HAVENWOOD HOUSE AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
November 4, 2026

Present: Bud Berry Richard Davis, Diane Drescher, Mary Edick, Linda Fraser, Karen Juall, Mary Hamblett, Mark Jenks, Sue Mitchell, Cheryl Roy, Ray Watson, Nicole Valente, Irmgard Weber

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Hamblett at 9 AM.

MSV: minutes of the September 9, 2026 meeting

Area Reports:
300: Ray Watson reported all was well; residents were still enjoying their pumpkin display and the many compliments on it. He asked about the proposed move of the soft plastic recycling bins. Nicole explained the eventual site would be by the main recycling bin but removal of the contractor's dumpster has been delayed. There may be a temporary winter spot set up near the greenhouse.

400: Diane Drescher reported residents have been very happy with clean-up work. Their compost bin will be moved between a couple of units so that snow may be plowed into the area of its present location.

500: Mary Hamblett reported Ginny Clifford had resigned from the committee. She noted better lighting was needed in the area after walking from parking lot 16. It was suggested representatives walk through the entire campus after dark and make note of problem areas. Nicole stated the night security crew report any burned out lights.

600: Cheryl Roy reported all was well in the area. Residents enjoyed decorating for the fall. Leaves had been blown into piles but many have been blown away and there are many more to come. There are a lot of pine needles on the roofs and she asked if they would be removed. Mark responded that Isaiah and his company were working on fall cleanup and will do what they can, weather permitting. Residents have been using MaintainX and report no problems with it.

100: Irmgard Weber reported there had been a lot of leaf blowing in the area but she requested they be careful not to blow leaves and debris onto porches.

Lodge: Bud Berry also noted a lot of leaf blowing and noted leaves have been falling over a longer period of time.

200: There was no representative from the area.

Richard Davis spoke about the problems of adequate parking and issues of pine needles, sap, cones and branches falling on cars in Lot 16, causing damage to vehicles. He suggested possible options - construction of a sturdy open sided roofed carport on the north side of the lot or removal of pine trees. In lieu of these options he suggested Havenwood reimburse residents for monthly professional detailing to remove potential vehicle damage.

Nicole responded she had spoken with Mike Palmieri and Mark Jenks on this topic. She noted residents should come to her with such problems but has not heard from anyone. She and Mark have spoken with a tree company to check out the offending trees. In the past it has been dead trees that were removed but these trees are alive and some are on city property. It was determined that eight trees could be taken down by lot 16 but this would leave a significant gap along Hazen Drive resulting in more noise, more wind, and a less favorable view. Replacement trees would take about 30 years to grow to desired height although many

would not be likely to survive due to the salt and sand accumulated in the poor soil. They are currently thinking of cutting the branches that hang over cars in that lot.

Cheryl Roy suggested there be a committee of residents and administration to review campus parking issues.

Nicole reported training on MaintainX has been going well; the 300 area will be next to receive the training followed by the 200s before Thanksgiving and the rest by the end of the year. She is still collecting car keys from residents who wish to participate in the snow removal program. She will be sending an email asking which residents will require shoveling to access their outdoor sheds. She and Jane Poitras will be running emergency preparedness programs and will provide more information in News and Previews. She had heard about the handicapped squirrel being cared for by 300 area residents and cautioned about contact with it.

Diane Drescher reported she has had a problem with mice, both inside her cottage and in their two vehicles. The black boxes have been checked and reported to be in working order. Her stove will be pulled out to try to find how they are getting inside. Mark Jenks reported JP Chemical will no longer be one of our vendors as the company has been bought out by a large organization. The new company, Conquered Pests, will begin December 1.

Some remedies being used successfully to keep pests from chewing on the soy based car hoses are a peppermint spray, peppermint oil on cotton swabs, mothballs, and dryer sheets.

Ray Watson noted he had found salt buildup under the accelerator pedal in his car that he had to scrape out.

Richard Davis noted there is a rodent disease dangerous to humans so residents should wear masks when clearing out areas where rodents have been living.

It was asked if heat in utility rooms can be regulated; Mark replied there is a dial that can be adjusted or a resident can request Maintenance to do it.

Linda Fraser reported on the initial meeting of the Energy Sub-committee the previous week. It was agreed to focus on no more that three areas of concern and have six month increments of work, January to June and July through December. Goals should be doable, measurable, and community-wide. They are considering thermostats, drafts, and lights.

She suggested everyone find a partner to work with on this committee. There will be another meeting in the next couple of weeks. Nicole had come up with a picture of an elf to be our “Energy Elf” although residents may want to come up with another elf mascot. Mary Edick suggested a “Recycled Elf” using recycled materials.

Mary Hamblett asked if members thought a replacement for vice chair Ginny Clifford would be needed but was agreed that would not be necessary; Someone could fill in should Mary be away.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia McLeod
Secretary