

Residents Council Meeting Minutes

11/13/12
6:30PM
17 present

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pat Kramer at 6:35.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A moment of silence was observed in memory and remembrance of veterans and victims of hurricane Sandy.

Secretary's Report

Melissa read the minutes from the October meeting. It will be filed in the secretary's book. There were no changes or additions.

Treasurer's Report

Lauree gave the report.

Total of all funds: \$3136.96

Budget needed to be re-ratified because of a change to the amount we will be receiving for the picnic. Several other things were changed as well.

Presidents Council Report

The PHA got an award from the Fire Department for being the only multi-housing system that has a sprinkler system installed.

Comcast is still rewiring some of the hi-rises. We have already been rewired.

We will not be able to get free cable service. They also don't have any special rates. (Besides their basic and economy plans.)

A reminder was given to check the Presidents Council website regularly. The address is

<http://www.stphapresidentscouncil.org>.

Officers were given Presidents Council email addresses.

We need to decide if we want an all hi-rise picnic next year or want to have our own again. If there was an all hi-rise picnic we would be responsible for our own transportation. We would get less money if we had our own picnic.

Guest Speaker

Rick Cardenas from Advocating Change Together was introduced.

One of the things ACT is working on is educating disabled people about the coming light rail and helping them become more comfortable with it. They are also working on making sure that the stations will be accessible.

They work especially with people with disabilities.

The group also is helping disabled people find employment along the central corridor.

PHA Report

Blia was not in attendance.

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OIR report:

18 calls.

No major issues.

Reminder to watch the bulletin board for notices of when cars need to be moved for lot plowing.

Old Business

Most people are finding the calendar helpful.

Birthday party is on Saturday, November 17th from 3:00 to 4:00.

UGM dinner on Thanksgiving. Dinner starts at 12:00PM.

December birthday party is on the 15th.

There will be a dinner on Christmas day provided by the UGM.

Holiday party will be on January 12th. It will start at 5:30PM.

Food will be from KFC. There will also be vegetarian lasagna.

Alarm on door of computer room is in progress.

We are not supposed to shovel snow or put down salt ourselves. We should call after hours maintenance if there is a need for either.

There were some laundry room flooding issues recently. Please do not open machines when they are in use. Also, if there is a flood do not push water down the elevator shafts. That can cause the elevators to short out.

The office computer is not working at the moment. Either one of the fans or the hard drive is failing.

We will see if anything can be done with it.

If someone deliberately breaks a computer or computer equipment should there be a fine for the damage? That might not be a bad idea. The problem will be proving who damaged the item and if the damage was accidental or not. It is also unclear if charging someone for damage is allowed.

The idea can be mentioned to Blia to see what she thinks about it.

Reminder to wipe your feet when you come in in the winter.

Putting in more carpet by the doors might be helpful since some people can't stomp their feet to remove snow from their boots.

Putting up a sign reminding people to wipe their feet might be helpful.

Bonnie Reynolds made a motion that we have the picnic here. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

There has been an issue with the temperature of the water in the washing machines. The machine company should be called for all problems with the washers and dryers.

Blue tags have been put on bicycles left on the rack. They say that the owner has 30 days to get the bike in working order or it will be gone. Junk bikes are preventing people from putting their working bikes on the rack.

Rosie Leisze won dime-a-time.

Jimmy Mach and Rosie Leisze won the door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Submitted by Melissa Pappas, secretary

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