



**Resident Association Council Meeting Minutes**  
9:00 a.m. December 2, 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, Pam Cummings, Helen Halm, Janis Harris, Letha Jones, Helen McAninch, Jeanne Nenarella, Carolyn O'Neill, Al Roberts, Chuck Roth, Sue Schuldt, Ron Sweet, Janet Warren, Kathy Vore, Don Vore

Excused Absences: Penny Boyne, Carol O'Brien

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

The roll call confirmed a quorum.

The October 24, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes were previously approved via email distribution and response by a majority of Council members confirmed by Secretary Warren.

Veanna Cape moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was passed unanimously.

**President's Report:**

President Sweet announced that Janet Blackshire has resigned as chair of the Associate Appreciation Committee and Janis Harris will be acting as a chair and monitoring the process of finding a replacement. Tim Broad suggested that Janet Blackshire should be given recognition for her work with the Associate Appreciation Fund. Special recognition will be given at the next General Meeting in January.

Freedom Plaza will be receiving a new liquor license that permits them to charge for liquor that is served, but residents will be allowed to bring their own liquor to meals and functions. At present, there is no charge for liquor that is served because Freedom Plaza does not have a liquor license, but new regulations are projected to be in effect by April or May. Several Council members reported they had been charged for liquor, however others reported they had reminded the dining staff there should be no charge and received credit.

There have been reports of persons having COVID, flu or a lung virus, but no mandate has been put forth to wear masks again. Residents need to still exercise caution when in large groups, depending on their personal health conditions.

## **Vice-President's Report:**

VP Cape reported that the RAC Annual Party has been planned and 47 are expected to attend. Provisions have been made to ensure the party is over in time for those attending the Freedom Plaza show at 7:30 p.m.

She asked for two volunteers for the Elections Committee, given that elections of RAC Reps will be in February 2023 and Committee Members in July. She will set a meeting for January. Those RAC Representatives and RAC officers who have served four years are termed out. Helen McAninch and Tim Broad volunteered to be on the Elections Committee.

Secretary Warren discussed aspects of Host Responsibilities which have been transferred to RAC Floor Representatives with the dissolution of the post of Host Coordinator and cadre of appointed hosts who worked with Marketing to orient new move-ins. She distributed a paper which lists the orientation materials which RAC Reps need to procure from Stephanie O'Fallon to give to new residents on the floor, along with a list of other "good to know" policies and procedures available in paper form, and information on [www.RACRep.org](http://www.RACRep.org) which would be helpful for new residents. Examples of each were displayed. Since October, the RAC Secretary has sent move-in information to RAC Floor Representatives when she receives it from Marketing, and all has progressed smoothly. There is a need for an update and some revisions to the RAC Council Handbook for RAC Reps. She distributed a draft of Host Responsibilities with the request for the Council to read and review the document for possible additions or revisions. These Host responsibilities and other proposed revisions drafted/written by Secretary Warren will be sent to Council members via email two-weeks before being discussed at a two-hour workshop to be scheduled in January 2023 in lieu of the regular monthly meeting.

President Sweet reported that RAC will be producing several orientation videos that will be helpful for new move-ins as well as hosts. One will include a tour of the Plaza building, GVT and the grounds. The goal is to complete these orientation videos no later than June 2023. Also, now that the position of marketing director has been filled, plans are to move forward to establish a RAC Marketing Assist Committee that will work with Marketing as well as with new residents. President Sweet will be meeting with Exe. Director Angie Roher and new Marketing Director Iris Martin to develop this concept. There is also a need to set goals for the year 2023.

Janis Harris moved and President Sweet rephrased after discussion, that the Council schedule a two-hour workshop/meeting for the purpose of discussing the role of the RAC Representative, the formation of a RAC Marketing Assist Committee, and to set goals for the year 2023. Jeanne Nenarella seconded the motion which passed unanimously. This meeting will replace the regular Council meeting in January, but Council members are expected to attend the General Meeting on Friday, January 27, 2023.

President Sweet is working to produce a card that identifies the RAC Rep for the floor. This can be placed on the mailbox or on the name plaque that identifies the resident—the location is to be determined.

He reported that the functions that ROC was doing for the Technology Committee needed reorganizing due to the loss of ROC staff. At this time, ROC has agreed to take phone call requests for tech assistance and enter the data into the system. Residents can also make technology requests on the [www.RACRep.org](http://www.RACRep.org) website. These requests will be sent to all those on the technology committee who have agreed to assist residents with technology problems. The first technology volunteer to respond will be assigned to fulfill the request and the resident will be informed. Then arrangements to meet can be scheduled by the two parties. After 72 hours if there are no volunteers who respond to help, the resident will be advised by to get assistance from an outside resource

The meeting adjourned at 9: 45 a.m. The General Meeting following at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium included a report of activities by the Health Care Committee Chair, the last of 12 RAC Committees who report to residents annually. The Jazzmatazz Theatre Dance Group of Sun City Center was invited to make a presentation about fitness and movement and demonstrated through six choreographed jazz dances to Broadway and popular music.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Warren, RAC Secretary