

HAVENWOOD RESIDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
May 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chair Karen Juall.

The Rev. Michelle DeCoste opened by reading the poem Peonies by Mary Oliver.

Nicole Valente introduced and welcomed Teresa Samaniego, Mike Palmieri's new assistant.

MSV: to approve minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Gini Barss reported expenses through April of \$200 for library books and \$71.88 for the Recycling Committee materials, leaving a balance of \$1867.54 in the Resident Association account.

New Residents

New Residents were introduced and warmly welcomed to the community:
100 Area: Doug and Gail Ford, Nan Bardo, and Pat Kamel
300 Area: Alison Anderson and Bev Minnigh
Lodge: Carol Ann Blake, Lee Allison, and Don Hayes, all three of whom transferred from Heritage Heights

Proposed By-Laws

Karen Juall announced that legally there could not be a vote today to approve the new by-laws because the required 15 day prior notification of change had not been met, thus leading to an illegal vote which might present repercussions at a later date. Members of the Resident Council met earlier in the morning to make a decision for a new date for voting and agreed on the next scheduled Association meeting date, September 8.

A motion was made that since there would not be a vote, discussion should wait until the actual vote day. The motion was denied and a vote was taken to proceed with the discussion while the ideas were still fresh in resident minds. There will still be discussion before the actual vote as required by the by-laws.

Members of the by-laws committee, Lindley Kinerk, Chair, Nick Cort, Linda Fraser, Joan Henderson, Karen Juall, and Leo Van Beaver, with Doug Hatfield available to break any possible tie vote, were thanked for all their work since February to prepare the document. Karen thanked Council representatives who disseminated the information in their areas and submitted all their ideas and suggestions.

It was decided to not change the transitioning of officers as proposed due to resident input. Most residents did not want the Chair and Vice Chair transitioning in the same year. It was decided to include that the Vice Chair and Secretary positions be filled in even numbered years and those of Chair and Treasurer in odd numbered years. The Nominating Committee is included as a regular committee, not ad hoc, as it always exists although committee members change.

It was agreed to keep the Arts Committee as a standing committee although it does not fulfill the definition of a standing committee, but is an important one and functions well with one member. Committee members felt it was appropriate to “grandfather” it in.

Joint committees with Heritage Heights will be designated with an asterisk.

The budget process information was taken out of the Duties of Officers and put in an amendment since it had included specific dates and procedures that could be changed more easily than if in the bylaws and it was felt it would be better to use general dates.

Nominating Committee

Joyce Foley reported for Sandi Lee, Chair, who could not attend. The committee consisting of Sandi, Joyce, and Leo Van Beaver met three times over several weeks and reviewed ten possible candidates for Vice Chair and Secretary and presented Don Hayes as Vice Chair and Lindley Kinerk as Secretary.

MSV: to elect Don Hayes as Vice Chair

MSV: to elect Lindley Kinerk as Secretary

Committee Reports

House and Grounds: Ginny Clifford stated everyone was pleased with all the work accomplished on Earth Day. There is mulch available for residents at the end of Ormond Street and in the 100 area. Many areas are requesting more outdoor chairs and expansion of their outdoor seating areas. Residents were told they should put in a Maintenance request if they need more or better placed grab bars for safety concerns. Residents were reminded to clean up after their dogs. They were also asked to return chairs borrowed from rooms in the Lodge after use. Roof cleaning has been done. Raised beds will be set out. Residents may order a bag of the special soil mix used in the beds from Mark Jenks. Sticks should be separated from leaves in the paper bags.

Dining: Joan Henderson reported the committee meets the first Wednesday of the month in Happeninz. The next theme meal is “Retro Diner” at noon on May 22. Kitchen tours will be offered to Health Services Center, Lodge and cottage residents. There will be sign-up sheets. All supervisors have been trained in the Heimlich Maneuver and there is a call assistance phone in the Dining Room.

Programs: Joyce Morrison stated there will be many activities to celebrate the 250th US anniversary. Friday gatherings at the fire pit begin in June. Movie and pizza nights will continue monthly. A trip to Cape Cod by Colette Tours will be held next month and future trips will be offered. She urged everyone to read News & Previews to keep abreast of events.

Recycling: Nanci Mitchell announced the joint committee is pleased to have the first textile collection for Apparel Impact whose goal is to reduce what goes into the landfills. There is a list on the bulletin board of what is accepted. The committee had been able to recycle garden pots in past years but that is no longer possible.

Wellness: Gini Barss reported the annual Wellness Fair with a program and raffle will be on May 22 and urged everyone to attend the event that usually has 10-12 vendors and an amazing raffle.

Administration: Nicole Valente reported the Auditorium loop is up and running well. There are three large paintings that will be put up on the auditorium walls. D Corridor renovation should

be finished next week. There is now closed caption on Mike's blog. Jane Poitras is looking for a Sunday bus driver. There was a great report from the HSC state survey and a 5 star rating. Next week is Nurses Week. There will be a HSC bake sale next week with proceeds donated to the Payson Center. The Hiking-Biking Club raised close to \$6200 for the Payson Center at the Rock N' Race. Maintenance training will begin in May with 600 area residents. The irrigation system work is going on next week - let her know of problems. The Lodge laundry will be closed Wednesday, May 13.

Michelle Jones asked if it would be possible for HHH to pay for cab rides to medical appointments if a resident cannot get a ride on the bus since it is an advertised benefit. Nicole will talk with Jane Poitras.

It was asked if there were any Tinkers who would provide rides. Nancy explained the "Tinkers" are residents who are willing to help others with small things like putting something on a shelf, opening a box, etc. There had been one offering rides but he no longer has a car.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia McLeod