



Residents Association Council Meeting Minutes

9:00 AM, 22 May 2020 via a conference call

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

Members present via roll call: Jean Aronson, Phyllis Black, Jean Bonhaus, Penny Boyne, Sarah Chambers, Bill Ciota, Carolyn Clark, Carolyn Deming, Joe Jahn (proxy for Mott), Janis Harris, Marsha Marshall, Helen McAninch, David Mohl, Jeanne Nenarella, Carolyn O'Neill, Larry Piechoski, Ron Sweet, Janet Warren, Charles Willard. Council Members absent: None

Vice President Chambers confirmed the presence of a quorum. A motion to adopt the agenda, which came to the Council approved by the Executive Committee and not requiring a second, was made by Vice President Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Chambers moved that we accept the April minutes as modified. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President's Report: Ron Sweet

- Due to management regulations in support of social distancing, this is the third consecutive telecon Council meeting.
- Discussions between President Sweet and Executive Director Roher occur on a regular basis.
- Resurfacing of pool area and repaving at GVT has been complete.
- All RAC Reps are encouraged to visit RACrep.org regularly to keep up with New postings. All residents are encouraged to visit it for information and to see Council and Committee minutes since we are not passing the minutes from apartment to apartment during the time of concern about infection
- RAC Reps are encouraged to be proactive and to bring issues to the Council as their residents raise them.
- Results of the survey regarding ability to residents to use Channel 732, FPN, and the internet show that most can access both.
- Mike Anderson has submitted a mission statement for the proposed Technology Committee.
- The President and the Vice President are working with committees to encourage the use of non-face-to-face meetings.

- Marsha Marshall, RAC Secretary, has resigned due to computer difficulties, and will continue to serve as part of the Secretarial Committee.

Vice President's Report: Sarah Chambers

- RAC Rep Committee Liaison training will not be scheduled until we can have at least half of our liaisons gather at the same time in the same location.
- RAC Rep Liaisons are encouraged to become familiar with the Bylaws and Standing Rules in order to assist their Committee Chairs with the upcoming election procedures.
- RAC Reps are asked to acknowledge receipt of e-mails from the ExComm.
- As planned three months ago, Carolyn Deming is stepping down as RAC Rep for 7DE and is being replaced by Janet Warren. President Sweet swore in Ms. Warren at this point in the meeting. President Sweet thanked Ms. Deming for her service.
- We will hold our annual drive for Committee volunteers in June, after which Chairs will select the necessary members for the coming year. Look for a video on Channel 732 advertising this important activity.

New Business:

(On request of President Sweet, in consideration of time, the next item was moved from later in the agenda)

Requests to the Council to Remove a Committee Chair

On the recommendation of the ExComm, Vice President Chambers moved that the Council remove the Chair of the Associate Appreciation Committee for cause.

This was seconded and passed unanimously. There was one abstention.

1. There were no Requests for discussion from Council Members
2. Bylaw Changes second reading

Vice-President Chambers read the three proposed Bylaw revisions which were approved at the first reading last month. Changes had been distributed via e-mail with written discussion to the Council in advance of the meeting.

Correction to the Preface of the Bylaws eliminating reference to the ownership of Freedom Plaza. The text of this new paragraph follows:

“Freedom Plaza is an entry fee Life Plan Community committed by contract with Residents to provide a specific environment and services in and about the PLAZA and GOLFVIEW TERRACE. Satisfactory fulfillment of these contracts and their success and the success of the enterprise are important to the well-being of the Residents.”

The motion to accept this change was seconded by Janis Harris and unanimously passed by the Council.

A. Change to Article II. Section 2 of the Bylaws adding the words “the officers” regarding the management of the Council. The text of this section follows:

“Section 2 The business of the Residents’ Association shall be managed by a council, which shall be composed of the elected RAC Reps together with the officers and immediate past president.”

The motion to accept this change was seconded by Janis Harris and unanimously passed by the Council.

- B.** Change to Article V., Section 2 which allows officers who are no longer RAC Reps to vote in Council elections and adds the words “and Council Members.” The text follows:

“Article V, Section 2 At the February Council meeting, the newly elected RAC Reps and those RAC Reps and Council Members whose term did not end shall, where there is a vacancy, elect the president, vice president, and secretary, each of whom shall be a RAC Rep at the time of initial election or appointment.”

The motion to accept this change was seconded by Charles Willard and unanimously passed by the Council.

All three Bylaws changes will be made to the master copy and the copy on the website.

3. Committee Names and Mission Statements

An Adhoc Committee Chaired by Vice President Chambers and including Bill Ciota and Carolyn O’Neill reviewed the possibility of RAC Committee name changes given the recent renaming of LCS Departments. They proposed that only the Committee named Resident Programs, now working with the Department newly named “Community Life Services” have a name change. The proposed name was “Community Activities.” The Ad Hoc Committee proposed that the other RAC Committee names remain the same. Bill Ciota moved that the Committee’s recommendations be passed by the Council and the motion was seconded and passed with one dissenting vote.

Due to the press of time, the review and approval of Mission statements was tabled until a subsequent meeting.

4. Vice President Chambers recommended that the RAC Orientation Handbook Committee and the Host Sub Committee be replaced by a Coordinator for each area since the work required is not sufficient to require the attention of a RAC Committee. She presented a point paper addressing the issue. Afterward a call was made for discussion, and no one presented arguments to the contrary. The following motion was made by Vice President Chambers, “I move we delete the RAC Orientation Handbook Committee from the list of RAC Standing Committees and replace that function by a RAC Orientation Handbook Coordinator recommended the President and confirmed by the Council. As a consequence, I move we disband the Host Subcommittee while retaining the position Host Coordinator who shall be selected in the same manner as the Handbook Coordinator.”

Charles Willard seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Janis Harris, seconded by Janet Warren, and passed unanimously at 10:10 AM.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on 26 June 2020 in a format to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sarah Jones-Chambers

Interim Secretary to the RAC

