

Community Building Meeting 6/1/18

Attendees: Melissa Pappas, Sharon Baker, Tim Gjerdahl, Julia Hupperts, Laurel Anderson, Roxanne Sands

Future of Community Building:

Community Building was discussed at the June RPC meeting. There were concerns about the money spent and the fact that there haven't been many measurable results to date. (Stipends are being paid but there has been no all hi-rise event or concrete plans made. Lots of events are discussed but nothing has been done.)

Alicia Huckleby made the suggestion to use the funds that would have been earmarked for meeting stipends to reimburse hi-rises for some Community Building expenses. (The way volunteer appreciation is reimbursed now.) This might be a better use of Council funds rather than fruitless meetings. Hi-rises would have a Community Building event and then submit receipts for reimbursement. There would need to be rules in place for the use of those funds and probably a reimbursement limit. (Likely \$100 per fiscal year.)

The one negative thing is that this would create more work for the PC Treasurer since she would have to keep track of these funds and handle checking receipts and reimbursing hi-rises.

The purpose of Community Building is to strengthen community in your individual hi-rises. This is more important than trying to strengthen community between all the hi-rises. This is especially important because there have been issues at a number of sites with board members and residents not getting along.

We need to decide if this is a good idea or not. Having a meeting without stipends just to share ideas was suggested. Hi-rises have lots of good ideas others could learn from and try. Meetings could still be held monthly on the first Friday. They would be publicized to all hi-rise. Having meetings through the summer was suggested. Meeting at different hi-rises was also suggested. These would be positive, fun meetings.

Don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution.

Having a stipend just for the Secretary was suggested. The secretary would take the minutes and send out meeting notices. Stipend would be \$10 a month. Total Community Building budget would be around \$800.

No meeting in July. There will be a meeting in August. Community Insider Meeting in August too.

Publicizing events in the Insider newsletter and on the PC website was suggested. This could encourage groups from hi-rises to consider going to things like free festivals and events.

Changing the name of the group to strengthening hi-rise communities or brain exchange was suggested. (Renewing strength. Strengthening communities? Strengthening engagement? Community idea exchange? Community sharing circle?)
It sounds like Community Sharing Circle was the top choice. This will be affirmed at the August meeting.

Community Sharing Circle:

Be part of the solution or People power or bringing people together.

Next meeting: August 3rd.