

Minutes for the Elderly Housing Committee
In-person Meeting June 6th
Brook School Apartments, Weston, MA 02493

Attendees:

EHC Members: Tom Timko-Chair, Carol Ott, Tack Chace, John Hennessey, Karin Ott

Town of Weston: Monyette Vickers – Property Manager, Ed Jarobski -Maintenance Specialist, Sarah Sequeira - Housing Certification Specialist

Weston Residents (BSA): Shirley Small-Rougeau, Paul Foley, Diane Griffin, Gary Marcoux, Lenny Savoie, C. Elise Alegria, Patti Davenport, Judith Harding, Kim Sylvester, Sally Raymond, Lanna Yuen, Alan Orth, Teddy Mohn, Racheal Bau, Paul Bau, Judith Corcoran, Geraldine Wilcox, Kathy Bourinot, Michael King, Mary Melican, Hazel Pappas

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 AM.

Residents' Comments:

Microphones were requested and then provided.

Resident Kathy Bourinot listed a number of concerns in her unit and some about the BSA. Monyette answered that she will follow up with her regarding these concerns.

EHC member Karin Ott suggested that meeting attendees identify themselves when speaking.

Resident Teddy Mohn identified herself as the “Brook School Apartment trash lady” in jest. She stated that she continues to find trash on the property. She said that she was going to buy trash bins and place them outside as she feels this would help. Monyette explained that there are trash bins in the entry ways but that she cannot put them outside as they could be used improperly and attract animal’s causing a hazard. Monyette then reminded every one of the trash bins in the common areas.

Gary Marcoux requested that EHC members’ contact information be put on a list so people could communicate with them. This info is already available and will be put on the building information monitors. Tom reminded everyone that EHC members can have a one-to-one discussion with residents regarding concerns but group discussions must be at the EHC meetings due to Open Meeting Laws.

Gary Marcoux spoke on behalf of a resident requesting a weedwhacker for the grass around Building B. Tom replied that we cannot distribute weedwhackers to residents but that the landscapers will be notified to maintain the area. Ed will also follow-up with the resident.

Resident Shirley Small-Rougeau stated that one of the sprinklers is watering onto School Street. Ed commented that all sprinklers were just readjusted but he will check on this.

Gary Marocux stated that the porch/greenhouse area by the common area in Building D has too many plants. People would like to sit out there. Monyette explained the Garden Committee keeps plants there for winter but as summer is coming those plants will be moved outside and the area would be cleaned.

Resident C. Elise Alegria commented on overgrowth on the walkways. Landscapers will attend to this.

Minutes: The May 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Brook School Apartment Update: Monyette Vickers

There are currently 3 vacancies, 2 market and 1 subsidized.

The grill/patio areas have been set up for the season. Monyette reminded residents that they need to wind down the umbrellas and clean up the grills and area after usage. Extra grill scrubbers are available.

Shirley commented that non-BSA residents continue to park inappropriately when using the soccer field and tennis courts. Chris from the Recreation Department has been notified. Tom suggested that a bigger sign be placed by the courts letting people know their cars may be towed. Tom suggested that the residents can call the police when cars are parked in residents' spots. Monyette then reiterated that residents could call the police if there is an issue. Out of concern for residents' safety, Monyette does not want to see anything escalate. Ed said that he can call the police if residents bring this issue to him.

The electric car charging stations will charge .36 cents per kilowatt. The stations will be public for three years due to the funding grant. It is still to be determined if they will be free for residents. The appropriate parties know that the EHC believes that they should be free to use for BSA residents.

Sunrise: Tom Timko

The Sunrise project seems to be moving forward. There are zoning as well as other technical issues to work out. Ultimately any plan will go to the Select Board to be approved. It is likely that a master lease will be implemented and that the apartments would be considered affordable elderly units and managed by BSA. Resident Paul Foley asked if Sunrise would contribute to Safe Harbor. It likely would but that Weston still has a way to go to reach the suggested amount of affordable residences.

Storage Update: Tom Timko

Tom and Karin presented their initial research regarding the re-model for the Forbes area. This would possibly include 21 to 22 new storage units as well as an exercise and art area. It may be possible to add two more residential units. This large project would need to be outsourced. More information will come.

Shirley Small- Rougeau asked for an update of the refurbishing of Building C. Monyette answered that refurbishing will continue and details will be determined with the new fiscal year. Judith Harding asked if pictures will be going up. They will. Resident Diane Griffin asked about the Palmer room. Monyette answered that an apricot-like color was chosen for the walls. Flooring is still to be determined.

Kathy Bourinot described some problems with a man delivering medication. Monyette told her to call the police when something like this happens as well as call her and let her know. Monyette will look into the incident to determine important details and appropriate authorities will be notified.

Affordable Housing Trust: Tom Timko

Nothing new; the trust has a meeting soon. More information will be provided at our next meeting.

The next EHC meeting is scheduled for July 11th at 11AM. (Later moved to July 12th)

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.