

Residents Association Annual Meeting, November 6, 2017

Chair Helen Lyons called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and the first order of business was a drawing for the first door prize.

Helen began by giving an overview of the structure of Rose Villa:

There is the Rose Villa Incorporated Board of Directors which focuses on financial stability and long-term planning.

There is the Rose Villa Administration consisting of Vassar and her staff who are responsible for the day-to-day operations,

There is the Rose Villa Residents Association and Council. The purpose of the Council is stated in the Bylaws:

First: to promote cooperation between residents and between residents and staff.

Second: to provide a means for us as residents to participate in decision-making that affects the life we choose to live.

Third: to communicate our mutual concerns as residents to the Administration and Board of Directors.

She then introduced Vice-Chair Eric Shawn. Eric reviewed Council achievements for 2017:

The Council is going through a transition based on recommendations that emerged from our July 2016 retreat. We have rewritten our bylaws to allow for a Chairperson, a Vice-Chair, and a Past Chair. Councilors are elected to serve a 3 year term and we have changed to a Jan-Dec calendar.

Our Goals include: Representation; Discussion and Respect/Acknowledgment for dissenting voices; Energy, New Life & Creativity; Fluidity in communications-issues to the Council, decisions from the Council; Authority and Follow Through, Time for discussion and Structure that fits issues; Change and Action; Process; Trust.

The July 2016 Retreat made the following recommendations which are currently either in practice or are in process:

- Set aside a time at each meeting to express gratefulness.
- Transition from a Reporting Body to a Decision-making Body: We are currently developing a Procedures Manual (chapters 1 through 5 have been completed and approved); Development of a Resident-driven Agenda Process.
- Decision Making: Goals include Feeling Heard; Addressing Resident Concerns and Being Effective and Timely.
- Move to a Consensus Process for decision-making: this has been in place since June, 2017 with 75% agreement needed.
- Be Visible and Transparent: We are developing an Annual Agenda Calendar to be posted on TouchTown and on Bulletin Boards to inform residents of topics to be covered; A Councilor will speak at each Forum; Job Descriptions will be developed and published; We have developed an Agenda Tracking Tool on TouchTown to keep track of progress on action items.

- Review Representative Structures: Goals are Inclusion; Madrona Grove representative; Manageable Workloads.
- Issue Identification Model: Groups and Activities; Councilor Portfolios; Geographic Representatives? Communication that reaches ALL residents.

Eric then moved on to the purpose of this November semi-Annual meeting which is to Elect a Chair, a Vice Chair and 3 councilors. He introduced Frank Ramos, Chair of the nominating committee to lead us through the process. Frank expressed gratitude to his committee members: Judie Hansen, Norma Martin, Dee Saunders and Norrene Thompson.

There were 91 residents present so there was a quorum to enable us to have a valid election. The ballot included Chair Helen Lyons; Vice Chair Eric Shawn; and three councilors up for election: Dori Jones, Bill Rector and John Gillock;

No further nominations came from the floor. A motion was made that we vote by acclamation. This was seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Congratulations and thank you to those willing to serve our community in this way.

Finally there were surveys each table. People were asked to write 3 things that would make life at Rose Villa even better. Results will be forthcoming.

The final order of business was drawing for additional door prizes. The Association thanks both residents and campus groups that supplied the door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Secretary