

HAVENWOOD RESIDENT ASSOCIATION
January 14, 2025

The Rev. Joel Easton opened the meeting with a song, blessing, and poem. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chair Barbara Keshen.

MSV: to approve minutes of the November 11, 2024 meeting

New resident Priscilla Mattson was introduced and welcomed.

Committee Reports:

Arts: Cy Sherman announced a new display on Summer Activities will be put up along Main Street next week.

Dining: Joan Henderson reported the committee meets the first Wednesday of each month and all are welcome. A new Executive Chef has been hired; all are invited to meet him in the Auditorium on January 24. There will be a Chinese theme meal on Friday, January 19 and a Night at the 4 Seasons event on January 31.

Programs: Joyce Morrison announced the committee will meet on January 23 with Sue Pollock. Residents are invited to be part of the committee.

Recycling: Nanci Mitchell reported almost 500 pounds of batteries have been collected. Casella, the new trash collection provider, seems to be following the same procedures as Pinard.

Soft Plastic: Mary Edick urged anyone requesting information or wanting to volunteer to collect plastic to contact her.

Wellness: Gini Barss reported the Wellness Committee will hold a Winter Fair at Tad's Place on February 20 at 2 on the topic of Alternative Medicine.

Michael Palmieri presented a report on Havenwood Long Range Planning, noting there are copies, updated annually, posted at Havenwood, Heritage Heights, and the Health Services Center. He explained that long range planning typically ran for a 5-10 year period but now time frames have been shortened to just a few years. Our plans focus on sustainability as the aging populations grow steadily.

Projects include the 600 area bulkheads, relevant cottage renovations, renovating some HSC rooms from two-person to one, HSC call bells, HSC fire dampers, HSC dining service heated food carts (request from the state), renovation of Apple Court hallway, and improved audio/visual equipment for the Auditorium.

The Rehab Department is working on licensing to treat independent residents. The Ruth Somes Cultural Arts Fund needs replenishing. He is seeking to have a single physician take charge of the Health Services Center; currently there are 26 different doctors caring for residents there. Gutters will be installed in the 600 area to prevent water draining onto the bulkheads and causing water damage. The new Point Click computer system for our records has been installed. This was required as the company bought out the system that had been in

use here. The new maintenance software system should be more efficient and provide electronic work orders. Cybersecurity must be in place that adheres to all standards.

Projects to be dealt with in the near future include new chairs in the cafe, parking signage, Main Street signage, outdoor lighting, and overhaul of the Havenwood wood shop to alleviate the flooding from overhead dishwashers.

It was asked if the current long range plan could be given to residents; he will work on it. It was asked about replacement of cottage water heaters and roofs; there is an active budget to replace these items when necessary or scheduled. The roofs are standardized and won't be replaced if they are not leaking as a replacement cost would be \$60,000. It can also be difficult to find new vendors.

It was asked about the heating/air conditioning along Main Street. It is a radiant heating system so residents were advised to notify the front desk in order to adjust the temperature.

The leak in the pool room ceiling is the result of expansion/contraction of the rubber membrane covering the roof. Repairs will be done in the spring.

It was asked about affordability at Heritage Heights and Mike replied prices range on a bell curve. The insurance laws require that Heritage Heights be an entrance fee only campus.

He noted studio occupancy at Havenwood can be a challenge so that when adjacent studios become vacant they will continue to be made into Birchwood units.

It was asked that with the growing trend of seniors wanting to age in their own home if there could be a type of visiting nurse program but Mike replied the HSC had 99 of the 100 beds full last week, up from the low numbers during Covid. We do have a good relationship with the VNA. There have been discussions of welcoming patients from the VA but it seems the government wants to keep control of funds.

A resident expressed feeling uncertainty about the benefits of joining the CCRC; Mike replied he would be glad to speak privately with anyone on the subject.

It was asked about converting tubs to showers; there is a schedule in place. Brandy noted there are only about 40 left for conversion.

Mike noted there is a cap on the budget of \$1 million and there are already a lot of individual projects of that amount.

It was asked how quickly vacant cottages could be filled but it depends on how much work is needed in each one.

He stated the parking situation is generally dictated by the city; more residents have two cars now. The city has restrictions so as not to interfere with the water table. Employees should not be parking in Lot 9.

It was asked if there were any plans for redesigning Havenwood cottages but there are none. City regulations require there be no changes to setback and there would not be changes of design within the footprint.

It was noted the hazards of pulling out onto Christian Avenue from the parking lots. Residents had asked the city to change parking laws on the street but the request was refused. They did move the white lines back from parking lot entrances but repainting may be necessary. It was noted there is a new Representative for the district, Kris Schultz, and she might be approached about the problem. Residents can also drive along the back road to Ormond Street and then onto Christian Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia McLeod
Secretary