



## **MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Steve Morris, Chair at 1:33 pm.

**Roll Call:** The following Council members were absent: Marti Franc, Hank Hadaway, and Norma Martin for Madrona Grove. A quorum was confirmed. Glen Lewis and Jim Willeford attended representing RVI management.

**Statement of Meeting process:** Roberts Rules of Order were to be used.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the September meeting were approved as written.

### **Reports**

- **Rose Villa Management Report (Glen Lewis)**

Glen Lewis reported that the off-site board retreat went very well with a presentation and discussion on the state of Rose Villa and what is happening in the industry. He said the budget process is moving along and on schedule to be ready to present the end of October. Glen is very pleased with the great job Kristina Delisle has done in moving the budget process forward.

The process for the construction of the garage that burned is moving along and the design document should be ready to go out for bid by the end of the year. The hope is to have the construction complete sometime in the spring. The improvements to the Harvest Grill are also in process with the hope of completion by late spring.

The search for a new CFO is using the same firm that was used for Glen's position. They have done a nationwide search and of 27 potential candidates have narrowed it to three, one of which is local. Glen hopes to meet with that person in the near future. Rose Villa will be hosting a multiple CCRC Conference -- the Climate Resilience Summit.

- **Green Team update** (Paula Wiiken & Bob Sack)

We are pleased that Bob Sack has agreed to become the co-chair of the Green Team effective immediately.

**The Green Team's accomplishments this year include:**

**In January** the Green Team welcomed the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation to campus for a talk about Creating Pollinator Habitat and the Green Team announced a fundraising drive to add more native plants to our campus. The drive raised \$2,770. The RV Administration pledged an extra \$2,000 to support a native plant project on campus.

**In February** residents and staff made Valentines to Planet Earth.

**In March** resident Eric Shawn presented a report about the state of Rose Villa's tree canopy. Two weeks later Dr. Hannah Prather spoke about her experiences in tree canopies. Also, in March Donna Burrell donated wine glasses that can be used at events here -- they are stored in the Club Room with instructions for use. The GT is currently working on how to get the word out.

**In April**, which is Earth Month, it was chock full of GT events. Thomas Doherty spoke about maintaining your emotional equilibrium in turbulent times, specifically looking at climate change. There were two events that raised money for the Green Team: 1) the sale of the RV bird book and the annual native plant bake sale, and 2) two Tuesday night movies had environmental themes. We also had gratitude streamers along Main Street and bird walks.

**In May** the Tree Committee worked with Grounds and planted native trees on campus, including a small but mighty canyon live oak near the Pavilion. The committee also conducted a tree walk and identified some areas where natives could enhance the campus. The Native Plant Committee announced Flower Power, a Green Team project to add more native plants to resident yards. 13 residents are participating. The planting will continue into October. Members of the Native Plant Committee worked with Rosebud teachers and children to plant native plants in one of the planter boxes.

**In June** the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Upcycle Fair happened on June 6<sup>th</sup>. There were speakers, displays, games, a light potluck and lots of fun. The pill bottle reuse program is continuing.

**In August** Third Act of Oregon visited Rose Villa. There is an active group of Third Act here on campus; they are currently writing Get Out the Vote postcards weekly. The Green Team organized a discussion about the Schroeder grass patch. All Schroeder and Trillium residents were invited for a lively discussion.

**In September** members of the Green Team and Grounds worked together to add more native plants to the parking strips along River Road. Please take a stroll there to appreciate them.

**In October** Dr. Britta Baechler, Associate Director of Ocean Plastics Research at the Ocean Conservancy, will tell us about microplastics. Come early for food and wine, served in glass glasses (not plastic)!

**In November** a Climate Resilience Summit will be held here at Rose Villa in the PAC on November 1<sup>st</sup> with seven other CCRCs from the area. The event is an opportunity for collaboration among these eight elder communities. This will be

an opportunity to discuss how best to balance: 1) the market demands for growth and 2) the looming threats of climate change. Rose Villa representatives will include leaders from the Green Team, the Resilience Action Plan, Ready Force and the Council. There will also be an auxiliary site for the Summit in the Schroeder Rec. Room for other interested Rose Villa Residents. Participants will need to register by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**In December** there will be a Green Team Holiday Celebration of Green Team Accomplishments. (See attached below for a list of the upcoming events that the Green Team has planned for this year and early next year.)

Finally, a big shout out to the designers of the RVillagers Green Team section with games, recycling videos, descriptions of upcoming presentations – if you have not visited it, please do.

- **Food & Beverage Think Tank** (Norine Mulry)

The Food & Beverage Think Tank meets every other month with Norine Mulry and Marty Bracken, Executive Chef. Residents are welcome to join if they let Norine know of their interest. The Think Tank shares resident feedback and seeks resident input on proposals. Most meetings are on Zoom, but they meet one or two times a year in person.

Emergency preparedness plans have been updated to include an increase in the emergency water for Madrona Grove residents from a 2-week to a 3-week supply. They have also updated the meal plan from 7-days to a 2-week menu for Madrona Grove with all food currently held on site. They have also updated the emergency food order from US Foods, so the order can be triggered quickly in the event of an emergency and is intended to feed 200 individuals for 7 days.

The Bring Your Own Mug program has been a successful collaboration between residents and staff. The program provides residents and staff with a punch card that gets punched when they bring their own cup to purchasing a drink from the Madrona Café or Harvest Grill. After 9 punches the 10<sup>th</sup> drink is free. Since the last Think Tank meeting we have accumulated 90 cards which corresponds to 900 disposable cups.

The Heirloom Room is now being used as a bookable event space. Weekly Happy Hours are being held there and provide more space for everyone versus the Club Room. We are planning to hold Holiday services (Thanksgiving, Christmas/Hannukah and New Years Eve dinner) in Heirloom.

In May residents suggested that the atrium space needed to be cleaned up. The atrium plants and trees have been pruned, and the paver patio space cleaned up. Food & Beverage was able to add an additional table for outdoor seating as a result of the clean-up.

The Harvest Grill resumed full table service for the weekend midday meal on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Prior to that we had had only carryout and delivery on weekends since COVID.

Currently acoustic and design improvements are being worked on for the Harvest Grill space. A donation of \$13,500 from the Treasure House to Rose Villa, Inc. was put toward the initial cost of design and renovations for addressing the Harvest Grill acoustics and to make design improvements to the flow of the space. The designers have been responsive to the input from Norine and Marty which has included feedback from residents. There will be a temporary closure period when service will be moved to Heirloom.

- **Gift Fund update** (Judy Francis)

Judy Francis reported that currently we are \$3,800 behind last year at this point. The fund was created in 1961 to say thank you to Rose Villa employees for their work for us, since employees cannot accept tips or presents. A flyer with an explanation of the Gift Fund and donation envelopes can be found in the reception area and mail room. Checks can be made out to the Employee Appreciation Gift Fund, or you can set up an automatic transfer from your bank account with Paul Wathen, Resident Council Treasurer. The deadline for this year's contributions is noon on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This year employees will receive their checks and homemade cookies on Wednesday, December 11h in the Schroeder Lofts Rec Room. Cookies bakers are needed, so please contact Mary Claire Phelan to volunteer.

- **Nominations Committee report** (Cindy Brown)

Cindy Brown began by recognizing the Nominations Committee that includes John Chapman, Carl Peterson and Dianna Schaffer. She then introduced the slate of candidates for the following offices:

Vice Chair – Marti Franc

Treasurer – John Watson

North District Rep.– Becky Gish

Middle District Rep. – Marilyn Gottschall

Middle District Rep. -- Jan Wainscot

South District Rep. -- Dale Hawkins

Foundation Rep. -- Louise Williams

The Nominations Committee feels fortunate that they were able to fill all the positions needed, but the nominations process needs more support. They recommend that each team of three district counselors be on the lookout throughout the year for people in their district who would make good councilors.

Also, those in leadership positions need to find ways to engage residents that they think have potential for Council participation.

Paper ballots will go out by October 18<sup>th</sup> and will be due on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Resident Services Counter. Results will be announced on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

- **Website Committee report** (Becky Gish)

Becky Gish reported that the RVillagers online suggestion box is ready to go. It will be initially on the home page. They will be keeping track of suggestions and the resolutions. Eventually suggestions will be reported on the Resident Council homepage indicating what is pending and what has been resolved.

Jude Watson expressed concern about the security of the website and its ability to be public. It is as secure as we are able to make it at this point. No personal information is on the site. The public availability is an issue than needs more care. It is possible that we may need to go to a password system.

- **Rose Villa Offsite Board meeting summary** (Glen Lewis)

Glen Lewis reported that the offsite Rose Villa Board meeting had a great discussion. Rose Villa's fascinating history was shared. It was the kickoff for visioning the future 3-5 years, not ten. They are looking for a facilitator and to have strategic planning experts on board early next year.

Glen shared that he had recently attended a senior living conference in Palm Springs with a focus on the current state of the industry, and what is coming our way in terms of the future units that will be needed. He plans to share the highlights at the Resident Forum coming up on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

- **Foundation report** (Cathy Schar)

Increased Need for Safety-net Resident Assistance: The Foundation Board of Directors will hold our first board meeting with the new CPO on October 24. A major topic of importance is the rapidly increasing need for safety-net resident assistance -- now more than quadruple last year to date.

Please remember your Foundation in your year-end donation plans. Consider increasing your contribution if you are able to help meet the growing need. For extra encouragement, two residents have separately come forward to offer to match donations of those who are able to step up to a new level of annual support. If you can step up for the first time to a new level of giving, they will match your annual giving, dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$35,000.

October Education & Enrichment Programs for Residents: The Education & Enrichment Committee has two October programs for residents: "Our Prejudiced

Brain: How Neuroscience Can Help Overcome Bigotry” by Dr. Larry Sherman, OHSU, on October 4<sup>th</sup> and a book discussion “59 Seconds” by R. Weisman, with the discussion lead by Dr. Brenda Marks on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

2024 Tuesday Farmers Market Donation: Thank you to everyone who participated in the Tuesday Farmers Market, July through September. Along with the Blueberry Sales (thank you Susan Hyne), you added over \$4,600 to our Foundation for support of residents in need. More than 60 of you volunteered to help share the bounty in ways that nourish and connect the entire Rose Villa community.

- **Madrona Grove report** (Norma Martin)

Madrona Grove is an extension of life here at Rose Villa and that being said, most of the residents here are people you probably know as friends and neighbors. Your friends would thoroughly enjoy a visit with you. Did you know that there are no limits on visiting hours? You may even invite a friend to lunch in Harvest Grill. Their bill is charged to Madrona Grove so there's no expense for you.

Madrona Grove Volunteer Opportunities Update:

Madrona Grove is seeking a plant watering volunteer. This is a recurring commitment for the third weekend of the month. We have a volunteer committee specific to this area of caring for plants within the building of Madrona Grove. You would receive training and support.

October 11th Creative Expressions class at 3:00 PM.

October 12th 3:00 PM, Yum Box international tasting activity.

October 18th at 2:00 PM we will have a presentation by the Oregon Historical Society in the Larkspur. If you're interested in learning more about Oregon history, you're welcome to come and attend!

October 25th we are going to be taking a bus trip leaving at 1:00 PM. Our destination is not yet determined.

October 26th at 2:00 PM, Ken Iverson, we'll be doing a Halloween storytelling performance in the Larkspur group activity room.

October 27th 3:00 PM ice cream truck. One volunteer needed, you would join Norma Martin in passing out ice cream.,

October 30th 3:00 PM creative expression class.

Please let Marianna Iverson know if you're interested in taking part in any of the activities this month.

## **Announcements**

Susie Matranga-Watson shared that a brunch was held to thank those who helped with all that was needed to put together the Farmers' Market this year. She wanted to express special appreciation to Cathy Schar for all her work with the market.

## **Suggestion Box** (Cindy Brown)

There was nothing reported from the Suggestion Box. Residents now can make suggestions through the RVillagers.org online suggestion box.

## **Calendar**

- Next Resident Forum: Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 2:30 pm
- Next Council Executive Committee Meeting: October 24, 2024
- Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 1:30 pm  
(Which will also be the Annual Meeting and the election results will be announced.)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Margi Brown, Secretary

## Upcoming Green Team Events

A Green Team series on clean energy resources in Oregon “beyond wind and solar”

Mark your calendars: On Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 1 pm in the PAC, there will be presentation by Ken Dragoon, the former Director of the Renewable Hydro Alliance (RHA). The RHA is a nonprofit trade association dedicated to promoting the production of hydrogen from renewable energy. Ken will tell us how “green hydrogen,” produced by electricity from wind, solar and other sources of clean energy, can replace fossil fuels for long haul transportation, making steel, and heating homes. When hydrogen is burned, the only residue is H<sub>2</sub>O. If you would like to get a head start learning about green hydrogen, visit the RHA website. <https://renewableh2.org/>.

The lecture on green hydrogen will be the first in a series of presentations, organized by the Green Team, on lesser-known clean energy resources in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

On Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 1 pm, Dr. Burke Hales will tell us about developments in ocean wave energy. Dr Hales is Professor at OSU in the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences. He is director of PacWave an open ocean wave energy testing facility recently constructed just a few miles from the deep-water port of Newport, Oregon. There is a huge amount of non-carbon energy in those Pacific Ocean waves, but capturing it is not easy. The PacWave <https://pacwaveenergy.org/> facility will provide wave-energy developers with a place to test a host of different designs.

On Tuesday, February 25, 2025 1 pm, Jim Conca, Ph.D. retired faculty Washington State University, author and speaker, will present a perspective on issues involving nuclear energy and the environment. He will stress the need for science-based decision-making that also understands the geopolitical and economic realities of the globe.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 1 pm, a representative from Mazama Energy <https://mazamaenergy.com/> will tell us about their experiments obtaining geothermal energy from very hot rocks in the Newberry Crater south of Bend, Oregon.

On Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 1 pm, Erik Steimle of Rye Development will discuss the prospect of Storing Energy with pumped water. The company has proposed building a large pumped hydro facility near Goldendale WA to store energy produced by the wind turbines along the Columbia River. <https://goldendaleenergystorage.com/>.

Keep a lookout for flyers and emails about these programs.



**Rose Villa Residents' Association**

**Treasurer's Report**

**For the month ending**                      September 30, 2024

**Employee Appreciation Gift Fund**

Beginning balance		\$31,839.15
Deposits and other credits	\$10,900.73	
Checks and other debits	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10,900.73</u>
Ending balance		\$42,739.88
Checks outstanding		\$0.00



Treasurer

**Residents' Association Council**

**Financial Report**

September 2024

	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenditure	Ending Balance
Garden Committee	2,303	235	71	2,467
Choir	1,523	70	0	1,593
Wood Shop	7,118	225	32	7,311
Treasure House	16,584	4,965	0	21,548
Sewing & Craft	573	0	0	573
Library Committee	558	0	0	558
Ready Force	2,792	0	0	2,792
Green Team	5,753	0	65	5,687
Sunday Suppers	336	478	443	371
Community Activity Fund	7,859	40	0	7,899
The Makers	0	0	0	0
Concert Committee	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>6,013</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>50,801</b>

### APPRECIATION FUND COMPARATIVE BY MONTH

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>VAR</b>
Jan 1	4,479	1,736	2,743
Jan 31	5,129	6,078	(949)
Feb 28	8,200	9,314	(1,114)
Mar 31	12,715	12,856	(141)
Apr 30	16,837	15,116	1,721
May 31	22,808	17,396	5,412
Jun 30	26,287	30,753	(4,465)
Jul 31	30,974	33,043	(2,069)
Aug 31	34,807	38,512	(3,705)
Sep 30	42,740	46,575	(3,835)



**Resident Association Council  
General Fund Budget Report  
September 30, 2024**

	ANNUAL BUDGET	FIRST OF MONTH	SPENT THIS MONTH	END OF MONTH
District Meeting Support	850	500		500
RVRA Annual Meeting	100	100		100
Annual Council orientation	100	100		100
IT expense	950	563		563
Administrative expense	200	136		136
New Resident Welcome	230	117	10	107
Contingency	70	70		70
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Total	2,500	1,586	10	1,576