

## Verano Resident's Council Meeting 5/6/08

Present at the meeting:

1. Suzanne Kaasa
2. Carrie Carmody
3. Tia Peterson
4. Sameer Patil
5. Donna Willis

Cinco De Mayo Pub Event

- Signatures for invoices needed
- Invoices signed
- Discussion of the event: all went well except for the taco bar, it was not as good as expected and any future events should consider putting additional funding towards more pub money for residents.

Community Purchases

- There is a storage problem that may keep us from purchasing picnic tables with benches.
- Verano Housing agrees that they would be useful but a storage place has yet to be located.
- This item has been added to our agenda for next week's meeting with housing.
- Also suggested that maybe we could purchase additional adult sized chairs that would make the old recreation center more accessible to events with many adults (currently it has mans kids chairs and comparatively fewer adult sized chairs).

Labels for Trash Cans

- Proposed labels for trash cans next to the mailboxes that state that these are not paper recycling bins as there appears to be some confusion, people think they are recycling but they are not.
- An allocation approved for the purchase of 6X8 stickers

Letter to the Residents about the Rent Increases

- Draft approved; will be posted to the VRC website, sent to listserve, and posted in laundry rooms.

Website Additions

- Lately we have received some responses that indicate that residents aren't really aware of what the VRC has been doing, to address this an accomplishments page will be added to the website

Discussion of Suggestions Made at the Candidate Forum

- A web forum for residents to discuss was suggested. Sameer explained the AGS experience with web forums and based on that the council opts not to set one up at this time. AGS found that it solved very little and didn't attract many users.
- Car wash. The history of car washing was discussed, how we used to be able to do it but no longer can because of run-off issues.
- More charcoal grills. Unfortunately, we were told by Verano Housing that we cannot install any more charcoal grills because the campus has set up regulations regarding the disposal of ash. It needs to go to a specified location on campus

(where exactly is unclear at this time) and since we don't have the ability to enforce this unless a new program is created to address this issue, new charcoal grills seem unlikely at this time.

- Publish survey results. Noted that we have published them in the body of our newsletters.

#### New On-line Maintenance Requests

- Appears to be working well
- Program could use a bit more VHO advertisement

#### Rules for 1 Bedroom Apartments

- Current policy seems to exclude single adults unless a special offer is made in the Gazette about 1 bedrooms
- We'd like to discuss this issue with housing to see about changing the policy to always allowing single adults, not sometimes allowing single adults