



Resident Association Council Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. April 22, 2022
Freedom Plaza Clubroom

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

Members present via roll call: Tim Broad, Veanna Cape, Carolyn Clark, Carol Croll, Helen Halm, Janis Harris, Letha Jones, Helen McAninch, Carol O'Brien, Al Roberts, Ron Sweet, and Janet Warren.

Excused Absences: Pat Gillis, Penny Boyne, Carolyn O'Neill, Chuck Roth, Jeanne Nenarella, Sarah Chambers, and Kathy Vore

Guests: Ardette Isler proxy for Kathy Vore, Sue Schuldt proxy for VP Sarah Chambers.

The roll call confirmed a quorum.

The March 2022 Council Meeting Minutes were previously approved via email distribution and response by a majority of Council members confirmed by Secretary Warren. Janis Harris moved and Helen McAninch seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

There were no objections, additions or corrections to the Agenda.

President's Report: Ronald Sweet

There was a meeting, March 28, 2022 with President Sweet, VP Chambers, Bill Turcotte and Pearl Birnbaum, Chair of the Community Activities Committee to discuss points made in a letter of concerns expressed by Pearl Birnbaum and sent to President Sweet. Remaining, after the meeting, was a concern regarding the Community Activities Chair's removal of the Movie Sub-Committee from the Community Activities Committee without first informing the RAC Excomm or the RAC Council. Chair Birnbaum was asked to compose a letter to the RAC Council citing her reasons for this action and to present any further concerns to the RAC Council for consideration. No letter was forwarded to the Council prior to the April Meeting. Thus, the RAC Executive Committee established that in the best interests of the residents, the Movie Sub-Committee would not assume the status of a "club" but remain under the umbrella of the Resident Association Council as part of the Community Activities Committee. Chair Birnbaum was informed of the decision. There was discussion by the Council and all questions were addressed.

New Business:

Ron Sweet moved and Janis Harris seconded that Neil Rothfeld, who is considered a valued member of the RAC Finance Committee, should receive a membership extension for an additional term. The motion passed with one proxy abstaining. After discussion, Janis Harris

moved and Veanna Cape seconded to establish Don Vore as the “RAC Web and Document Coordinator” with the approval of his developing an ad hoc committee, as needed. Responsibilities will include the updating of RAC Handbooks and assisting with the entries and management of RACRep.org. He has been providing assistance with RAC power point presentations and providing audio-visual assistance when requested. He will be issued a Freedom Plaza Badge with the above title. The motion passed unanimously.

New RAC Liaisons to RAC Committees were appointed by President Sweet; see racrep.org for a current list.

President Sweet reported that the Freedom Plaza Maintenance Department is assuming the responsibility for revamping and maintaining the Garden Club area, by pouring better walkways, constructing a new entrance, cleaning up the area, etc. all in agreement with the members of the Garden Club. Work is scheduled to begin in Fall, 2022.

Out of 28 attending, five persons returning from the recent cruise have contracted COVID and are in quarantine.

Report on the Committee Fair: Veanna Cape

The RAC Committee Fair will be held in the auditorium on Friday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Each RAC Committee is expected to manage a table for the purpose of informing and recruiting prospective members. Visitors will sign up to be members of the various 12 RAC Committees. Any committee with vacancies beyond the nine persons including the RAC Liaison will fill the quota from a “bank” consisting of persons who have applied for membership. Residents can sign up for committees at the Fair or by filling out a form that will be distributed to each resident. By Monday, April 25, Veanna needs a list of names from the Committee Chair or Liaison that indicates the term status of each committee member as of July 1 when the new cycle will begin. Any person in the bank who is still not a committee member must sign up again. Rules such as one person can serve on only two committees per year will be given as a hand out to potential members. RACReps are asked to post the poster advertising the Committee Fair and to ensure that all residents are informed. Festive food will be served.

RACReps will be given information about FLICRA to post and are encouraged to promote membership in this very important organization that has been effective in protecting the interests of citizens in continuing care communities. Membership is only \$22 per year for singles and \$37 per year for couples.

President Sweet reported that there are approximately 60 empty units at Freedom Plaza. Marketing is using many different strategies to attract new residents, but can always use help with referrals. Of concern is the rising costs of inflation which is at 8 1/2% at this time and could be higher at the time of monthly fee increases. Increases adding 2% beyond that number are possible. President Sweet has discussed some alternatives with Director Angie Roher such as adding perks like internet web service.

There were no requests from Council members.

Tim Broad moved and Carol Croll seconded that the meeting adjourn at 10:03 a.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Friday, May 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Club Room.
The General Meeting will follow at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Warren, RAC Secretary