

Family Housing Council Public Meeting Minutes  
July 31, 2009

The public meeting started at 6pm. in the presence of the FHC president, FHC board members and employees, the complex director, community aides, and some residents.

The FHC president, Bhupinder Farmaha, welcomed all attendees, and the meeting session started with pizza and drinks.

The president introduced the new treasurer Tutin Aryanti. She introduced herself to everyone and talked a little about her intentions in serving as the FHC treasurer.

The executive secretary, Adeel Zafar, mentioned the success of the last yard sale and thanked everyone involved in it. He also announced the next yard sale, which will take place on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 12noon. Suggestions regarding the improvement of the next yard sale were given and discussed between the attendees and the board. Some of them are summarized as follow:

- A better advertisement of the event outside the community;
- No need for tables in case of selling big items;
- No outsiders are allowed to sell at the yard sale. They are welcome to stop by and buy;
- Tables could be numbered to better control the distribution of them to the sellers;
- Tables could be considered to be the selling space of each seller;
- Written regulations could be considered to ease the organization of the event and clarify the rules among those selling and buying at the yard sale;
- Sellers could wear some sort of identification during the event;
- People could use the outlets inside Community Center to try out electronic items;

The president encouraged the attendees to advertise the next yard sale among their neighbors and reminded everyone that the FHC does take any responsibility for whatever is sold at the yard, specially electronics.

The vice-president mentioned the termination of the old web-master's services because of continuous absence from meetings and events. He also mentioned the search for a new FHC web-master. In case the position is not filled as soon as the board expect, the position will be posted on NN and will be open to the community to apply for it.

The president announced the acquisition of some gardening equipment through a donation made to the FHC. He also raised the issue regarding the tentatives to find some permanent storage space to store gardening tools and equipment. The complex director, Indira Rajagopalan, mentioned that there is no space available at the moment, and that the FGH has very limited storage space. The issue regarding storage space was intensely debated between the president and the complex director. The president also talked about proper utilization of landing room since it is open only 2 hrs per week and many people do not get its full benefits. He also mentioned that the Council is not able to perform many other possible activities due to non-availability of space. One of the community-aid also agreed with the idea to buy potable space for council. The discussion ended with the latest asking for a description of the equipment to be stored as she volunteered herself to search for extra storage space around the community, such as portable outside storage rooms.

Jeff Tschirhar talked about the monthly budget and the president and vice-president thanked him for his work as the FHC treasurer and for keeping the accounting records updated, and effort throughout his his job.

The president asked the complex director if the FHC can move to higher authority level and make some efforts regarding the rent increase and the less occupancy of apartments in the community. The complex director explained that rent increases are not within the FGH control. The vice president suggested to write a document complaining about the rent increase.

The issues regarding the removal of some channels and the lack of cleaning maintenance around the exterior of apartment blocks were raised by one of the attendees.

The complex director reminded everyone that only flowers can be planted around the buildings. Anything other than that, such as vegetables and herbs will be cut off by lawn mowers because of insects. The president mentioned that since there was not any information about the issue to residents and that vegetables are in their middle of season, he suggested to the complex director to provide this information from next calendar year.

The president mentioned the organization of a sports event has been under way and it will probably take place in mid September. The vice-president mentioned the need for financial support of the event, who has been asked to prepare flyers and chalk out its plan well in advance.

After asking if there were any more issues the attendees would like to discuss, the FHC president, Bhupinder Farmaha, ended the meeting by thanking everyone for being present.