



COTTAGE FORUM
Monday, January 11, 2016

Carol Holzman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

She started by saying that Jim Sylvanus had asked her at what temperature should the thermostat be changed from regular to emergency heat. Carol advised for residents to switch it over when the outside temperature is in the single digits or when the heater seems to struggle to get up to the set temperature. She said if the temperature still doesn't seem warm, give us a call and we'll have Maintenance take a look.

The fence is going up around the dumpster in the next week or two. The Building and Grounds Committee looked at the placement and agreed that it should be moved back and closer to the existing fence as to provide better visibility when driving down the street.

Someone asked about having another shred event. Gil said that the CALRA Board discussed having one every six months rather than once a year.

Carol then opened the floor for questions/comments.

Curt Christensen said he was speaking for Tom Lord who was not sure he could make the meeting, but would like to know the possibility of installing solar panels. Carol said that that decision needs to be made by the Strategic Planning Committee. There is a meeting scheduled for later this month and we will discuss it.

Mildred Wiedmann suggested adding parking places behind the dining room next to the Ziegler's driveway. A total of 6-8 spaces could be added and residents could walk to the dining room from the back. Carol said that we'd take a look at it and also discuss at the next Strategic Planning meeting.

Don Burgess asked what is happening to Cottage #2. Carol said that right now it serves as the model and we will encourage prospects to start there when they visit. We will add a sign at the entrance of the community directing them to the sales center. The sign will be added with a hook and eye and stay up from Monday-Friday. Someone from Marketing will be there to greet them and there will be an office set up in the second bedroom. Carol advised that the change would not free up any office space. Elsie Gould said that the space in the front of the building (Discover Room) is not utilized much.

Carol said that that space is used for contract signing as the Living Room is a common area and not private. Don asked when Deb Hamilton would be getting an office. Carol said that Deb will have an office by 4/1/16 and at that time we'll make an announcement. Dick Cleaveland added that Deb is a contact for the residents and where she is now is not reasonable space.

Jane Hood asked how many cottages are for sale now. Carol said that we have 7 cottages available. Carol said that we are revisiting the acquisition of additional land in Lewes following the sale of Cherry Hill. Mildred asked if residents could move from a cottage to an apartment if one is available. Carol explained that it is possible and has been done, but it's not financially attractive. Residents would have to pay an entry fee for the apartment, and in order for them to get the refund from the cottage, a new resident would have to occupy it for a period of 60 days. Curt said that most residents were under the assumption there would be an opportunity to move to an apartment when a spouse dies. He added that there should be a deadline date for heirs to wait for reimbursement of refund if a cottage doesn't sell. Carol said that she would take a look at it. She said there is no particular order in how we sell cottages; it's whatever the prospect may want. For example, some prospects would prefer a water view or have their residence face a particular direction, etc.

Mildred asked if there are only two double rooms in Assisted Living. Carol said there are 2 double apartments in Assisted Living and 3 semi-private rooms in Safe Harbor, which are shared by two individuals. Mildred asked if there was any thought of having more doubles in AL. Carol said that there was a double that was occupied by Dick Dellmyer. After he passed away, we eventually put the wall back to make two apartments. We have one more that could be converted to a double apartment, but it would depend on availability.

Don Burgess said that with respect to Cadbury Circle West, a number of residents would like the Board to reconsider purchasing 5 acres of land next to Cadbury and that the owner indicates they would sub-divide it. Carol confirmed that we are revisiting that purchase and approaching the Mitchell family.

Elsie provided some notes from another resident that was not in attendance advising that when the tall grasses were cut, many of the stems have blown away and asked if they could be raked up. She also said that many of the cottages have green mold on them. Lastly, someone spotted a rat in the back yard and the exterminator took care of it. Carol said that she would make a request to JoAnn to pick up the grass clippings. She will ask Chuck to take a look at the mold on cottages. Mildred said that it could be removed with a scrub brush and doesn't need to be power washed. Carol said she will mention it to Chuck, but it may be too cold to take care of right now.

Curt Christensen said that Deb Hamilton has digital pictures of the New Year's Eve dance and they'll be on display downstairs by the coatroom.

Tom Lord commented that the mulch pile and the dumpster look trashy. Carol said that the fencing is going up soon around the dumpster and with the purchase of additional property we may move the mulch pile. Dick Cleaveland said we could put a fence around it. Mildred added that the back dock area looks bad too. Carol said that once we

acquire the land, we can add some additional storage space. We have also looked at adding an enclosed bike rack.

Elsie verbalized her frustration that the outlets and faucet connections on the outside of the cottages are placed too low to the ground. It is difficult for residents to plug in cords or connect a hose. Carol said there is not much we can do about it but advised that residents can purchase an extension from Lowe's or Home Depot for the water spigot. She added that Chuck's team is here to help and we can have JoAnn install the extension.

Mildred asked if there is a game plan for painting the interior of the cottages. Carol told residents if they feel their cottage needs to be painted, let us know and someone will come out and look at it. We'll have to talk to Chuck about who's responsible for moving personal items, etc.

Mildred also asked if there was a waiting list for residents to have their carpet stretched. Carol said residents just need to report it to Alan and he will get it scheduled.

Someone asked if there is a charge for having hardwood floors installed. Carol answered that there is.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11th at 11:30. Dick Cleaveland said that the meeting is too close to lunchtime. Carol said that we moved the meeting to 11:30 as to not to interfere with exercise class. We may have to move the meeting to a Tuesday or Thursday and have it earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon.

Carol thanked everyone again for coming and the meeting was ended.

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Barbara White, Recorder