

Presidents Council Zoom Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Angela Graves, Hamline, called the Presidents Council Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and took a roll call of hi-rise Representatives present, along with PHA staff members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Aado Perandi, PC/RPC Secretary, Wabasha, stated you can always find a copy of the Minutes posted on the PC website. He also asked Representatives to instruct their resident council Secretaries to print a copy of the PC Minutes and post them along with the Minutes from their resident council meetings. Yasmine Aminou, Central, made a Motion to accept last month's Minutes as they stand. Richard Scaglione, Neill, seconded and the Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER

Jen Rooney, Social Worker and Provider Relationship Manager and Xue Yang, both from Juniper gave a presentation on some of the courses offered by Juniper. Juniper offers evidence based healthy living classes for older adults. These classes are offered in person, online or via telephone. Juniper offers the following classes in three categories:

Live Well	Get Fit	Prevent Falls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aging Mastery Program• Diabetes Prevention Program• Living Well with Diabetes• Living Well with Chronic Conditions• Living Well with Chronic Pain• Social Connect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program• Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL)• Walk With Ease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Matter of Balance• Stepping On• Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance

Jen Rooney and Xue Yang gave descriptions and/or demonstrations on the following courses: Living Well With Chronic Conditions; A Matter of Balance; and Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance. These classes are available for no charge and Juniper would like to make them available to the residents of the high-rises. Juniper is funded by grants that have been applied for and also by insurance companies because some of the classes such as fall prevention can minimize insurance costs. Jen opened the floor for questions. If there are any further questions Jen Rooney can be contacted by phone at 651-470-1169. One can also visit Juniper's website at yourjuniper.org, call Juniper at 1-855-215-2174 or email Juniper at info@yourjuniper.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Melissa Pappas, PC/RPC Treasurer, Seal, gave a rundown of income and expenses for January.

For January the cleared balance is eighty-eight thousand, nine hundred seventy eight dollars and forty cents (\$88,978.40). The ending balance is eighty-eight thousand, one hundred ninety-three dollars and forty cents (\$88,193.40). The report will be filed for audit. Melissa then took questions.

PHA MAINTENANCE REPORT

Brent Feller, Construction Program Manager / Maintenance Contracts, gave an update. Maintenance staff is busy budgeting, planning, and getting out contract and bid documents.

Current projects include: The Front plumbing project will be continuing and finishing up the last stack; Iowa will have a new hot water tank installed along with a water shutdown tomorrow; all elevators are up and running currently.

Maintenance is finishing up projects for the current fiscal year. A new budget will be submitted to the board later this month and if approved the new projects should be starting in April.

PHA MAINTENANCE REPORT *(continued)*

Mike Silvan, Assistant Maintenance Director, had a few things to say during these winter months.

1. Preventative maintenance inspections are done for all hi-rises, except for a few stragglers. These inspections will restart in April.
2. Pest control inspections are coming in March for Hamline, Central, Neill and Edgerton hi-rises.
3. Fire alarm and safety inspections will be happening in the Spring.
4. Snow operations are winding down, assuming minimal snow, the snow will be left to melt.
5. Neill intercom has been fixed.
6. Front laundry room exhaust venting for dryers is being worked on.

Maintenance then took questions from the hi-rise representatives.

PHA MANAGEMENT REPORT

Tara Johnson, Resident Services Senior Manager, reported on staff changes. The last day for Beth Forest, Human Services Coordinator (HSC), was last week. If one lives at Wabasha, Exchange or Seal, Jody Nottger or Mela Krick will be covering until a new HSC is in place. Also, John Kramschuster is now the Assistant Manager at Edgerton. Elliot Williams is the Assistant Manager at Neill on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Karin Tyra is the Assistant Manager at Iowa now. Sheila Wynn is the Assistant Manager at Wilson. Tara then took questions from representatives.

SAFETY & SECURITY REPORT

Sgt. Amy Boyer, St. Paul Police Department, ACOP Unit, stated that due to thefts the ACOP Unit has been making extra trips to many of the hi-rises. If you believe your h-rise needs some extra attention please email Sgt. Amy or email your Housing Assistant Manager. If you see people in your building or parking lot that do not belong, please call police at 911. If your Resident Council would like Sgt. Amy to attend their meeting the council should contact Sgt. Amy.

The non-emergency number is 651-291-1111. Sgt. Amy can be reached at amy.boyer@ci.stpaul.mn.us or at her cell phone 651-703-7141. She then took questions.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Bylaw Proposal**. The new bylaws were proposed on January 24, 2022. After 30 days ballots were sent out to the representatives for voting. The ballot result is 80% voted YES to passing the bylaw. Jason Bruce, Exchange made a Motion to accept the bylaws. Melanie Fox, Montreal, seconded and the bylaws were passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2022 Election Judge**. Applications are being accepted for election judges which will close March 14, 2022 for those who qualify. Applicants must attend the Election Judge training and then must perform all of the required duties.
2. **Officer Recognition Event**. Yasmine Aminou, Central, made a Motion to cancel the 2022 Annual Officer Recognition Event. Jason Bruce, Exchange, seconded and the Motion carried.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT

There was no board of commissioner's report.

SECTION 3 UPDATE

Beth Pacunas, Section 3 Projects Coordinator/Youth Literacy, updated us on education and training, etc. This afternoon Beth will have a meeting with Avivo regarding computer training. If there is anything to report, she will let us know. If we have any questions regarding employment, education or training please contact Beth at 651-252-5799.

RESIDENT INITIATIVES REPORT

Alicia Huckleby, Resident Initiatives Director & Human Services Director reminded us that a lot of Resident Initiative partners are working on trying to transition to a more in-person model or hybrid model, that takes into account safety. Alicia is asking for our patience while the partner's transition. Alicia congratulates all the representatives for moving on and passing the updated bylaws. She is also thanking all the current election judges for the work they do, and to encourage those considering being an election judge to take the next step and to apply. The floor was then opened up for questions from the hi-rise Representatives.

HIP REPORT

Betsy Christensen, *Health Improvement Programs* (HIP) Coordinator, had a few updates. HIP is working with Wilder Foundation and with Juniper to offer more in-person courses, but currently it is mostly virtual or via telephone. Ramsey County has an online Food Resource Guide—HIP will be supplying hi-rises with the information in printed form as a booklet.

In January all PHA hi-rises except for Dunedin hosted a Covid-19 booster clinic in partnership with Cub Pharmacy. Dunedin is near Neighborhood House - Wellstone Center which has been hosting weekly Covid-19 vaccine clinics.

CLOSING

Youa Thao, Resident Council Coordinator encouraged us to join the newsletter team. Residents and officers are also encouraged to send stories and pictures for the Spring Newsletter to insider@stphapresidentscouncil.org.

A big election poster will be sent to all of the Resident Councils to post. Resident Council officers and residents should read the poster before the elections as it will answer most of the questions people may have.

Do not send in signed vending machine contracts early, as they need to be signed no earlier than May 2022.

No further Presidents Council business was discussed or conducted, and the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Submitted by:

Aado Perandi
PC/RPC Secretary

MEETING REMINDERS:

(Meeting through Zoom)

Next Presidents Council Meeting:

Monday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, March 18 @ 11:00 a.m.

Computer Team Meeting: Thursday, March 24 @ 1:30 p.m.