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Resident Association Council Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. April 28, 2023

Freedom Plaza Clubroom

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

Council members present via roll call: Alice Aragon, Veanna Cape, Ron Carter, Carolyn Clark, Pam Cummings, Janis Harris, Letha Jones, Joyce McCutcheon, Jeanne Nenarella, Al Roberts, Chuck Roth, Sue Schuldt, Ron Sweet, Janet Warren

Excused Absences: Kathy Vore, Don Vore, Nuri Georges

Attending as resident observers: Paul Kaplan and Ellen Leiserson

Proxies: Ardette Isler for Kathy Vore

The roll call confirmed a quorum.

The March 24, 2023 RAC Council Meeting Minutes were previously approved via email distribution and response by a majority of Council members confirmed by Secretary Warren.

Veanna Cape moved and Carol O'Brien seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

President's Report: Ron Sweet

Doug Heym was sworn in by oath as the RAC Representative for Floor 5DE. He fills the vacancy left by Helen McAninch. Al Hurlbrink was sworn in by oath as the RAC Representative for 1BC. He fills the vacancy left by Carolyn O'Neill.

President Sweet spoke about the many forthcoming changes that he discussed with Executive Director Angie Roher. For example, Director of Dining Teresa Lehman gave a thorough report about changes in Dining operations at the Dining Committee meeting. The Finance Committee always offers detailed information about residential vacancies, incoming residents, and, this month, included a discussion with Marketing Director Iris Martin. He urged Council members to read the RAC Committee minutes posted on www.RACRep.org in order to be fully informed about what is happening currently at Freedom Plaza.

Vice-President's Report: Veanna Cape

Committee Selections: VP Cape has contacted committee chairs regarding current committee membership and most have responded. She has sent all council members a calendar outlining the process of completing the committee selection process ending with the June 19 goal of sending the list of volunteers received to each current committee chair. Each resident will receive a copy of the committee membership application. The number of forms needed for each floor and building is yet to be determined by the RAC Elections Committee. RAC Reps may be

asked to help to determine the number of forms needed for each floor or building. Couples who live in the same apartment are not allowed to be on the same committee and residents are limited to membership in two committees. VP Cape will be reviewing the committee elections process at the next RAC General Meeting in May.

Secretary's Report: Janet Warren

Secretary Warren reported that since January 1, 2023, there have been 17 move-ins to apartments and dates for nine others are to be determined. Transfers from one apartment to another are not included. GVT buildings five and six, as a unit, have had the most new resident move-ins at five. Information from the Department of Marketing has been punctual and complete with no glitches.

All 12 RAC committees submitted minutes in March and five committees have sent minutes, so far, in April.

Director of Marketing: Iris Martin

President Sweet welcomed our guest, Marketing Director Iris Martin, to our Council meeting and asked her to cover several issues on everyone's mind including pets and people with disabilities moving into independent living. Director Martin stated that the laws are clear in both these areas as to what can and can't be done, however Freedom Plaza is becoming more stringent in their process to make sure that a person with disability can take care of themselves or has a spouse who can take care of them. Owners of service or comfort animals with proper documentation are allowed to move to available locations or to one of their choice. However, if they don't have that documentation and nothing is available, they will probably be put on a waiting list. Director Angie Roher can override any of these policies and is in the process of developing an updated policy that will be communicated to residents. Director Martin is pleased that the Marketing Department is attaining their goals and has begun outreach strategies that will involve more persons such as realtors and will be issuing invitations to the public to attend Freedom Plaza dance events.

New Business:

Vice President Veanna Cape tendered her resignation from the office of vice president to be effective after the committee selection process. President Sweet asked the Council to give thought to who will fill the position. Veanna has served excellently in her position as Vice-President, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Chair of the Committee Elections Committee, Chair of the RAC seasonal party and other responsibilities given to her.

A motion was presented from the Executive Committee to accept the Mission Statement and Responsibilities for a new committee, the RAC New Resident Committee. This committee is a resurrection of a similar one that became inactive in 2018 and charged with providing a welcome and orientation for new residents under contract among other duties. President Sweet explained that the new committee is in a formative stage and will be vested to further refine the Mission Statement, Responsibilities, and a Name. What is presented is a working document for

the purpose of adding this committee to the list of RAC Committees included in the resident committee election process in which residents can volunteer for membership. The Committee will be comprised of both RAC Council members and Freedom Plaza residents. After discussion, a vote was taken with one “no”, two abstentions and 14 in favor. The Council passed the motion.

RAC Representative Reports:

RAC Reps responded to the RAC Secretary via email to report their experiences and progress with new residents moving in to their communities and, as well, summarized and gave examples of their successes at the Council meeting. Director Martin agreed they have been conscientious, and creative in their interactions. Secretary Warren asked Director Martin to send information about transfers occurring in-house so she can forward this information to RAC Reps to keep them more fully informed. This will be forthcoming in the future.

Janis Harris moved and Carol O’Brien seconded that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next Council meeting will be on May 26, 9:00 a.m., in the third floor Club Room.

The next RAC General meeting will be May 26, 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Warren, RAC Secretary