

June 4, 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, Councilors Suzanne Dillard-Burke, John Gillock, Julia Layden, M.A.Malone, Rose Smith, Sue Townsen, Madrona Grove Liaison Lois Weathers, Madrona Grove representative Norrene Thompson, Director of Health Services Erin Cornell, CEO Vassar Byrd.

Absent: Dori Jones, Jean Coberly, Bill Rector, Marilee Wetten.

Guests: Mary Eusterman, Marilyn Gottschall, Ron Slusarenko, Walt Schaffer, Bob Zimmer, Joncile Martin, Katie Morales, Bynner Martin.

Minutes from previous meeting: Correction was made to include Suzanne Dillard-Burke in attendance at May meeting. Approved as corrected.

What we value and are grateful for: taking a shower by myself, beautiful flowers, wonderful care from Avencia, being able to attend the meeting.

Reports:

Rose Villa Management: Vassar reported they are making preparations to cover the responsibilities for two upcoming maternity leaves of Erin Cornell and Sadie Bach. In terms of residential sales, 100% of our classic cottages are sold, there are two homes available in the north pocket and one or two in Garden Grove. There has been interest in the lofts above the Creative Arts building. Planning for Phase 2C (the new Madrona Grove) is very complex and they are currently working on visioning details, especially regarding the financial picture with unknowns such as future funding for Medicare/Medicaid, etc.

Health Services Report: Erin Cornell explained in more detail how her position as The Director of Health Services is a multifaceted position. While she is on leave it will be handled between Erin Steinbrenner and MaryHelen Clausing.

The new emergency forms which were presented at the last Resident Forum have been slow in coming back. Health Services are asking that more residents update and submit these forms. They are available from Resident Services.

Madrona Grove Liaison: Please see the Councilor reports, Group 2.

Foundation: Board member Bill Cunitz gave the report from Judie Hansen:

Thank you all for your support of the Foundation Auction! It was a huge success and tons of fun! 235 supporters registered for an evening of great silent auction items, a super exciting raffle, delicious food and the most entertaining live auction on the planet! With help from our generous sponsors, 24 volunteers AND very charitable residents - we netted over \$72,000 for the Foundation!

Members of the Foundation Board of Directors have held 5 “Listen and Explore” sessions about what the Foundation does and what residents would like to see it do. These sessions have been very informative and the Board has been very pleased with the feedback. The next session will be August 28th 9:30, 1:30 and 4:30. We hope you will join us!

The Foundation’s Rock and Roll Trivia Contest is on Friday, July 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the PAC. This event was a LOT of fun last year. The contest includes:

Three 15-minute 1950’s trivia rounds and includes many categories (sports, history, music, TV, pop culture, literature, etc.) PLUS! We are adding a 15-minute 1950’s Spelling Bee component just to mix it up! FREE to all Pacesetter members; \$10 for Non-Pacesetters.

Includes 1950’s snacks and tasty Tom Collins cocktails with and without alcohol. GREAT PRIZES for the winning teams! Gag prizes for fun. Four people per team. Family members and staff welcomed!

Get your team together now! We have room for 12 rocking teams. Team form is available at the Foundation table located across from the Resident Services Counter. Deadline is July 4.

*To qualify as a Pacesetter and participate in the Trivia Contest at no cost, join the fun Pacesetters Club and complete the Pacesetter membership form also available at Foundation office. If you have questions, please call Linda Reed in the Foundation office (503) 652-3075.

Archivist: No report this month.

Treasurer: Current report available on Touchtown.

Continuing Business:

Ad Hoc Committee update: Sue Townsend presented the following recommendations.

1. Encourage residents, especially the vision and hearing impaired to use the #6000 line. Staff members doing the recordings are trained to speak loudly and slowly.

2. Encourage the vision impaired to take activity flyers to the low vision machine now in the RV library that enlarges and illuminates all print materials.

3. Continue researching TV via internet and any other options with SeniorTV.com <<http://SeniorTV.com>>

Also mentioned that Senior TV has a new product which plugs into the back of a TV and then it can connect to the internet where Touchtown can be broadcast. So new, there is no pricing on it yet.

Volunteer Appreciation Event: This is scheduled for lunchtime on July 12th on Main Street. More details soon.

Resident Concerns about Rising Costs on Campus: The Executive Committee is continuing to discuss how to most effectively address resident concerns about rising costs.

Survey results from Residents' Association meeting, May, 2018: Meeting attendees were asked about preferences for Council meeting days/times/location. Helen explained that there were nearly as many people with no preference as there were in favor of keeping it on Monday. Slightly more were in favor of morning time and moving it to the PAC. In July our regular Resident Council meeting will be on Monday, July 2nd, 9:45 AM in the PAC.

Resident Groups Request Recognition by the Council: Helen went over the two remaining groups - the Book Group will go under Group IX, Leisure Activities. Let's Talk will go under Group VIII, Off-Campus Activities. It is not always clear that a particular group fits neatly under a given category. Consensus achieved both for Book Group and Let's Talk to have standing before the Council.

Procedures Manual: Eric explained the committee is looking for additional guidance from the Council on the concern about handling Council funds.

- How to handle requests for expenditures?
- There is an annual allocation for Council.
- When Treasure House or Wood Shop want money they have their own resources.
- How to handle requests from various other groups will need a separate policy. We are trying to articulate the process.
- It was suggested that we track expenses and requests through the end of year to see how money is spent and proceed from there.
- We may only have the gross amount spent since there is not a way to track individual amounts at this time.

Additional suggestions are welcome. Eric offered to put a plan together and present it at our next meeting.

Announcements and Updates:

- Welcome new Councilors M.A. Malone and Suzanne Dillard-Burke.
- Evelyn Cole has resigned as Councilor for Group V.
- The Volunteer Recognition Event is scheduled for Thursday, July 12th, on Main Street.
- 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.
- The regular Council meeting in July is scheduled in the PAC. We will be looking at the suitability of that venue for Council meetings.
- Let's Talk has 115 folks signed up for upcoming discussions.

Suggestion Box:

Suggestion: In-ground sprinklers for classic cottages with larger yards; most residents are too frail to haul around 50' hoses.

Response, from Vassar:

In-ground sprinklers are a major capital expense and not currently budgeted. Suggestions for your yard:

- Purchase shorter hoses and timers that could automatically water yard and plants. If you need assistance with this, Josh and the grounds team can provide you with assistance and even fully install a simple timed watering circuit for you for a fee.

- You can seek help from a neighbor.
- You let the grass die back during the summer.

Suggestion: Curtains at Harvest Grill don't go with the décor. Put the curtains in the Performing Arts Center – they need new ones.

Response, from Vassar:

The primary purpose of the curtains is to let people know when Harvest Grill is closed. The benefit of using curtains instead of a closed sign is that you can see them drawn from all the way down the hall and know the Harvest Grill is closed before you get down there and read a small sign. They are a far better option financially and aesthetically than a wall - and they help with sound control as well.

Staff will take a look at the PAC curtains to see if they need repair or replacing. I would be surprised if so, as they were just installed a couple years ago. If there is something wrong with them, we will get them on a scheduled to be repaired or replaced.

Suggestion: Have a Rose Villa flag like the T-shirt - red with white rose or white with red rose. (Miranda Manners)

Suggestion: Have the Food & Beverage special of the week on the Activities line (6000). Have Sunday dinner offered similar to what was done Easter Sunday, one simple but complete meal between noon and 2:00 PM. Could be the same as what is served in Madrona Grove that day. (Jennie Stearley)

Response, from Vassar:

Changes to Sunday dinner are based on labor costs.

Open Forum: No comments

Next Resident Forum: June 19, 2018, 3:00 PM Council speaker: TBD
Group speaker: Employee Christmas Fund

Next Council Meeting: July 2, 2018, 9:45 AM **in the PAC**

Next Executive Committee meeting: June 9, 2018

Meeting adjourned 10:45 AM

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Barrett-Dennehy, Secretary