

# Resident Association Council Minutes

Regular Meeting, May 1, 2017

Call to order: Chairperson Norma welcomed visitors and called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

Those attending: Chair Norma Martin, Treasurer Nancy Rorden, Secretary Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Councilors Pat Caldwell, James Carthel, Pam Duren, Ed Egging, Helen Lyons, Eric Shawn, Lois Weathers, Bob Zimmer, Archivist Jean Coberly, Foundation President Judie Hansen, CEO Vassar Byrd.

Absent: Andrea Drury

Guests: Wes Brown, Jan Murphy, Jan and Dave Dobak, Fran Hunter, Marilyn Gottschall, M.A.-Malone, Bynner Martin, Walt Schaffer.

Minutes from previous meeting: The date for the April Resident Forum was incorrectly entered as November 13th rather than April. Correction noted.

## **Reports:**

Management report: CEO Vassar Byrd shared that two new RV Board members have been invited to a reception with residents on Thursday, May 18th in the Club Room. They are: Jennifer Connor Smith, PhD, a child development specialist to assist with background as we develop our Phase Two child development center, and Glen Rodriguez, M.D., recently retired from Providence Medical Family Medicine and Gerontology. Additionally, we are proceeding with Phase 2 financing and have been authorized to begin construction of the first new neighborhood. Anticipated timeline for construction of the New Madrona Grove is for the first half to begin in Spring of 2019 and second half approximately a year later.

## **Foundation:**

Thanks to everyone who attended and/or supported our fundraising auction “Surfin' Safari” on April 29 at The Vibrant Table. We especially appreciate the participation of residents and staff, helping with decorations, greeting guests, leading dancing, hauling materials, helping put up and tear down on Friday and Sunday, putting together baskets and other items for the silent auction, and donating items for the live auction. Despite the light rain, we had two vintage station wagons and an older Ford coupe on display, and a shark costumed greeter. It was a sold out event and we exceeded our fundraising goal — too early to give a final figure.

Our next education and enrichment presentation is Saturday, May 6 - Incapacity Planning with attorney Julie Nimicht from the Geoff Bernhardt Elder Law Firm - 10 am to 11:30 am in the Performing Arts Center. The session is free. Highlights are:

Making financial decisions: Power of Attorney

Guardianships/Conservatorships - Court Authorization to make decisions on your behalf.

And much more.....Feel free to invite your adult children or family members.

Many thanks to Bob Zimmer for his work in coordinating the Tuesday Market for the last four years. Although he will continue to supply us with baked goods and serve as salesman, he will be passing the organizational reins to Susan Hyne as overall coordinator this season. We

are grateful to Susan for stepping up to share her time and energies in this community building service.

Judie Hansen, President

Archivist: The summer exhibition in the hallway to the art studio will be a reflection of Rose Villa using items selected from the Archives. Ruth Ross is gathering the materials.

Treasurer: Nancy Rorden reported that having the Employee Christmas fund box available all the time is helping a lot. There are donations made regularly. This month deposits amounted to \$732.35. The balance in the account is now at \$5,035.42.

### **Continuing business:**

- Resident Council Nomination Committee: Nancy Barrett-Dennehy reported that the committee members (Kathleen Chapman, Suzanne Townsend, Nancy Rorden, Nancy Barrett-Dennehy and Frank Ramos, Chairperson) met five times between April 1st and 18th. We were provided with lists of former and current Council members, information on which positions were needing to be filled and what the length of terms would be. This was complicated by the fact that we are operating under the current Bylaws but anticipating passage of new Bylaws which would change terms of service.

We solicited residents from the community at large, asking them to contact us if they were willing to be considered for nomination. Three people stepped up but one later needed to withdraw due to health concerns. Other names were generated by the committee members according to their knowledge of the community, keeping in mind things such as past service, gender balance, length of residency, etc. We contacted individuals and although a few needed to decline for various reasons, most were able to graciously agree to be placed on the ballot. We are grateful for their willingness to be of service. They are as follows:

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| Chairperson:             | Helen Lyons             |
| Vice Chairperson:        | Andrea Drury            |
| Past Chairperson:        | Norma Martin            |
| Council Representatives: | Group I: Dori Jones     |
|                          | Group II: Bill Rector   |
|                          | Group III: John Gillock |
|                          | Group IV: Rose Smith    |
|                          | Group V: Evelyn Cole    |

- Volunteer Recognition: This vigorous and dedicated committee has accomplished the following tasks since forming in March, 2017:

- + Obtained and processed information about previous resident volunteer recognition events.
- + Solicited, received and compiled lists of categories of volunteer activities that were performed by residents during the past year and individual residents who have performed volunteer services.

The committee will meet on May 2 at 10 a.m. in the Training Room to summarize and select from all the ideas that have been generated for the recognition resident volunteers - probably a lunch event for all volunteers in June or early July, 2017.

We are grateful for the ad hoc committee leadership provided by Bill Rector, data processing by Dee Saunders, recording of committee deliberations by Frank Ramos and great ideas by all others who attended meetings and contributed to the discussion.

James Carthel

- Transitions Team:. The committee on Council Documents has been working for 9 months (since last July's retreat), revising, upgrading, developing updated Bylaws to make the Council more effective. Final results will be voted on May 19th. Folders with information were distributed to all residents, including those in Madrona Grove. Thanks to Eric Shawn who spent many, many hours putting it all in readable form. Hopefully this will not need to be revised again for some time to come. Please encourage everyone you know to come to the May 19th meeting.

- Themes: The plan to develop a Procedures document will be postponed until new Council leadership and Councilors are elected. This is seen as an evolutionary process which will take time to work out. It will follow on Association approval of the revised Bylaws. Some items will be placed in a Procedures Manual where it will be easier to adjust and change as needed.

- Grant Process: Nancy Rorden explained that instead of a Grant, a simple flyer has been developed and will be distributed to residents for feedback or suggestions on how to make use of the money left from the defunct Council Groups (Saturday Movie Night and Computer Center). All ideas will be submitted to the Council for review and decision.

- Annual Meeting May 19th: Norma spoke with Norine about having our kitchen provide refreshments for this event. Costs would be \$400 for cookies, set up, tear down, full service coffee/tea/water. Just for cookies and juice it would be \$300. Suggestion was to go to Fred Meyer, Safeway or Costco to save money. Discussion followed. It was moved and seconded to spend the money and obtain refreshments from our Rose Villa kitchen for the sake of quality, to support our RV staff and to provide for dietary restrictions. The motion passed. Door prizes were solicited from Council members.

Norma expressed a heartfelt thank you to ALL for your service since this was the final meeting of this term.

Announcements:

- Outgoing Councilors please turn in your purged books to Nancy Rorden.

Resident Forum: Wednesday, May 17th at 11:00 am - Councilor presentation by Norma Martin.

**INVITE RESIDENTS AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, FRIDAY, MAY 19TH, 1:30-3:30 IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER!**

**New Councilor Orientation will be held May 30th from 2 to 4 pm, in the Training Room.**

Executive Council: Friday, May 26th, 10:30 a.m.

Next Council Meeting - June 5, 2017

Meeting adjourned 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Secretary

## **Councilor Reports:**

Group 1      Lois Weathers      Education/Library

Education Report: Wellness Director, Rene' Swar, announces that the long-standing Tuesday, Thursday Senior Yoga class offered by Clackamas Community College has been cancelled due to lack of participation. Rene' reminds everyone that thanks to residents who have qualified as Shallow Water Life Guards, the lazy river component of our pool is now running every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Additional Wellness classes being offered in May are as follows: 1). Aqua Circuit Class taught by the Wellness intern, Sandy Branch. Date and time to follow. 2). One-on-One free personal training also taught by Sandy--submissions requesting training are due by May 5th. Sandy's email is Sandra.branch@pcc.edu. 3). Rose Villa Golf Group at the Children's Course in Gladstone starting on May 18th at 8am. 4). A second Tai Chi class has been added in the Rec. Center on Tuesday's at 9:30am.

Finally, Rene' requests that residents note the dates of June 10 and 11 for the Rose Festival Dragon Boat Races. Bus service will be provided.

For info on all wellness classes, phone Rene' at Ext. 3284, pick up flyers in mailroom slots, or check Touchtown. Remember: all wellness classes are open and free to residents.

At 7pm on Thursday nights in May, the Rose Villa UNA is showing documentary films in the training room. May 16th: "The Future of Europe," moderated by Art Emlen. May 23rd: "Nuclear Security," moderated by Margaret Hamilton. May 30th: "Trade and Politics," moderated by Bill Cunitz.

The Interest Group series titled "The World Was Never the Same: Events that Changed History" is ongoing. It is held every Monday from 4-5 pm in the Performing Arts Center. Except for Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, the series will run until September 25th.

Jenna Miller, Community Relations Coordinator, has an amazing and varied array of events both entertaining and educational covering the entire month of May. For her concise listing, see page 9 in the recent May edition of Rose Villa News. Also see Touchtown, pick up a flyer, see the Trumpet, or contact Jenna at X3206, or jmiller@rosevilla.org.

Library Report: The library continues to receive a number of gift donations each month. We anticipate needing to shift some of the DVDs this summer to make room for more biographies.

Group 2      Andrea Drury      Treasure House/Fiber Arts Studio

Treasure House - Judie Hansen: The Treasure House continues to thrive! With the change of seasons comes a general lightening of our winter stock, with slashed prices for coats, jackets, sweaters, etc. We sold a lot of beach wear prior to the Surfin' Safari auction and anticipate having at least one "Sneak Peek" sale in May. If you are looking for a certain type of furniture or need a replacement printer, cook pot, etc., we maintain a "WISH LIST" book on the counter. Let us know what you need. Half price specials for the entire month of May - anything with animals, insects or birds, and all glass. We continue to have our unadvertised Thursday specials, posted on the reader board.

The Treasure House sales for the month of April were \$4,395.35.

At the April Forum, the Treasure House donated \$7,500 to the Rose Villa Foundation and \$7,500 to Rose Villa, Inc. for use to purchase AEDs, AED Training, Life Guard Certifications and additional lighting for the Performing Arts Center.

Quilting and Sewing Studio: The donations for mending services have been accumulating for the last 18 months in an account. The ladies who have been doing the work made a do-

nation of \$1000 to the Foundation. They are continuing to work on resident mending and sewing projects and other projects for the fall Bazaar. The Quilters moved their meeting day to Thursday from 3-5 because of scheduled conflicts on Mondays.

Group 3      Bob Zimmer      Tuesday Market

The market coordination will be taken over by Susan Hyne this season. More information to come soon.

Group 4      James Carthel      Hobby Shop

Woodworkers - Ed Egging: We are in the process of reviewing with all shop users the proper use and technique for using all of the power equipment. These sessions will be one-on-one or small groups of users. We also will be making decisions on several pieces of older equipment that will be sold and the new equipment that will be needed for replacing the old pieces. We will also be soliciting ideas for the new shop configuration.

We will be having a meeting of all interested woodshop users on Friday 4/28/17 at 9 am to introduce all interested residents who would like to use the shop.

Group 5      Helen Lyons      RV News/Magazine Exchange/Tri Met

RV News - Lori Carter: A new sweep has been installed at the bottom of the NewsRoom door. This is to keep out the cold & the debris that had been blown inside the office with the winds & storms. It seems to be doing its job well so far. Thank you Maintenance!

When submitting an article for possible publication in RVN, please remember that articles should be submitted to [rvn@rosevilla.org](mailto:rvn@rosevilla.org) by the 20th of the month.

Magazine Exchange - Julia Layden and Barbara Tuck: Things are going well in the Magazine Exchange. We are still waiting for the new sign.

Tri Met - Jean Coberly: We had our first TriMet happy hour trip in April. As it was a success we may do others periodically. The TriMet system will be disrupted most of May for updating tracks downtown. We'll be doing a TriMet trip to Oregon City in May to avoid the disruption downtown.

Group 6      Pam Duren      Out to Lunch Bunch/Pet Owners Support Team

Out to Lunch Bunch: The trip this month is to Mother's Bistro which is downtown and famous for their breakfasts. Sign up at the Reception desk or on Touchtown 3289 to ride the bus on Tuesday May 16. We will leave RV at 11:45.

Pet Owners Support Team: The Pet Owners Support Team hosted an hour meeting for all pet owners April 4th in the Performing Arts Center. Approximately 50 people attended. The agenda included a presentation by Dave Dobak followed by a discussion of dog park relocation proposals, and a tour of the resource and information found under the TouchTown Pet Owners link.

Attendees were invited to fill out a questionnaire that included contact information, pet resource recommendations, comments and suggestions for future meetings or activities.

Group 7      Pat Caldwell      Newcomers/Off Campus Entertainment

Newcomers: In April we had one new couple move in - Carolyn and Rowdie Tamblyn in cottage 217. Their buddies are Penny and Frank Ramos.

Off Campus Entertainment: On May 20th we have one concert - Mahler's Symphony #2. Check with Touchtown for details. Lots of events in May; check on Touchtown or the Trumpet.

Group 8      Eric Shawn      Green Committee/Bringing Nature Home/Solarium Worship

Green Committee: On Friday, April 28, we watched a Ted Talk video entitled *The Other Inconvenient Truth* by Jonathan Foley. He talked about how a skyrocketing demand for food means that agriculture has become the largest driver of climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental destruction. He addressed the need to begin “terraculture” or farming for the whole planet.

Solarium Worship - Bud Robinson: Our speakers in April were two lay persons and two chaplains. We had two pianists and a violinist. Five led singing. Four served as hostesses. We are again in need of at least one additional pianist.

Group 9      Ed Egging      Community Garden/Birdhouses

Community Garden - Jan and Dave Dobak: The proposal to relocate the Dog Park to the northwest corner of the Community Garden has led to alternative proposals and negotiations among the Gardeners, Pet Owners, and Rose Villa management through Bob Judd. A final plan has not yet been achieved.

Pathway improvement work in the south part of the garden is continuing. Pathways have been graded; edging boards around the plots are being replaced now and new sod will then be placed on the pathways. We expect completion in the next month. An experiment with gravel may take place.

Signs of spring are popping up everywhere. The soggy ground is drying out here and there, and vegetable starts and seeds are going in the ground. Grapevines are pushing out new buds, and fruit trees are flowering.

We have 33 gardeners and continue to meet on the first Thursday each month.