

Resident Association Council Minutes

Regular Meeting, July 10, 2017

Call to order and welcome: Helen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 9:45 am.

Those attending: Chair Helen Lyons, Past Chair Norma Martin, Treasurer Nancy Rorden, Secretary Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Councilors Pat Caldwell, Evelyn Cole, Pam Duren, Ed Egging, Dori Jones, Bill Rector, Rose Smith, Executive Assistant Kathryn Celerini Moore.

Absent: John Gillock, Andrea Drury, Lois Weathers, Judie Hansen, Vassar Byrd.

Guests: Elliot McIntire, Bynner Martin, Peggy Andrix, Dave and Jan Dobak; Marilyn Gottschall, Mary Eusterman, Bill Cunitz, Bob Zimmer, Susie Bridenbaugh, Mayo Marsh.

Minutes from previous meeting: Approved as written.

What we are grateful for:

Jose Rojas Reyes in Harvest Grill, Andy Tjan on grounds and Mark Panichello in Maintenance; that we are back to 80 degree weather.

Reports:

Administration:

Kathryn Celerini Moore represented Vassar in responding to Suggestion Box questions (see below).

Health Services:

The following report was submitted by Lois Weathers:

The goals for the new Madrona Grove Liaison position are as follows:

- Encourage, where possible, peer relationships with MG residents
- Increase the amount of volunteering in MG
- Aid in transition when a resident moves into MG
- Educate independent residents about MG
- Reduce fear of possible placement in MG
- Better merge MG into the daily living of the RV community
- Build awareness, acceptance, and eventually ownership in and for the new MG

A meeting was held on June 30, 2017 with Erin Cornell, Director of Health Services, Melodie Reid, Activities and Volunteer Coordinator, and Lois Weathers to discuss her new Resident Council position as Madrona Grove Liaison. Melodie stated the biggest need of MG residents is friends. It was decided to initiate a program titled "The Friendship Corps." Lois will interview MG residents to find out their interests and recruit independent residents who wish to serve in the Friendship Corp. Melodie Reid will provide training for members of the Corp.

To aid in the transition into MG, a resident consent form will be built into the admission process, in which the new MG resident can allow information of their new living situation to be released. If signed, Lois can then be informed of their name and admission date and will follow-up by alerting neighbors and friends so that they can, hopefully, be aware, informed, and supportive throughout the resident's transition into MG.

Lois accepted an invitation from Erin and Melodie to regularly attend the monthly Madrona Grove Resident Council meetings. Yes, they do have such a meeting (Lois went to her first on June 30th)—and it is resident led. The requirement for attendance at these meetings will be included in the Madrona Grove Liaison job description.

Foundation:

Foundation Board member Bill Cunitz filled in for Judie Hansen. He reported:

1. The Foundation has initiated a Charitable Gift Annuity program, available to all Rose Villa Residents 70 years and older. A CGA guarantees a resident income for their lifetime....and that of one additional beneficiary. Interest rates are between 6% - 7.3% for such an irrevocable gift, the balance of which will revert to the Foundation upon the Annuitant's death. Information was included in the July RV News and is easy to set up. See Linda Reed for additional information and a no obligation proposal of how it could impact one's financial planning.
2. The Foundation will be thanking all donors at the Annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday August 22 from 2:30-3:30 pm in the PAC. Bud and Charlotte Robinson will be acknowledged as Donors of the Year for 2017. The Award is not for how much a person gives, but the difference they make through their donation of time, talent, and treasure.
3. We need to remain vigilant as Congress debates an overhaul of the Affordable Care Act. Any alteration of Medicaid funding could have a direct impact on Madrona Grove's finances as reimbursement currently provides between \$260,000 - \$300,000 annually on behalf of residents who qualify for assistance. Without Medicaid, such supplemental support could need to come from Foundation resources. Advocate for Medicaid continuation with your Congressional reps in the House and Senate.

Treasurer: Report was distributed to each Council member. Employee Christmas Fund balance as of June 30th is \$7,653.02.

Archives: The exhibit of RV history will be on display opening this Thursday (July 13) in the hallway art gallery in the South building.

Continuing business:

“Free” money: (Helen Lyons) - Topics currently under consideration are Trees, Madrona Grove, and Woodshop donations. We will present each proposal, list pros and cons, respond to questions and poll members for consensus.

- Trees Modified Proposal: That \$500 from the Council’s Free Money Project be set aside for adding new trees to the Rose Villa campus. Green Committee representatives will work with RV staff to select tree varieties and planting locations.
8 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 further discussion. Consensus achieved. Modified Proposal approved.

- Madrona Grove Modified Proposal: That \$500 from the Free Money project be set aside for art/activity or other supplies that would be used to foster interaction between Madrona Grove residents and the students from Oak Grove Elementary who visit and read to them—a way to say, “thank you” for coming to visit! Discussion followed on whether feasible or not. Need more information. Request to table this until we know more.
8 need more info, 1 opposed. Consensus achieved. Need more information about the proposal.

- Woodshop Modified Proposal: That \$500 from the Free Money project be set aside for use by the Wood Shop after they move to their new location. The funds may be used for new equipment or supplies or to rework the new space as the Wood Shop Committee sees fit.

7 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 need more info. Consensus achieved. Modified Proposal approved.

Procedures Manual (Helen Lyons) - Ad Hoc Committee to develop the Council Procedures Manual. First task is to draft for Council consideration a process for residents to bring issues to the Council. Eric Shawn, chair; Sally Sharrard and Jean Johnson are committee members. They hope to convene a committee meeting in July and have a draft proposal for August Res. Council mtg.

Add benefits of trees to RV Inc. Sustainability Framework. (Eric Shawn) A draft was begun in February with John Schallberger. Many meetings were held since then, toured the campus.

- Trees Proposal: That the Council approve and forward to John Schallberger for action the following text for the RV Sustainability Framework:

Environmental Goal – Trees: Within 5 years from 2017 Rose Villa shall maintain a minimum average 25% tree canopy cover on campus while working to increase canopy in campus regions having less than 10% tree canopy.

- Objective #1: Identify and record quantities and varieties of **street trees** on RV campus.
- Objective #2: Identify and record quantities and varieties of **landscape trees** on RV campus.
- Objective #3: Use the free USDS Forest Service iTree web software to calculate and record **tree canopy cover** at Rose Villa by geographic area (N Laurie, S Laurie, Pocket Neighborhoods, N Main, S Main and Schroeder.) Update annually.
- Objective #4: Develop and use a Rose Villa tree list congruent with Rose Villa Landscape policy (8/1/14) and Rose Villa Tree Planting Considerations (June 2017) while informed by The Portland Plant List and other research resources such as Bringing Nature Home by D.W. Tallamy and The Sustainable Urban Forest by M. Leff.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 request more info. Consensus achieved. Proposal approved.

New business:

- Housing Survey Modified Proposal: Request approval from the Council to survey current residents asking what they like and do not like about their housing units and common areas. Results of the survey will be forwarded to RV Administration and the RV Inc. Board of Directors.

9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 request more info. Consensus achieved. Proposal approved.

Open Forum:

Encourage residents to send in a work order for anything that you see that needs repair. Participate actively!

Is it possible to set aside a fund to assist residents in getting hearing aids? Talk to Mary Helen about this idea. Also C-pap machines need generator to go camping - could rent out to recoup cost.

Suggestion Box:

- * Can diners in the Harvest Grill order from the Madrona Grove menu?
Cannot open up MG menu due to service and time constraints. Sometimes leftovers are placed in Grab-N-Go cooler.
- * Could RV switch from gas to electric powered motors to reduce noise?
We are currently evaluating different types of electric equipment to replace the gas equipment as it becomes necessary.
- * Could the Sunday NY Times Crossword puzzle be made readily available in the Club Room?
Jean Coberly clarified that RV only subscribes to NY Times on weekdays. The Saturday and Sunday copies are donated by a resident once they are finished with it. It was requested that we ask RV to extend subscription to the weekend or possibly just get the Crossword subscription. Bill Cunitz volunteered to bring the crossword puzzle from his Sunday Times to the library on Sundays.

Announcements:

- * The date for the November Annual Meeting has been set for November 6th at 1:30 pm in the PAC.
- * Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue program this coming Saturday (July 15th from 1:00-3:00). Please RSVP on line or at Resident Services Desk.
- * Update on redecorating the Club Room
Pam Duren reported that the 9:00 am Thursday coffee hour has become a sort of round table discussion. Tina and Sadie came to members of the group and asked for input on redecorating the Club Room. It began with a request for a Bulletin Board and then they gave additional input. Outcome is adding colors and fabric to walls, and an oval table to become a permanent home for the jigsaw puzzle. Shelves will be installed on the back wall, posters will be removed, decorator "stuff" will go away; happy hour will be moved to Heirloom; some shelves will be available for 3 dimensional art. Jack Duren volunteered to curate art to be displayed on available walls.

Each Councilor please contact your committee members a week in advance of the next Council meeting and give their reports in writing to the secretary.

Resident Forum: Council member presentation in July will be done by Bill Rector about the Volunteer Appreciation event on July 15th.

Next Executive Committee meeting: July 21, 2017

Next Council Meeting: August 7, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.
Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Secretary

Councilor Reports:

Group 1 Dori Jones Education/Library

Education - Rene Swar: Rene Swar reports that the fitness challenge course is underway. There have been reports that residents are out in the early morning and evening,

Group 4 Rose Smith Hobby Shop

We had one accident in the shop this month requiring three stitches. This happened on the table saw and has prompted a review of the timeline to purchase a Sawstop table saw. Originally we decided to hold off until we moved to our new location but we will be meeting this month to talk about purchasing it sooner. As new shop users join our crew we are also losing some of our talented woodworkers so the shop hours will also be addressed at this meeting and hopefully new talent will be recruited. Ed Egging

Group 5 Evelyn Cole RV News/Magazine Exchange/Tri Met

RV News - Lori Carter: The RV office is scheduled to have housekeeping come after some time of no cleaning, for which the volunteers are pleased. Residents are good about bringing in material for the News.

Magazine Exchange - Julia Layden and Barbara Tuck: No report this month.

Tri Met - Jean Coberly: During June we did two TriMet trips. Over 20 people went on the streetcar trip to Kidd's Toy Museum and to do the complete loop (both east and west sides of the river). About 12 people went on the bus trip to Alberta Street, where they had the opportunity to explore the murals, shops, and numerous eateries. We have two trips coming up in July, both of which are walking tours.

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

Out to Lunch Bunch: In June Ya Hala was the Ethiopian restaurant that several people tried. Jenna could not stay; Pam and Jean Coberly were out of town. Next month the group will go to the local Bomber restaurant on July 18. In August we may try the new Cracker Barrel for lunch on August 15.

Pet Owners Support Team: Kathy Phelan is away from RV until mid July but continues to be in touch with people to hear complaints and offer suggestions to solve problems.

Group 7 Pat Caldwell Newcomers/Off Campus Entertainment

Newcomers: In June we had three more move-ins. They are Brad and Joyce Jensen in #244 - their buddy is Judy O'Dell. Nancy Martin in #5301, her buddy is M.A. Malone. Betty Hosakawa and Ed Zack in #5314 - their buddy is Judie Hansen.

Off Campus Entertainment: No concerts in July. Lots of activities as usual; check with Touch Town and the Trumpet for details.

Group 8 Eric Shawn Sustainable Living/Bringing Nature Home/Solarium Worship

Sustainable Living: The Green Committee continues to meet each Friday at 4:00 in the Training Room. Current notes are available on Touch Town.

Solarium Worship - Bud Robinson: Our speakers in June were three lay persons and a missionary. 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: Everyone is very pleased with the results of the pathway renovation in the south part of the garden. Work on the new dog park has begun. We have 33 gardeners and continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month. Eleven people participated in a weeding and mowing work party Saturday, June 24th. Summer has finally arrived. Vegetables, fruits and flowers are growing vigorously and harvest is beginning. Tuesday Market opens July 11th.

