

## May 7, 2018 Resident Association Council Minutes

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, Past Chair Norma Martin, Secretary Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Archivist Jean Coberly, Councilors Ed Egging, John Gillock, Dori Jones, Julia Layden, Bill Rector, Suzanne Townsen, Madrona Grove Liaison Lois Weathers, Management representative Katie Morales.

Absent: Evelyn Cole, Rose Smith, Norrene Thompson, Vassar Byrd.

Guests: Jan and Dave Dobak, Joe and Mary Eusterman, Wes Brown, Byron Wyndhorst, Bynner Martin, Marilyn Gottschall, M.A. Malone, Bob Zimmer.

Minutes from previous meeting: Approved as written.

What we value and are grateful for: sewer plants; next Tuesday the election will be over; for spring and warmer weather; that Jean is going to France and motivating me to aspire to that!

### **Reports:**

Rose Villa Management: No report this month.

Madrona Grove Liaison: April report - As Madrona Grove Liaison for the Rose Villa Resident Council, an enjoyable part of this new position is attending the monthly MG Resident Council meetings. Their meetings are resident led, well attended, lively, and fun. Since I find them so enjoyable, I thought I would share a bit of what their meetings entail.

At the March meeting, Erin Cornell, Director of Health Services, led a discussion, the first of many, she said, on what the residents would like to have in the “new” MG, what they want to keep from their present “old” MG, and to answer any questions they might have. Those present decided they would like to keep a mix of both private and shared rooms but most wanted to somehow also have private bathrooms. A warm, inviting living room setting was desired with a fireplace as they have now. A private media room was thought to be a good idea so movies and small group happenings could be better enjoyed in a quiet setting out of lanes of traffic. “Dreams” included a fountain (to be able to hear the sound of water), possibly a spa of their own, and to be able to have meals occasionally served buffet style

so both food and portion size could be individually chosen. Erin closed her portion by asking attendees to call her with additional ideas/suggestions.

Event planning for the coming holidays of Easter, May Day, and Cinco de Mayo were next on the agenda. Various menu items decided on included deviled eggs, ham, Mexican food, and margaritas.

Every month the services of housekeeping, nursing, call lights, food and snacks, and CNA's, are freely discussed. Staff members keep notes and follow-up on any complaints or concerns. At this meeting, CNA's were especially appreciated with this quote, "They are a wonderful group of people doing a hard job."

The March meeting ended with my announcement that library services (as requested in the Feb meeting) are coming to MG in April via a rolling book and magazine cart manned by Friendship Corps volunteers. It was decided to schedule the cart every two weeks on Tuesday's at 2 PM. The books are coming from the overflow that the RV Library cannot use and magazines are being provided by the RV Magazine Exchange.

Next month I will introduce the new Madrona Grove Activities and Volunteer Coordinator, Jacque Binder. We very sadly bid wonderful Melodie Reid farewell at the end of March as she joins her husband who has accepted a new job in Kansas.

May report - The MG Resident Council welcomes and introduces Jacque Binder, the new Activities and Volunteer Coordinator for Madrona Grove. Jacque is not new to Rose Villa, however, because she first served in MG for two years as a dedicated Certified Nursing Assistant. Besides being a CNA, Jacque has an Associates Degree in pre-nursing. Jacque and her husband, Justin, are both from San Diego, CA. They have two lively Little Leaguer sons, ages, 11 and 4. When visiting family members in Portland, they fell in love with Oregon, its outdoor lifestyle, and settled in. While a CNA, Jacque volunteered to manage the Rose Villains Softball Team. One night Justin came to a game to cheer on Jacque, wound up on the team, hit a home run, and was eventually recruited and hired as part of Rose Villa's Maintenance Dept. When off duty, Jacque loves being a mom, going camping, kayaking, and serving as a scorekeeper for Little League. When asked what she likes best about her new position, she replies, "To play, laugh, and have fun with everyone. Every day is a new adventure!"

Jacque invites anyone who would like to become a Friendship Corps volunteer and serve with her in Madrona Grove, to give her a call at x3276.

Interested residents with questions can also call MG Resident Council Liaison, Lois Weathers at X3240.

Foundation: No report this month.

Archivist: No report this month.

Treasurer: The deposits in the Employees Christmas Fund for April totaled \$1,685.18. The balance as of April 30, 2018 was \$9,513.90.

**Continuing Business:**

Procedures Manual: How to handle requests for expenditures and payment approvals. There was considerable discussion on this topic including many questions about criteria, spending limits, process, etc. No formal process has been in place. Some consistency regarding procedures should be established. How to request; how to approve; what things qualify; who can request funds, individuals or groups? Who approves expenditures? It was agreed that the procedures committee will draft suggestions to present at next month's meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee update: Sue Townsen and Lois Weathers have been working on improving communication by implementing an in-house TV channel. They have one more option to check out and will report on this next month.

Volunteer Appreciation Event: Bill Rector reported it will take place July 12th on Main street. Please refer to the Councilor Reports for details.

Resident Concerns about Rising Costs on Campus: This is still being considered by the Executive committee. They would welcome suggestions.

**How to handle Unstructured Social Events:**

This was the most frequently mentioned response in the November survey on how to make Rose Villa an even better place. There was a lot of discussion on this topic, especially a need to define what is meant by this concept. In the end, it was simply agreed that the Resident Council encourage spontaneous gatherings of any kind by anyone on campus.

Guest and Care-Giver Parking on Campus: There are now some carports temporarily designated “guest parking” on the north side of campus.

Resident Groups Request Recognition by the Council: Information/background on the following groups was presented by Helen:

Weavers Group; Friendship Corps; Employee Christmas Fund; Readers Theatre; Let’s Talk. (Please refer to the Reports and Updates for descriptions of these groups.) The advantage of being recognized by the Council is that the group has a designated councilor and has ability to share information with the community through the Council.

Bill Rector asked if the groups service groups that should be recognized at the Volunteer Recognition event. Service to the community is the criteria for recognition. It was concluded that the Weavers Group, Friendship Corps, Employee Christmas Fund, and Readers Theatre are all service groups and should be recognized. Consensus was achieved on recognizing these four groups.

There was a question about Let’s Talk overlapping with other groups. This will be discussed again next month. Additional information is needed about the Book Group.

**Announcements and Updates:**

- Residents Association Semi-Annual meeting is today, May 7th at 1:30 in the PAC.
- Marilee Wetten has been appointed Council Treasurer. Nancy Rorden has resigned.
- 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.

**Suggestion Box:** no report this month.

**Open Forum:** Nothing brought up.

**Next Resident Forum:** Tuesday, May 15th, 2:00 PM. Council speaker: none. Group speaker: Let’s Talk

**Next Council Meeting:** June 4, 2018, 9:45 AM in the Training Room.

**Next Executive Committee meeting:** May 12, 2018

Meeting adjourned 10:45

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Secretary