

HOUSE AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

July 2, 2025

Present: Kathy Berglund, Ginny Clifford, Donna Mae Donahue, Linda Fraser, Michelle Jones, Sue Mitchell, Cheryl Roy, Dana Sansom, Nicole Valente, Ray Watson, and Carole Wisser

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Vice Chair Ginny Collins

MSV: to accept minutes of the June 4, 2025 meeting

Nicole Valente reported grading along the back road is continuing. New Pet Policy Guidelines will be sent out to all residents stating that in order to keep all residents feeling comfortable, all pets must be leashed on campus and may not go beyond the lobby. There is a dog park available for exercise as long as the owner is there.

She reported a man had gone to a few apartments to check with residents on the US census. She contacted the agency and learned that the person was legitimate with full credentials but he should not be on campus knocking on doors. She will try to find out what information is being asked. She spoke with him about protocols here and that he needs to check into the office first so residents may be notified. She will be sending out information to residents.

There is no schedule yet for summer window washing.

There have been questions about who is responsible for care of the new trees. Dana commented they should be cared for by staff for the first few months. She explained how the water bags are used. The bag is filled about a quarter full, picked up and set flat on the ground, then filled to the top. After trees are established a specific person can be named to be responsible. Nicole will set up a list of who is responsible for each new tree as well as a list of organizational needs. Ginny asked area representatives to inform residents in their area.

Landscape requests use the same form as a request to enlarge garden space. She and Mike will make any decisions on enlarging gardens. If residents do not get a response after a second request they should go to Nicole and she will take it to Mark Jenks. She hopes for better communication.

There has been no word on the list of accepted perennials for planting. Dana thought she had seen such a list in the committee materials and will check on it.

It was asked if the red stake garden notification program could be brought out again so that residents who do not want staff pruning or applying herbicides could put out the stake as a signal. Many residents were upset with the way pruning was done.

Area Reports

600 - Cheryl Roy reported work on bulkheads is in the final stages. Some questions had been sent to Mike as there are some repairs needed. There is now an empty unit in the area. Residents would like new furniture at the Havenwood front entrance as the benches there now are looking shabby. There have been questions about a sign to direct out-of-town ambulances to the back of Health Services as there had been an incident involving one of their residents.

500 - Carole Wisser stated there has been a moving van parked on Christian Avenue taking up two spaces and making it difficult to pull out of their parking lot. There are also cars parking in the triangle marked areas at the parking lot entrance and she asked if a cone could be placed

there. Nicole asked that she be kept posted and then she can decide what might be done. Carole stated residents appreciate the new trees and the availability of loam and mulch. She feels gardening improves quality of life and asked about the possibility of more or larger raised beds in the future.

400 - Dana Sansom reported resident confusion on what can be placed in the brown paper bags - just leaves or branches as well. They had been told brush can be put in a pile and Charles will pick it up but they need to know where to pile the brush.

300 - Linda Fraser reported residents are grateful for the enlargement of their patio area to accommodate the table. They would still like a few more chairs.

Ray Watson also mentioned the problem with cars parked in the triangle areas and the resulting difficulty in pulling out from the parking lot. He echoed the need for new chairs at the lobby entrance. He asked why there is such a delay in opening the second door to the lobby. It was explained that in the winter having both sets of doors open at the same time lets much cold air into the lobby.

200 - Michelle Jones reported all is well in the area; the only concern is the delay in response to requests.

100 - Sue Mitchell reported there are some empty units in the area. The trash issue has been resolved. Residents plan to parade through the HSC on the 4th of July.

Ray Watson commented that recycling rules are not being followed. Committee members discussed whether there might be a time when there could be a collection of items for the dump, similar to the idea of shredding documents. It would be understood there would be fees involved.

It was noted that washed flower pots may be left by the greenhouse as they can be taken for recycling but other trash cannot be left there.

Nicole reported she is waiting to hear what money remains in her budget for the year as she has a list of improvements she would like to make along Main Street as well as replacing the benches at the entrance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia McLeod
Secretary