



Residents Association Council Meeting Minutes

9:00 AM, 26 June 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, Dennis Brady, Sarah Chambers, Veanna Cape (proxy for Marsha Marshall), Bill Ciota, Carolyn Clark, Janis Harris, Joe Jahn (proxy for Marianne Mott), Helen McAninch, Stanley Conway-Clough (proxy for David Mohl), Jeanne Nenarella, Carolyn O'Neill, Ron Sweet, Janet Warren.

Council Members absent: Marsha Marshall, David Mohl, and Marianne Mott.

The roll call confirmed a quorum.

Vice President Chambers clarified and moved that an item under New Business should read “Discuss and vote on minor changes to the Standing Rules” instead of “Note wording correction to Standing Rules”. The suggested modification was seconded and the agenda was approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the of the May 22 Council minutes was made by Secretary Janet Warren, seconded by Carolyn O'Neill, and unanimously approved.

President's Report: Ron Sweet

- President Sweet administered The Oath of Office to Dennis Brady, RAC REP for Floor 6BC.
- President Sweet and VP Chambers stay in daily communication with the FP management and Angie working to address residents' concerns. Plans are to open Dining Rooms in two to three weeks under specific guidelines. Residents still have the option of home delivery.
- There are plans to construct two new pickle ball courts on GVT property and residents have been vocal in expressing concerns and suggestions to management and the Council.
- Plans are in process to install the communication system “Touch Town” which will used to make dinner reservations, show daily menus, provide updated Freedom Plaza management reports to residents, and will interface with FP channel 732.
- Jean Bonhaus will be the new Sunshine person for the RAC Council,

- President Sweet proposed that the past method of distributing the RACPAC should be reconsidered and asked for suggestions. Due to COVID 19 restrictions the RACPAC has not been distributed to residents but has been posted each month on the RACREP.org website.

The Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of using the RACPAC system in the past.

VP Chambers moved that Freedom Plaza residents receive a survey form distributed by RACREPS that listed alternative methods of receiving minutes and information from the RAC Council and Committees. The choices residents made would be reviewed by the Executive Committee and used for decision making. Penny Boyne seconded. The motion passed with 8 “yes” votes, 7 “no”, and one abstaining.

- President Sweet asked Council members to send to him ideas for choices that can be used for the survey and considered by the Executive Committee.
- There is a need for liaisons to contact Committee Chairs in order to encourage committee meetings and to complete the business of reporting changes in membership.

Vice President’s Report: Sarah Chambers

Election Committee Report:

- All volunteer names have been sent to the chairs along with names of those whose terms have ended and those who have requested extensions. There were 117 volunteers. Most committees had two to three openings and a bank balance of names.
- Committee chairs have been asked to report their selections by July 1.
- Because of the large numbers of volunteers who wanted positions, VP Sarah Chambers moved that the Council accept the Executive Committee’s recommendation to not extend the terms of committee members who had completed their allowable service, with the exception of people identified as “critical need” by their Committee Chairs. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Training for Committee Chairs, Secretaries, and Liaisons will take place in August, 2020.
- Janis Harris commended Sarah Chambers for her work with the elections and Standing Rules.

New Business:

Discuss and vote on minor changes to the Standing Rules

VP Sarah Chambers

Changes to Standing Rules were sent previously to RAC Council members and all members indicated they had read the document.

- Standing Rule Proposal to G5: Adds “**Any member deemed vital to the function of the VIP Committee by that Committee Chair is not term limited**”. This was previously granted in 2014 minutes, but not written into the standing rules. After discussion, the change was approved with one opposed.
- Standing Rule Proposal to G1: Adds to the list of standing committees “**Movie Subcommittee, Casual Dining Subcommittee, and Technology**”. The change was approved with no opposition.
- Standing Rule Proposal to F1: Related to Bylaws (6.5.2) and adds “**RAC requires an advance copy or summary of any presentation to be delivered at least 24 hours before the meeting**”. Joe Jahn suggested the addition of “or his designee” to the following sentence and after discussion, “his” was changed to “his or her” to read “In addition, RAC reserves the right to be exercised by the President **or his or her designee** to halt any presentation deemed inappropriate or disruptive, in the sole discretion of the President. The two changes were approved with no opposition.
- Standing Rule Proposal to G8. The proposal to add Administrative Services to the list of working committees was approved with no opposition. “Current working committees are **Administrative Services**, Housekeeping and Maintenance”.

Requests from Council Members

- Jean Aronson: GVT is adamantly opposed to construction of pickle ball courts on land close to the buildings.

Results of Floor Survey:

- RAC Council members reported the results of the floor survey of issues of concern to residents. Reported issues and comments made by eight persons were recorded and given to the president in order to seek solutions with FP management and appropriate committees.
- Members were invited to email the president about further concerns and will be contacted with regard to progress.

President Ron Sweet declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
and Janis Harris seconded.

This meeting was held via telephone conference and recorded.

The next meeting of the RAC Council will be held on July 24 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Warren, Secretary