

## Resident Council Meeting Agenda

February 20th, 2024

Attendance:

Administration: Chris, AJ, Valerie by phone

Resident Council: Will, Gerritt, Cherelle, Jenna, Jiwon, Skylar by phone

1. Welcome
2. Administration items
  - a. Resident life staffing changes
    1. Mariah's last day is tomorrow as she is moving on to new job opportunity; position will not be filled until spring 2025.
    2. There will be changes to the main office staffing as well; madeline, AJ and Chris are all here to assist council..
  - b. Emergency Fair
    1. Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30-2:30 PM
    2. Jdogs, fire trucks, Red Cross, safety organizations, financial group and mental health.
3. Individual Council Member Update
  - a. Cherelle - Community Liaison
    - i. Email Kelsey Reynolds about events you can assist at (3 required for the year, NOT including the Block Party). More help is needed for April (Emergency Fair) and May (Yard sale?) events.
    - ii. When is the Garden coordinator position expected to be filled?
      1. Friday at the latest.
    - iii. Will Cultural Fusion be coming back?
      1. An English class is still going on, There will be a new group idea being made between Valerie and Wendy that will replace cultural fusion.
  - b. Will - Campus Liaison
    1. Submitted the bill for December Holiday Party. It was approved ! And receipts have been submitted as well
    2. Will will reach out to see if he can submit bills past the soft cap.
  - c. Jenna - Communications Liaison
    - i. Will be making the spring forum flier. April 16 @ CCC 7-8 pm
    - ii. Was the combined yard sale finalized? And am I making the flier for that?
    - iii. Meet the Candidates flier? April 11 @ SCC 6-8 pm
      1. Include info with the election packet to go on the doors and weekly email
    - iv. Make flier for elections
    - v. Who am I sending Flier's to?
      1. Send fliers to Aj, Chris and cc Valerie
  - d. Jiwon - Spruce Liaison
    1. Didn't see any changes to the rent to the new apartments
      1. The new apartments wont change for this year
    2. It seems that many students are renewing their leases and staying for another year
  - e. Skylar - Cottonwood Liaison
    1. Laundry machines are breaking down frequently
      1. Maintenance and Hainsworth are aware
      2. If anyone asks about it tell them to email the main office

2. Council asked whether laundry machine usage was going up now that it is free. Hainsworth cannot track usage now so RAs will help monitor usage in areas where we get complaints to help determine if more machines are needed.
4. Election committee and grievance committee
  - a. Finalize election document
    1. Cherelle finalized the packet and has been approved and final touches are being made.
  - b. The election email where candidates submit questions and their Intents will be the Res life email. Chris will monitor and forward emails daily.
  - c. Who is running this year?
    - i. Cherelle, Jenna, Gerritt, maybe Will, Jiwon
  - d. Who should be on the election committee?
    - i. Chair: Jeremy Wilkerson
    - ii. Residents: Skylar,
      1. Gerritt is going to reach out to RA's to fill the election committee
      2. No office staff
      3. Committee will answer questions and grievances submitted about the elections, so members need to be available time wise.
5. Review of events
6. Upcoming meetings/programming
  - a. West Village Yard Sale
    1. From a sustainability standpoint they are wanting to do a clothing swap
    2. Find out if Kelsie wants the activity or if the RC wants to take on the activity.
      1. Cherelle will contact Kelsey and Valerie to discuss it and decide on the details and make a date.
7. Ongoing resident complaint review
  - a. Extended Use Request: Approved
    - i. Madeleine Tullis
      1. February 29th - April 18th
      2. Thursdays 10 am - 12 pm
      3. Weekly community playdate - with the cold weather and snow covering the playground in the winter, this will allow parents with children at home to have a space to take their children to play once a week. Parents can bring toys and we might switch off planning a group activity each week such as a craft or story time or something (similar to a joy school)
  - b. Construction on weekends complaint and threatened to take legal action.
    1. The city ordinance says construction can start at 7 AM Monday-Saturday so no legal action can be taken against it.
    2. Suggest they get ear plugs.
  - c. Youth Sports
    1. Wants to make a youth sport organization for the residents.
      1. Have a proposal made to describe sports/desired results, and age for the organization.
      2. Will there be a participation fee?
    2. Is there a location to have one?
      1. Will the new "bowl" area going to be open and available soon?
  - d. Mold/Maintenance

1. Many residents are complaining about mold and saying maintenance doesn't do anything about it.
  1. There is a resource on the apartment maintenance website on how to take care of mold. Residents can control but are welcome to call maintenance to assist.
  1. There is also information on the website talking about emergency situations and when to use oncall maintenance. Valerie will address both of these things in weekly emails.
2. Residents have reported that oncall maintenance asks many questions when they reach out for emergency maintenance requests. Others feel anxiety with certain maintenance people who seem rude in resident apartments.
  1. If resident reports concerns, they should send an email with a date, time and explanation of what happened to the apartment number so maintenance supervisors can follow up with staff.
- e. Rent increase
  1. General sentiment of the Cedar buildings raising the price 7% to try and force people into the new apartments.
  2. People are welcome to submit questions to Wendi.
  3. The reason for rate increases was explained in the email and decisions were made by upper administration.
- f. Construction concern about the stop sign being taken out by the construction on the west road.
  1. Suggest people to take the east road while the construction is going on.
8. Things to consider
9. Other items
  - a. March meeting date 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 as usual.
10. Upcoming RA Assignments
  - a. RA meetings for January - Jiwon
  - b. RA meetings for February - Gerritt
  - c. RA meetings for March - Gerritt for the first one, Will for the second
  - d. RA meetings for April - Cherelle
  - e. RA meetings for May - Jenna
11. Action Items/Assignments
  1. Cherelle
    1. Talk with Valerie and Kelsey about the yard sale.
  2. Gerritt
    1. Discuss the proposal for the sports team with the requesting resident.
    2. Reach out to Jeremy and ask him to be the Chair of the elections committee.
  3. Jenna
    1. Make election flier
    2. Make spring forum flier.
  4. Will
    1. Reach out to Wendy in regards to the stop sign in west village on the west road.