

## Seal Resident Council

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### Seal Resident Council Minutes

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM by Jimmy Mach. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Guests in attendance were our Election Judge, Lisa Lee, Betsy Christianson from SHIP, and Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Draz.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Melissa read the minutes from the March meeting. They will be filed in the Secretary's book.

There were no changes or additions.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Lauree gave the March report. It will be filed for audit.

#### **President's Council Report**

The annual picnic was discussed. We need to decide on a date and let the Presidents Council know ASAP. It was decided that July would be the preferred month for the picnic. The exact date is still to be decided on.

There will be changes to parking at 555 Wabasha starting in May. The back lot will no longer be open to the public. Each hi-rise will receive several access cards to be used for things like going to Presidents Council meetings.

May us also the last month you will be able to pay rent in person downtown. After that you will have to pay by mail or online. Mailed payments will go directly to the bank and should be deposited more quickly than in the past. Online payments can be made by clicking a button on the PHA website. The first time you use the payment system you will need to set up an account. After that it will be a simple process to pay each month.

#### **Guest Speaker**

Betsy Christianson from the SHIP grant spoke about spring fitness activities.

The first thing discussed was NiceRide. There will be a NiceRide tour again this summer. Participants receive a free bike helmet and a one year NiceRide membership. The tour will likely take place in July.

We will likely be getting a second bike rack to go with the one we already have. This should relieve some of the crowding on the current one. We also will be getting a bike tool station with tools for repairing bikes and things like air pumps. Bike repair classes are also a possibility.

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There are resources available for walking groups. These include things like pedometers and information on getting athletic shoes at an affordable price.

### **PHA Report**

Manager Larry Ros gave the report.

He talked first about the roach problem on the first floor. It is much improved, although roaches are still seen on occasion.

The changes to the rent payment system were talked about. There were concerns that it would be difficult for those that aren't technically savvy. Things will be done to make it as easy as possible for people. A question was asked about having a Dropbox. That isn't possible because it would cause too many problems. (4000 or so people pay rent in person now.

The raised garden beds will be delivered on April 23rd. They will go near the sidewalk on the Raymond facing side of the building.

Keith Draz then spoke. He talked about recent issues with cars being vandalized in the parking lot. Reminders were given not to leave valuables in your car and to consider using a protective device like The Club.

Getting more cameras was mentioned. That might not be possible because of the costs of cameras and improved outdoor lighting necessary for the cameras to work.

Being aware of comings and goings around the building was suggested.

There will be more police patrols of the area and more checking for permits at night.

### **Elections**

Election Judge Lisa Lee spoke. The first thing we needed to decide was whether we wanted to remain a traditional board or switch to a five member board. It was discussed and decided to stay with the traditional board.

Nominations for officers are now open. They will remain open until next month's meeting.

If we don't have a board we will lose a lot of things. We won't be able to have events or reserve the community room. The community room will be locked when PHA staff leave each day. We can't have coffee sales or other fundraisers.

### **Old Business**

We need to decide if we want to get a new birdhouse. There is a book on the front bookcase where you can write your opinions and ideas on birdhouses. Having the birdhouse painted pink in honor of cancer survivors was suggested.

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### **New Business**

Earth Day: we will be having a grounds cleanup on April 25th from 10AM to 2PM. Interested people can sign up for a one hour shift. Refreshments will be served.

NordicTrack: we have the possibility of getting a free NordicTrack ski machine. We need to decide if we want it.

Thus us the original NordicTrack that simulates cross country skiing. It was decided that we would like it. In addition we should get rid of the inversion machine since no one uses it.

Vendor choices: our vendor's contract is up this month and it's time to vote on a new one. The choices this time are M & M (the current vendor) and C & S.

The vote was done by secret ballot and C & S won. They should have machines in by July.

Melissa Pappas won dime-a-time.

Yong Jiang and Mebharat won the door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50PM