

## January 8, 2017 Resident Association Council Minutes

### Regular Meeting, January 8, 2018

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

Those attending: Chair Helen Lyons, Vice-Chair Eric Shawn, Treasurer Nancy Rorden, Secretary Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Archivist Jean Coberly, Councilors Ed Egging, John Gillock, Fran Hunter, Dori Jones, Julia Layden, Bill Rector, Rose Smith, Suzanne Townsen, Foundation President Judie Hansen, Madrona Grove Liaison Lois Weathers and representative Norrene Thompson, CEO Vassar Byrd.

Absent: Norma Martin, Evelyn Cole.

Guests: Elliot McIntire, Mary and Joe Eusterman, Jan Wainscott, Susan Hyne, Jan Murphy, Jan and Dave Dobak, Bob Zimmer, Katie Morales, Walt Schaffer, Bill Wiehofen, Kay Wille.

Minutes from previous meeting: Approved with a correction on the date of the January meeting (the year should read 2018).

What we value and are grateful for: New horizons and RV is on the cusp; Everyone who came to support our New Year's potluck; No ice and snow; Happy that Madrona Grove is here.

### **Reports:**

**Rose Villa Management:** Vassar reminded us that the contractors for Phase Two will be starting "Coffee with Contractors" on Wednesday, January 24th and all residents are encouraged to attend. Everything looks good financially for Phase Two.

**Foundation:** Fall Campaign: Thank you everyone for your support of the Fall Campaign. We raised \$45,668, which is a record! 35 staff participated as well as many members of BOTH the Rose Villa Inc. and Rose Villa Foundation Boards.

Toward the end of this month and beginning of February the Foundation will be generating the 2018 donation statements electronically. We had over 300 donations just in the last three months and it takes a LOT of time

to generate the letters and uses a lot of paper. So, if you would like a paper statement please let Linda know.

Foundation Workshops this month include:

Joylyn Ankeney, a seasoned CPA with Aldrich Advisors, will discuss the 2018 Tax Changes on Tuesday, Jan 9 from 10 to 11:15 in the PAC.

The presenter will do a very thorough job and we encourage you to attend. She will highlight the 2018 changes but will NOT talk about individual circumstances.

Technology Workshop will be January 25 at 2:00 pm in the Training Room. Topic is "Ridesharing: How to Use Uber and Lyft"

Professionals: In the hallway across from resident services is a list of professionals that have been vetted by the Foundation. Please refer people to the list and IF you know a tax professional that we should add to the list, please send the information to Linda.

**Archivist:** Over the past 4-5 months I've been creating an archival file on each resident who has lived at RV. There are over 1,800 of us.

In the early 1970's the Resident Council created a 3x5 form that each new resident filled out. These "Who's Who" cards listed their birth date, date they moved in, education, occupation, where they were born, where they moved from when they came to RV, religious preference, and foreign travel. Jeanne Walker continues to update that file.

Elliot McIntire created an Excel spread sheet from the Who's Who cards and I used it to gather information on everyone in the first resident directory (the folks who moved in at the beginning, in late 60/early 61), Elliot then added these details to his spread sheet of residents. Once we got started we couldn't stop. By the end of 2017 we have completed the files on each resident, with as much information as I can locate through the archives and obituaries.

Elliot has created interesting demographic reports based on this data. We're hoping he can do a presentation of his findings at a Forum as they reveal so much about the specialness of Rose Villa.

As we got into the project Elliot enlisted Eric Shawn's help in finding information on the never married women of RV and others for whom we lack much information. Each resident now has a sheet listing the basic information from the spread sheet and with as much personal detail as I can find from obituaries, articles, and conversations. I'm adding military experi-

ence, family connections (all the people at RV who were related) and employee/Board connections (workers and RV Board members, and retired CEOs who moved in).

**Treasurer:** The total amount collected for the Employee Christmas Fund, as of December 2, 2017, was \$107,073.17. The balance in the Fund, as of Dec. 31st was \$5,115.53.

### **Continuing Business:**

**Procedures Manual:** Eric presented the section on Chapter VIII - Amendments. The only change is in the second paragraph under Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee. It now reads: "Within thirty days of committee appointment, the bylaws committee chair, elected by committee members, presents recommended bylaws changes to the Council Executive Committee." Following review and discussion, consensus was unanimous in favor of accepting the proposed changes. (Available in the Reports and Updates and in Council Minutes & Reports Attachment on TouchTown).

**Soliciting Funds from Residents:** The following revised proposal was presented by Suzanne - "Residents may not be personally or individually solicited for donations by other Rose Villa residents. Exceptions to this policy are solicitations from groups/activities that have been vetted and approved by Rose Villa Administration and the Resident Council. In any case, residents are free to donate or not donate, as they choose.

Solicitation flyers targeting the community as a whole - not individual residents - may be posted on Rose Villa bulletin boards for a period of no more than 30 days with the following conditions:

- the name of the group soliciting the donation must be shown on the flyer
- the date the flyer was posted must be shown on the flyer
- the flyer must have been reviewed for objectionable content by Rose Villa Resident Services
- residents are free to donate or not donate, as they choose"

Consensus was unanimous in favor of referring the revised text to the administration for inclusion in the Resident Handbook.

**Re-alignment of Councilor Portfolios:** Helen presented the proposed changes for discussion. There were no questions or discussion and con-

sensus was unanimous in favor of the proposed changes. (Available in the Reports and Updates and in Council Minutes & Reports Attachment on TouchTown).

Ad Hoc Committee update: Suzanne Townsen and Lois Weathers presented their findings on the feasibility of having an in-house TV channel as a means to improved communication. They are working with Comcast to determine costs and then we will poll our residents to see if or how many would use it if it were available. Discussion followed with many speaking in favor of this feature.

### **Announcements and Updates:**

Fran Hunter has accepted the appointment to fill Councilor #6 position.

The Out to Lunch Bunch needs a team leader to work with Jenna Miller to select restaurants for monthly outings.

The 2018 Annual Agenda for the Council will be added to TouchTown.

Update from the Food Survey Team: Susan Hyne and Jan Wainscott presented a summary of the work this team did over the past year. They recommended that the current team be disbanded but that there be continued development of team skills, how to address different perspectives and some continuing collaboration between staff and residents. Further information will be forthcoming on TouchTown under Council Special Reports.

Today's Council Agenda: key items were listed on the back of the Trumpet.

Council members now have distinctive name tags to improve visibility on campus. Information and photos will be posted on TouchTown and a brochure will be issued.

We received dozens of cards from Rose Villa employees thanking us for the Christmas party and checks.

The February Council meeting will be held in the PAC on February 5th at 1:30 PM. It will include a special presentation by Michelle LaCroix, Rose Villa's Director of Human Resources. Her topic will be "Workforce Issues Today and Into the Future." She will talk about the challenges Rose Villa faces in attracting good people and the steps being taken to retain them after they are hired.

**Suggestion Box:**

Can the newspapers be moved from the Club Room to the Library?  
Answer: The Library is extremely short on space for either sitting and reading or displaying newspapers. The northwest corner of the Lobby is being evaluated as an alternative. Much discussion followed. It was agreed we would try this and reevaluate.

**Open Forum:**

- There is some confusion around terms for the woodshop/hobby shop. It is strictly a woodshop - no tools for working on other materials (metal, etc.)
- Fall festival not assigned to any councilor. We need to have further information and discussion around this issue. We need a committee to work together with a staff person.
- Communication suggestion: hold council meetings in PAC to be more accessible for more residents to attend.

**Next Resident Forum:** January 25th, 3:30 PM.

Council speaker: Dori Jones will explain the focus of the February Resident Council meeting which will take place in the PAC with a guest speaker, Michelle LaCroix.

Elliot McIntire will talk about an upcoming presentation based on work he and others have done for the Archives: A Historical Portrait of Rose Villans.

**Next Council Meeting:** February 5, 2018 1:30 PM in the PAC.

**Next Executive Committee meeting:** January 13, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Secretary