

October 2, 2017 Resident Association Council Minutes

Regular Meeting, October 2, 2017

Call to order: Chair Helen Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:45 and welcomed guests. We took a moment of silence to honor the victims of the Las Vegas shooting.

Those attending: Chair Helen Lyons, Vice-Chair Eric Shawn, Past Chair Norma Martin, Treasurer Nancy Rorden, Secretary Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Councilors Pam Duren, Ed Egging, John Gillock, Dori Jones, Bill Rector, Suzanne Townsen, Foundation President Judie Hansen, Madrona Grove Liaison Lois Weathers and representative Norrene Thompson, Madrona Grove Activities Coordinator Melodie Reid, CEO Vassar Byrd.

Absent: Evelyn Cole, Rose Smith, Jean Coberly

Guests: Mary and Joe Eusterman, Marilyn Gottschall, Dave and Jan Dobak, Jan Murphy, Fran Hunter, Bob Zimmer

Minutes from previous meeting: Correction to September attendance - CEO Vassar Byrd was present and gave the Management report. Approved as corrected.

What we value and are grateful for: alarm clock; Don Eckler for leaving tools to be sold by Treasure House.

Reports:

Rose Villa Management: Vassar reported she had a conference call with lawyers regarding bank financing. Our banking partners are very positive and enthusiastic about our project. We will be inviting three contractors to bid on Phase II. Vassar will be attending Leading Age, both State and National Conferences and giving presentations at both. She will be traveling a lot this month and taking advantage of good networking opportunities.

Health Services: Activities Director Melodie Reid reported that Madrona Grove had 8 residents who participated in a fishing trip at Indian Springs trout farm. They caught 17 fish and the kitchen crew cooked them for breakfast the next morning! They have rescheduled their Open House for October 17th from 2:30-4:00.

OMA training for new volunteers begins next week. We have 11 new volunteers (including subs) and 9 volunteers returning. There will be 2 classes with 9 artists in each. The art show is scheduled for Dec. 1st. Invitations to local artists will go out this week to invite them to display works Nov. 17th in Club Room. A request was submitted to Regional Arts and Culture Council for grant money to help fund activities.

Madrona Grove Liaison: Lois Weathers, our Madrona Grove liaison, reported that the Madrona Grove Open House has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th. Bring a friend and arrive anytime between 2:30 and 4:00pm. Tours, refreshments, and time in Madrona Grove's lush Court Yard Garden are scheduled. The residents and staff of Madrona Grove are eager to share their home, and their work, with all of Rose Villa.

If you have questions about Madrona Grove, the Open House is the time to get answers. There are many intriguing items largely unknown about Madrona Grove. For example, did you know that there is a resident-led MG Resident Council meeting held every month? The agenda for these meetings includes open discussion on many items such as up-coming activities (how many Santa hats to order for Christmas), menu planning, housekeeping, nursing, call lights, C.N.A.s, etc. The September meeting included a lively discussion on planning for Halloween. Ideas and requests ranged from what to eat, what to wear for costumes, and ways to decorate. Quite frankly, their meetings have a much higher fun factor than is found at Rose Villa's Resident Council meetings!

If you have any interest in volunteering in Madrona Grove and becoming a member of their "Friendship Corps," there will be a sign-up table at the Open House.

Confirm for yourself that Madrona Grove is a Rose Villa treasure!
See you at the Open House!

Foundation: The fall campaign has begun with the fabulous horse display in the lobby, thanks to Jack Duren and Ruth Ross. The campaign runs from October 1 through December 31 with a goal of \$32,200. Over the period of the campaign, there will be race horse themed movies - the first is Seabiscuit on October 10 at 7 PM in the PAC. The Education and Enrichment Task force has lined up a great array of timely workshops: Budgeting for Retirement on October 4 and later the same day, "Decluttering."

On October 24, a no-pressure workshop on “Advance Directives” is offered for those who are curious and have not yet completed their advanced directive. The Education and Enrichment Task Force is looking for two new members. If you know of anyone who has ideas and wants to help make educational programs happen, please contact Linda Reed in the Foundation office at 3075.

Archivist: Efforts are being made to research obituaries of former residents for whom we have not kept complete records.

Treasurer: Christmas Fund currently has a total of \$12,667.68. Letters will be going out to all residents to explain the process and the donation box will be decorated for the holiday donations.

Continuing Business:

Procedures Manual: Eric presented a brief review of work completed (see last month’s Updates on Article VII - Agenda Process). Today’s focus is on Article VI - Elections. (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: \$250 check for Madrona Grove project has been issued.

Tracking form for Council Agenda items: Two models were presented. One has a full page for each item, the second is in list form with multiple items on same page. The format on the second is in very small print but is otherwise easy to see all at a glance. Suggestions included adding a column to indicate who is responsible for each item; making the dividing lines darker in order to have clear delineations between items; hiding the section on background information to save space. Discussion will continue.

New Business:

Soliciting Funds from Residents: Judie Hansen brought this item up for discussion. The discussion centered on two key questions: 1) Should a resident be allowed to solicit individual community members for donations to an off-campus group? 2) Should a resident be allowed to solicit donations

to an off-campus group by, for example, posting a flyer on a bulletin board, as long as the solicitation is targeted at the community as a whole--not at individual community members? This is a resident handbook item, clarifying the community standard. A request was made for an ad hoc committee to write up a simple proposal and submit it to the Executive Committee. Bill Rector and Suzanne Townsen volunteered for this.

Appointment of Nominating Committee: Norma reported that she is joined by Frank Ramos, Suzanne Townsen, Dee Saunders, and Marilee Wetten for this purpose. It is a fairly simple procedure this time as we are in the transitional phase of adjusting Councilor terms. We are asking current Councilors Bill Rector, John Gillock and Dori Jones to remain in their positions for a regular 3 year term. On Nov. 6th we have a regular council meeting that morning, and the Association Annual Meeting at 1:30 that afternoon for elections.

Ad Hoc committee update: Groups and Activities - Norma had distributed the list with brief explanations of what each group does or is responsible for. The suggestion was made to add the name of a contact person for each of the groups.

The following items were referred to the Executive Committee:

- * Investigate how to make Councilors/Officers more recognizable on campus.
- * Investigate communication options for residents who are hearing and/or vision impaired and residents who don't use computers.
- * Consider a representative structure of Council government.

Announcements and Updates:

Appointment to the Councilor #8 position: We are waiting for response.

Rose Villa Inc. Board Meeting notes: Sales of Phase II going well and financial numbers are positive. (available in the Reports and Updates and in Council Minutes & Reports Attachment on TouchTown).

Appointment to the Executive Committee: We hope to know by this week.

The Ready Force Team will continue to report to Eric Shawn.

The Potluck Group needs a person to head the team. If you would like to volunteer, please see Norma Martin. We also need a person to lead the OTLB group.

The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 6th in the PAC.

The November Annual Resident Association Meeting has been set for Nov. 6th at 1:30 PM in the PAC.

Eric will be attending a Crisis Management meeting.
Helen and Norma will be attending the Leading Age conference.

Suggestion Box: Can we arrange for food carts come to Main street once a week to eat outside and provide a variety of food? Vassar responded to this: It would be too expensive to do this on any regular basis. May do it for a special occasion.

Open Forum: Is there a relationship between the Council and Fall Festival? It used to be run by one resident; when she couldn't do it any longer, no one else was willing to take it on so staff got involved. Jenna has been carrying the overall responsibility but it is not really her job. We are hoping for a big comeback this year with new people and crafters. This is a possible future agenda item for the Council to undertake.

Next Resident Forum: October 19th at 4:00 PM. Council speaker: Norma will talk about the Annual meeting.

Next Executive Committee meeting: October 20, 2017

Next Council Meeting: November 6, 2017

Rose Villa Residents' Association Annual Meeting: November 6, 2017
1:30 PM in the PAC

Meeting adjourned 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Secretary