

Zoom Resident Participation Committee Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2021

OPENING

Youa Thao, Resident Council Coordinator, called the quarterly meeting of the Resident Participation Committee (RPC) to order at 11:00 a.m. on January 15, 2021, and introductions followed.

The RPC is charged with being financially responsible for the federal RPC/PHA grant funds.

The RPC is part of the Presidents Council and consists of the Executive Committee of the PC, as well as other hi-rise residents and other interested individuals. The goal is to have the Committee representative of as many hi-rises as possible.

The Committee meets quarterly to discuss opportunities for additional participation for all hi-rises, for which its members receive a stipend.

The RPC is expected to spend federal funding where the largest number of residents would benefit or where there is the greatest need among individual hi-rises. Funds are PHA/RPC funds and have restrictions on its use.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bob Knutson, PC/RPC Secretary, Ravoux, reminded everyone that they can always find a copy of the RPC Minutes on the Presidents Council website. Melanie Fox, Montreal, made a Motion that the September Minutes be accepted as they stand. It was seconded by Jason Bruce, Exchange, and the Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Youa Thao, Resident Council Coordinator, stated she has approve of allowing Melissa Pappas, Treasurer, Seal, to go ahead and send out the funds to all sixteen hi-rise councils. You should already have received those funds and deposited them in the bank by now. Councils that have not received the funds should reach out to Youa Thao, Resident Council Coordinator.
2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Youa is happy to announce that every hi-rise has completed their MOU's, and the Presidents Council completed their MOU in December. It's a good idea to read this every year at your resident council meetings to remind residents, officers and staff of the part we play to make the councils successful.

NEW BUSINESS *(continued)*

3. **Zoom Training**. Zoom training will take place next Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. She encourages you all to inform any residents at your hi-rises – who would like additional training on Zoom -- that this training is available to them to acquaint them about how this program works for Zoom meetings. If you are a Board officer at your hi-rise, you would receive a stipend for attending.

RESIDENT INITIATIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Alicia Huckleby, Resident Initiatives Director, just wanted to say thank you again to this group for being flexible enough to make some needed adjustments while we're all still unable to be in a room together, and for making sure that checks are being deposited into your accounts and that the money is still available and flowing and accurately accounted for.

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL BUDGET UPDATE

Melissa Pappas, Treasurer, Seal, presented a copy of the current Budget and went over each item line by line, describing each line item and its amount. She also answered any questions Representatives had.

STIPENDS

1. All Representatives attending a PC meeting receive a stipend of \$10.00. A discussion was had about whether or not the person chairing the PC meeting should receive \$25.00 for doing that. It was decided that everyone, including the chairperson, will receive the current \$10.00 stipend.
2. The idea to raise the stipend for QuickBook Peers from \$50.00 to \$60.00 was brought up. But after much consideration, and due to Budget constraints, the RPC team decided to keep the QuickBook Peer stipend at \$50.00.
3. PC Board officers cannot get a stipend for attending board meetings, because the Resident Council Guide forbids officers from getting two stipends for consecutive meetings that follow each other. The Resident Council Guide states:

"B. Stipend payments for consecutive meetings:

Stipend payments may not be made when meetings follow one another, for example, an Executive Board meeting immediately before a Council meeting, the attendees would be allowed one stipend. However, if residents are meeting, on the same day, for two distinct purposes, at two distinct times, for example a Community Building Team meeting and a Council meeting, two stipends would be acceptable."

CLOSING

Youa Thao, Resident Council Coordinator, thanked everyone who attended this quarterly RPC meeting and then proceeded to adjourn the meeting.

No further RPC business was discussed or conducted and the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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