

September, 2017 Resident Association Council Minutes

Regular Meeting, September 11, 2017

Call to order: Chair Helen Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:45 and welcomed guests.

Those attending: CEO Vassar Byrd, Chair Helen Lyons, Past Chair Norma Martin, Treasurer Nancy Rorden, Secretary Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Councilors Pat Caldwell, Evelyn Cole, Pam Duren, John Gillock, Dori Jones, Bill Rector, Rose Smith, Eric Shawn, Archivist Jean Coberly, Foundation President Judie Hansen.

Absent: Ed Egging, Lois Weathers.

Guests: Mary and Joe Eusterman, Katie Morales, Bob Zimmer, Marilyn Gottschall, Bynner Martin, Dave and Jan Dobak.

Minutes from previous meeting: approved as written.

What we value and are grateful for: Bob Zimmer (baker); housekeeping service; reminder that today is 9/11, grateful for commitment of first responders.

Reports:

Rose Villa Management: Phase 2 is progressing. We are still working with both state and county to get details taken care of. Bank loan officer reported that they are unanimous in wanting to fund our project. All but two of the net zero homes have sold.

Health Services: no report this month.

Madrona Grove Liaison: COME ONE--COME ALL!! The residents of Madrona Grove are welcoming all of Rose Villa into their home for a special OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, September 19th from 2:30 to 4:00pm. While there check out their beautiful Court Yard Garden, chat with residents and staff, take a tour, enjoy refreshments, and find out how you can become a member of the Madrona Grove Friendship Corps.

The number of volunteers in Madrona Grove's "Friendship Corps" is slowly growing. What sorts of things would Corps members be doing? Almost anything--ranging from sharing a lunch or a coffee, to reminiscing over photo albums, to going for walks is welcomed. Recent examples: a Corps member from the woodshop provided some of the men in Madrona Grove with planter boxes to sand and refinish; another Corps member took a MG resident to a recent funeral and brought her home again. Any and all acts of thoughtful friendship such as these will be cherished! Once any training needed takes place, and connections are made, the time commitment is of your choosing. Time involved can range from helping out on an afternoon off-campus outing to a ten-minute walk.

The greatest need of MG residents is to have a friend.

If you have any interest in becoming involved in our very own amazing Madrona Grove and becoming a member of the Friendship Corps, contact Lois Weathers, Resident Council Madrona Grove Liaison at x3240, or Melodie Reid, Madrona Grove Activities and Volunteer Coordinator, at x3276. See you at the Open House!

Foundation: The Education and Enrichment task group has been busy scheduling presentations with three groups this month. The Treasure House, SEEDS Garden Store and Tuesday Market

have kept some 75 volunteers devoting many hours benefitting the Foundation. SEEDS and Tuesday Market volunteers will be recognized on the 14th. Bud and Charlotte Robinson were honored as donors of the year with an ice cream social and a paver for the tranquility garden. Foundation board members met jointly with the board of Rose Villa, Inc., and will be attending the Leading Age fall conference in Newport.

The Foundation fall campaign will be a horse race track (ROSE VILLA DOWNS), with 4 race horses (Sea Biscuit, National Velvet, Black Stallion and Secretariat). Residents can decide how much money they want to donate to the Foundation and assign it to one of our four pillars and which horse should advance on the track. Ruth Ross, Jack Duren and Linda Reed have built a racetrack with grandstands. Our favorite horse movies will be shown and before the last movie we will have the Rose Villa Derby - wear funny hats, dress up and enjoy mint juleps, non-alcoholic treats and lots of fun.

This is a wonderful way to beat the winter weather coming soon. Everyone who contributes to the campaign wins a chance to have a free lunch with Vassar. All Pacesetters have already been entered in the drawing.

Archivist: The exhibit about RV history comes down on the 18th and all materials will be returned to the archives by end of the month.

Treasurer: Employees Christmas fund is currently \$10,744.40. The annual drive begins in October. Nancy Rorden will speak about it at the September Resident Forum. The Employee Christmas party will be on December 6th at 2:00 so all employees on campus can get checks. The amount of each bonus depends on years of service and number of hours worked this year. It is calculated by computer program. The goal is to exceed the 2016 total of \$92,193.48.

Continuing Business:

Procedures Manual: Eric Shawn reported the committee met to wrap up portions of the agenda process. The proposed changes are in Article VII, Section 3.B, items 2 through 5 ([available in the Reports and Updates and in Council Minutes & Reports Attachment on TouchTown](#)). Following review and discussion, consensus was unanimous in favor of accepting the proposed changes.

Free Money: Erin Cornell needs to decide where the money for school children should be deposited.

Housing Survey Report: This report was completed and distributed.

RV Sustainability Framework: Trees update - Eric Shawn received an update from John Schallberger after the Council meeting ended. The recommendation about the tree canopy has been incorporated into the RV Sustainability Framework. ([available in the Reports and Updates section and in Council Minutes & Reports attachments on TouchTown](#)).

New Business:

Tracking form for Council Agenda items: Eric has developed a form that will be published.

Announcements and Updates:

Ad Hoc committee update: Groups and Activities - Norma reported that this is in process currently.

Seeking Solutions update: Seeking Solutions is temporarily on hiatus.

- We are sorry to report that Andrea Drury has resigned from the Council. Eric_Shawn has been appointed to fill the Vice Chair position.
- A resident needs to be appointed to fill Eric's position as Councilor #8 (responsible to report on Green Committee, Bringing Nature Home, Ready Force, Solarium Worship). If you have a recommendation, please let Helen or another member of the Executive Committee know before the Sep. 15th meeting.
- We are sorry to report that Pat Caldwell who is currently Councilor #7 will be leaving Rose Villa in October. Suzanne Townsen has been appointed to fill her position.
- We have changed how Council meeting minutes are listed on TouchTown. The information is posted in 3 categories: Minutes, Councilor Reports, and Attachments.
- A word or two about notes and flyers left in residents' cubbies.... They should be signed. See the Residents Handbook page 12.
- The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec 6th in the PAC.
- The November Annual Meeting has been set for November 6th at 1:30 PM in the PAC.

Suggestion Box: Items were appropriate to be addressed by Administration, not the Council.

Open Forum:

Concern was expressed as to how residents who don't use TouchTown can receive information. Isn't it our responsibility to be sure residents who don't use computers or who have vision or hearing needs have suitable options for receiving information?

Answer: This is a subject that both the Council and Administration are grappling with. So far, we have no clear answers but are exploring at least one option that seems promising.

Question: How are Groups assigned to Councilors?

Answer: Groups are currently being interviewed in preparation for assignment to Councilors by theme, as recommended at the 2016 Council Retreat.

Question: Should Councilors represent specific RV neighborhoods and should the neighborhoods be those defined by Emergency Preparedness and Ready Force?

Answer: In accordance with the recommendations from the 2016 Council Retreat, the Council is currently moving to a structure based on themes. After evaluating themes, the plan is to move to a representative structure based on neighborhoods and quite likely the neighborhoods will be those defined by Emergency Preparedness and Ready Force.

Question: Once the Procedures Manual is complete will it replace the open forum?

Answer: No, the Open Forum is a time during the Council meeting for residents to raise issues or questions.

Next Resident Forum: September 14th at 1:00 PM. Council speaker will be Nancy Rorden.

Next Council Meeting: October 2, 2017

Next Executive Committee meeting: September 15, 2017

Meeting adjourned 10:35 am

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Secretary