



Residents Association Council Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. July 24, 2020

via conference call

President Ron Sweet called the Council to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present via roll call: Jean Aronson, Phyllis Black, Jean Bonhaus, Penny Boyne, Veanna Cape, Sarah Chambers, Bill Ciota, Carolyn Clark, Janis Harris, Joe Jahn (proxy for Marianne Mott), Helen McAninch, Stanley Conway-Clough (proxy for David Mohl), Carolyn O'Neill, Jeanne Nenarella, Larry Piechoski, Ron Sweet, Janet Warren. Absent: Dennis Brady, excused.

The roll call confirmed a quorum.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by VP Sarah Chambers and passed unanimously.

Secretary Janet Warren moved that the Council approve the minutes as distributed via email, VP Chambers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President Ron Sweet administered the Oath of Office to RAC Rep Veanna Cape.

President's Report: Ron Sweet

- Pickle Ball Courts: At a meeting that included President Sweet, VP Chambers, Mary Mackey, Corena Fristad, two RAC Board members and Angie Roher, the decision was made to construct pickle ball courts on the street side of the GVT property.
- Water pressure in the Plaza Building: This will improve with the installation of a new pump July 24, but this will not be a replacement for the new system to be installed possibly in August.
- Voting Site: The Plaza building will be restricted to all voters except Freedom Plaza residents and designated volunteer poll workers. Social distancing and wearing of masks will be in effect.

- **Touch Town System:** The equipment to install the Touch Town System is ready to be installed. This will provide electronic signs posted by elevators and strategic positions throughout the building. Pictures of meals available for diners will replace displayed plates of food. The system will announce events and present programs by interfacing with computers and the Freedom Plaza Network, Channel 732.
- **Associate Appreciation Committee:** This committee has elected a new chair, Janet Blackshire. Benny Blackshire will be providing assistance to Larry Chambers to compute the appropriate amounts for the Associate's checks under the guidelines established by the committee.
- **Floor Survey:** A floor survey to determine residents' most preferred methods of receiving information about the work of the RAC Council and Committees through minutes was distributed by RAC Reps to residents of each floor and at GVT. Information from the surveys will be submitted to the RAC Secretary by Monday, July 27. The results will help to determine the need for some residents to have access to a paper copy of the RAC PAC if they are not able to access the minutes at the www.RACREP.org website or the RACPAC reference available in the FP Library.

Vice President's Report: Sarah Chambers

- **Elections:** The committee election process is almost completed. All committees have made a serious effort to meet, elect officers, and approve their Mission statements and have been conscientious about reporting to the VP Chambers. Several RAC Committees elected new Chairs and/or secretaries. The Health Committee will report the results of their elections held on July 24.
- **Mission Statements:** Mission Statements for all Committees were sent to Council members via email prior to the July meeting. VP Chambers moved that the Council approve all the Mission Statements, Janis Harris seconded. An objection was voiced about the Housekeeping Mission Statement. President Sweet called for discussion.

Jean Bonhaus, Housekeeping Liaison, did not agree that the Housekeeping Committee should be responsible for regularly inspecting the Plaza Club, stating that there were not enough people on the committee to do this. VP Chambers reported that Bill Turcotte, Chair of the Housekeeping Committee, has already added a person to this working committee to complete this task after finding there are often areas that need clean-up and attention.

President Sweet clarified that the department formerly known as Housekeeping is now called Environmental Services by the new owner, LCS. The RAC Housekeeping committee still works with Martha Alanis, Director of Environmental Services.

President Sweet called for a roll call vote. The secretary repeated the motion which was approved unanimously with one person abstaining.

President Sweet commended VP Chambers for her conscientious work with committees during this challenging time for all.

New Business:

- Larry Piechowski, RAC Rep, reported that a current resident from another part of the Freedom Plaza (FP) community moved to his floor last week and neither he nor the Host Coordinator were informed by FP Management. President Sweet will meet with FP Management and encourage them to keep the Host Coordinator, President, and RAC REPs informed with timely information about residents who relocate within Freedom Plaza buildings.
- Bill Ciota requested a directory in the new elevators which tells what is on each floor. VP Chambers reported that she has worked with others in the past to construct detailed charts that designate what offices are on each floor with left and right directions. She will let The Furniture Fixtures and Equipment Committee (FFE) that works with Plant Services know that this has been requested.

President Sweet declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

The next meeting of the RAC Council will be held on August 28 at 9:00 a.m. in a format to be decided by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Warren, Secretary