



Resident Association Council Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. August 26, 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, Sarah Chambers, Carolyn Clark, Carol Croll, Gary Keegan, Helen Halm, Letha Jones, Helen McAninch, Carolyn O'Neill, Al Roberts, Chuck Roth, Ron Sweet, Janet Warren and Kathy Vore.

Excused Absences: Penny Boyne, Janis Harris, Carol O'Brien, Jeanne Nenarella

Proxies: Becky Stephanelli for Carol O'Brien, Alice Aragon for Penny Boyne

Technical Representative: Don Vore

The roll call confirmed a quorum.

The July 29, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes were previously approved via email distribution and response by a majority of Council members confirmed by Secretary Warren.

VP Sarah Chambers moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

President's Report: President Sweet discussed several issues with Council members.

Capital funding has been allocated to replace carpet in all GVT buildings. GVT residents have been given three choices for carpet décor and must submit a final choice. GVT residents have requested that carpet should be cleaned regularly, because the GVT carpeting has not been cleaned for five years. Management has been made aware of this problem.

President Sweet and VP Chambers discussed changes to membership guidelines at a meeting with the Technology Committee. In order to retain and extend membership to persons who are on two other committees, a new standing rule addition will be proposed for Council vote.

The Associate Appreciation Committee is currently reviewing guidelines with the intent to make a recommendation for physical therapists who work at Freedom Plaza to receive the customary end-of year bonus. These therapists, due to new arrangements, are now paid by an outside company. VP Chambers is researching the Florida Statutes guidelines regarding licensed employees. Hairdressers in the Salon, CDS Construction and C & S Landscaping are independent companies, and their employees do not receive the Freedom Plaza year-end bonuses.

Vice-President's Report:

Training for RAC Committee Chairs, Secretaries and Liaisons will be scheduled for September. Carol O'Brien and Janet Warren will assist VP Chambers.

RAC Rep and Committee elections are completed, but some committees are still organizing.

In the month of August, seven new residents (Sweet Peas) moved to Freedom Plaza. VP Chambers still coordinates Host activities along with Jean Aronson at GVT and newly appointed Dottie O'Donnell for the Plaza Building.

New Business:

VP Chambers proposed the addition of the following to the Standing Rules.

G-5.4 Members of the technology Committee are exempt from the two committee limitation and may belong to two additional RAC Committees.

This is based on the fact that the Technology Committee is a working committee and has no membership limits, and this committee functions primarily by supporting residents with one-to-one technical support where special knowledge and capability is required.

VP Chambers moved and Janet Warren seconded that the Council vote to adopt the G-5.4 Standing Rule. The motion passed unanimously.

President Sweet proposed the establishment of a RAC Marketing Committee that works with the Freedom Plaza marketing department to facilitate residential moves to Freedom Plaza. Other similar facilities have this feature, and this has been proposed before but never materialized. He suggested that VP Chambers would be the best person to develop this concept with her experience as Host Coordinator and work with the orientation book, "Insiders Scoop". When developed more fully, the Council would vote to establish the RAC Marketing Committee. President Sweet added that RAC Committees work independently but cooperatively with Freedom Plaza management. VP Chambers noted that management department heads who attend meetings should not be listed as members, but are listed as present to represent management.

RAC Representatives Reports:

President Sweet invited Council members as RAC Representatives and Liaisons (and in some cases RAC committee chairs and secretaries) to share concerns, observations and information about their activities.

Janet Warren, 7th Floor DE and Health Committee Chair and Liaison reported a problem with odor coming from bats in a seventh floor D unoccupied apartment. Management is contracting for bat removal after the lifting of restrictions August 15. A "Dog Days of Summer" floor luncheon was very successful and enjoyed by 22 people. The Health Care Committee's

publication of a quarterly newsletter, “Did You Know” has been well-received. The September edition will publicize a Pain Management lecture by a local physician and the first of a series of four lectures by the Freedom Plaza Physical Therapy Department will feature neuropathy. It appears that enough people have expressed interest in Chair Yoga to bring it back in weekly sessions with a qualified instructor. Time and place will be announced.

Kathy Vore GVT 5-6, Liaison and Secretary of Dining Services commended the Dining Services staff for the excellent cooperation she had with planning and serving residents at a GVT building luncheon. A ROC representative presented a summary of the services they provide. The Dining Committee has excellent participation from members and management.

Chuck Roth 2DE and VIP Liaison reported that the VIP committee has reorganized with some new members, but still needs a Chair. Joan Macholl, secretary, is providing leadership for the committee.

Carol Croll 6BC is having a floor party “It’s Hot Outside So Come and Cool Off”, serving watermelon, lemonade, and cookies. The size of the third floor clubroom presents a problem for wheelchair residents, and she would like to use the auditorium. Advice included contacting Stephanie O’Fallon, Exe. Assistant, for availability and giving Director Martha Alanis, a suggested layout. She expressed concern about a recent announcement that notices to residents must be approved by Angie Roher, Director. President Sweet advised that notices that involve residents at large would need approval, but this does not apply to the notices RAC Reps provide for floor mates regarding meetings, events, birthday, anniversaries, etc. These are approved by the RAC Executive Committee and the RAC Council.

Letha Jones 7BC, Liaison and Chair of Housekeeping reported that a recently hired GVT housekeeper is receiving new job training. She reports that not all members come to the Housekeeping meetings, but they are conscientious about getting the job done regarding what is assigned for them to do. Martha Alanis, Director is interviewing to replace Kari Radcliff, Manager who has left.

Due to limited time available, additional reports will be resumed at the September meeting, at which time, RAC Representatives and Liaisons will share information about their activities and those of committees.

Kathy Vore moved and Janet Warren seconded that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be September 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the third floor clubroom. A RAC General meeting will follow at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Warren, RAC Secretary