteer groups. If you have corrections or additions to the list, there is a sheet for posting your additions or corrections.
- The South District is planning an all-campus Sunday potluck later this spring.

Suggestion Box

- There were no comments in the suggestion box.

Calendar:

- Next Exec Committee meeting: March 21, 2024
- Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 1:30 pm
- Next Resident Forum: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 2:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margi Brown, Secretary