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Resident Association Council Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. July 28, 2023

Freedom Plaza Clubroom

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

Council members present via roll call: Veanna Cape, Ron Carter, Pam Cummings, Nuri Georges, Janis Harris, Letha Jones, Al Hurlbrink, Doug Hyme, Joyce McCutcheon, Carol O'Brien, Al Roberts, Suzie Schuldt, Ron Sweet, Kathy Vore, Janet Warren

Excused Absences: Alice Aragon, Carolyn Clark, Jeanne Nenarella, Chuck Roth

Proxies: Helen Halm for Alice Aragon, Carolyn O'Neill for Chuck Roth

Don Vore: Technical Consultant

The roll call confirmed a quorum.

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

Joyce McCutcheon and Carol O'Brien seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

President's Report: Ron Sweet

Recent discussion with Angie Roher, Executive Director, included plans to let residents indicate their choices from a list of renovation plans for the Plaza Building. Dining Services is moving forward with plans to provide more options for resident diners to dine in formal and informal settings and with more variety in meal selection. Mike Anderson will be the new Chair of the Technology Committee. Window washing by CDS employees is proceeding for each Plaza and GVT apartment. If windows have not been cleaned properly, or if there is a need to relock the windows to prevent leakage from rain, this should be reported to Director of Housekeeping, Martha Alanis.

Vice-President's Report: Joyce McCutcheon

VP McCutcheon offered to print the 2023 RAC Council and Committee minutes and file them in the RAC Minutes Reference Book housed in the Third Floor Resource Room, so those who do not use a computer will have access to hard copies.

Veanna Cape reported that the election process for committee membership is over and each committee has filled their quota with members in the "bank".

Council members reported needs for several committees. There is a need for the Housekeeping Committee to find a volunteer to provide inspections for GVT Building Six. The Technology Committee has asked for more volunteers who can help residents with technology problems. They would not necessarily need to be members, but could be called to fill requests channeled through ROC.

The Associate Appreciation Committee is in need of a Chair to fill the vacancy soon to be left by Chair Janet Blackshire. There is no provision in the RAC By-Laws to grant RAC Committees permission to establish two-person co-chairs in lieu of a Chair. Instead of establishing two co-chairs, which would require an amendment to the By-Laws, the recommendation was to train a volunteer within an extended time-frame that would result in a smooth transition to the Chair position. The Chair position better establishes an accountable and clear line of responsibilities.

Secretary's Report: Janet Warren

All committee secretaries submitted June minutes for each RAC Committee. July minutes are due for six Committees who will receive an email request this week. There were four new residents who moved to Freedom Plaza in July.

Janet Warren, Chair of the RAC Holiday Party called for committee members. Veanna Cape and Suzie Schuldt volunteered. As requested, the chair will notify the Community Activities Department of the December 1, 2023 party date in order to avoid conflicts in schedule.

Council Members Reports:

Al Hurlbrink suggested that the former tradition of recognizing new residents at the RAC General Meeting should be reinstated. Further suggestions from Council members included asking new members in the audience to stand up and provide a handout of the bio information and pictures to all residents. At present, RAC Reps display bio information with pictures on Plaza floors and the GVT buildings bulletin boards. This information is also displayed on the Community Activities Billboard. Formerly, the Marketing Department took an active part in public recognition of new residents at the Town Hall Meetings, but this was discontinued during the COVID pandemic. It was agreed that any sharing of personal information would have to be approved by the new residents. The newly established New Resident Orientation Committee formerly in effect in 2017 but discontinued, will be meeting for the first time on August 3, 2023 and will discuss involvement with recognizing new residents and providing information about them to current residents. President Sweet, Secretary Warren and Alice Aragon are members of this committee which includes Freedom Plaza residents.

As there was no further business. Janis Harris moved and several seconded that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. in time for the Council to attend the RAC General Meeting where Dining Services Director Theresa Lehman; President Corena Fristed from ROC; Ron Carter, Chair of the RAC Maintenance Committee; and Veanna Cape Chair of the RAC Committee Elections were scheduled as speakers.

The next Council meeting will be on August 25, 9:00 a.m., in the third floor Club Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Warren, RAC Secretary