

Presidents Council Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

John Cardoza, Cleveland Hi-Rise, called the Presidents Council Meeting to order on May 23, 2016 at 9:40 a.m. Introductions followed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bob Knutson, PC/RPC Secretary, Ravoux Hi-Rise, asked everyone to look over the Minutes and if any errors or other corrections are needed, bring them to his attention at our next Presidents Council Meeting. *Lisa Lee*, Wilson Hi-Rise made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as they stand, which was seconded by *Melanie Fox*, Montreal Hi-Rise. The Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Melissa Pappas, PC/RPC Treasurer, Seal Hi-Rise, presented the April Treasurer's Report. The current balance is six thousand, five hundred two dollars and sixty-one cents (\$6,502.61). The Register balance is four thousand, nine hundred twenty-six dollars and nineteen cents (\$4,926.19).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mary Puente, Commissioner, Front Hi-Rise, said they are in the process of discussing the revised Earned Income Disregard for admission and occupancy, and some adjustments are being made. Also, Accessible Space, Inc. are approving the implementation of a tentative mutual agreement reached with staff of Accessible Space, Inc.; to phase out ASI Services at Montreal and Neill H-Rises over the next 18 to 24 months. She also stated the Board approved seventeen more Housing Vouchers.

RESIDENT INITIATIVES REPORT

The Report will be given at our next meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

No Maintenance Report was given.

PHA MANAGEMENT REPORT

No Management Report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Picnics:** *Julia Hupperts*, Resident Council Coordinator, said the checks for the Picnics were mailed out last week. If you haven't received your check yet, be sure and keep an eye out for it; they were addressed to the Resident Councils at each Hi-Rise. Ruby Steward handed out checks for the Flower Fund while Julia explained that the PHA gives each Resident Council \$100.00 towards beautification of their hi-rises. She said she was very impressed with the work that had been done and thanked everyone for their efforts. **She again emphasized the importance of making copies of all receipts for items purchased for your Picnic; and send them in to: *The Presidents Council*.**
2. **Computer Protocol:** This is still a work in progress and the Computer Team has been looking at various other agencies to get an idea of how they instituted their computer protocols. The goal is to make it easily understood and easy to follow. When completed it will be presented to the Presidents Council, and also to the City Wide Resident Council. If approved it would be put in the Computer Labs at all hi-rises and family sites. She also said they're doing a very brief Survey to get input into how people feel about the Presidents Council Website.
3. **Presidents Council Budget:** The Resident Participation Committee has met many times to go over the Budget line by line. The Presidents Council Treasurer was at those meetings and she adjusted the Budget as they went along. She also stated that they've come up with a final Budget. Melanie Fox, Montreal Hi-Rise, made a Motion that the updated Budget be approved. It was seconded by Yasmine Aminou, Central Hi-Rise and the Motion was carried.

Alicia Huckleby, PHA Resident Initiatives Director, stated that at a previous Presidents Council Meeting, someone asked Jon Gutzmann if the PHA could look into doing a "curb cut" in front of the Administrative Offices. The City was contacted and the PHA was told it couldn't be done, due to an electrical vault that runs directly in front of the building.

SAFETY & SECURITY REPORT

Keith Draz, Safety & Security Coordinator, requested some feedback as to what sort of subjects we would like him to talk about at the Board meetings. He then took suggestions and answered questions. As always, if you have any problems or concerns about safety and security in or around your building, give him a call at **651-558-2305**. If he's not in, leave a message; he returns all calls.

ROSS TEAM

Ed Petsche, ROSS Grant Coordinator, said they're still in the process of scheduling *Budget Classes* at all hi-rises. He stated they've had two so far, and they've been very well received.

Val Wolff, ROSS Grant Coordinator, said they would like to find out what each of the hi-rises wants in terms of services from them. If there is anyone who has a suggestion(s), the ROSS team would like to hear them. She also stated that now was a good time, for those desiring training, to look into that. There are many different programs available. She distributed flyers and urged people to tell others about the programs available.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business at this time.

SHIP GRANT UPDATES

Ann Tranvik, Public Health Nurse: One of the things Ann is working on is: *Everyone With Diabetes Counts Series*, which was recently completed at Ravoux Hi-Rise. It's a no-cost, six-part series, and it's for people with diabetes who want to learn more about how to maintain and control it. Because it was so successful at Ravoux, they're going to offer it at Montreal (9-11 a.m.) and Edgerton (1-3 p.m.) starting June 6th. Residents in other hi-rises that are interested can call the Human Services Coordinator at those two buildings. Beth Forest is at Montreal and Patty Minehan is at Edgerton. Ask them if they're still taking registrations. Ann also stated she's been working with the Vending Reps for the last two years, and she would like to make changes to the *Healthy Vending Program*. She asked the Presidents Council for approval to adopt the following Vending Program changes:

1. Renaming it as the *Healthier Vending Program*.
2. Goal of 50% healthier beverages by 2017.
3. Goal of minimum of 5-10 healthier snack/food items.

Jamall Thomas, Edgerton Hi-Rise, made a Motion to allow changes to the Program, which was seconded by Melanie Fox, Montreal Hi-Rise. The Motion was carried.

Betsy Christensen, SHIP Coordinator, passed out information sheets to everyone.

COMPUTER TECH UPDATE

Aaron Smothers, IT and Illiteracy Coordinator, gave computer updates. They would like the family sites Community Centers and hi-rises to all have the same types of computers, configurations, security protocols, etc, so as to make all computers uniform. He spoke about improvements being made; i.e., new computers, bigger monitors, printers, and things of that nature. Aaron handed out his email address, which is: aaron.smothers@stpha.org. People can email him if there are any computer questions or problems.

SECTION 3 UPDATE

No Section 3 Update at this time.

GREEN INITIATIVES

No Green Initiatives Report at this time.

CLOSING

Julia Hupperts, Resident Council Coordinator, stated the April Minutes need to be amended to reflect the correct title for Diane Anastos. Lisa Lee made a Motion to amend the minutes to reflect Diane Anastos' correct title of *Resident Initiatives Coordinator*. Paula Gamblain, Ravoux Hi-Rise, seconded the Motion and it was carried. The last thing she wanted to say, was that there has been a donation made to Public Housing – a \$25 Gift Card – and it was given to Hamline Hi-Rise.

No further Presidents Council business was discussed or conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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