

**Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2014
6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Present:

- Michael Billington
- Tasneem Anwar
- Lisiane Pruinelli
- Touba Khurshid Malmi
- Shipi Kankane
- Prabin Bajgain
- Radhika Vernekar
- Divya Bhaskaran
- Fahad Kidwai
- Vivek Bhandari
- Scott Creer
- Kris Graham
- Shanea Schmelling
- Hadley Adkins

Absent:

- Board President
- Board Vice President
- Board Treasurer
- Board Secretary
- Board Director
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- Guest
- Housing & Residential Life
- Manager
- Minute Taker
- Operations Manager

**Meeting came to order
at 6:17PM**

3 absences

Rules

- Raise hand to speak
- Two minutes per turn
- Give everyone a chance to participate
- Stay calm, Be respectful and do not get personal
- Stay at the meeting (even if you get upset)

- Be Prepared and read Board Packet in advance
- Inform President or General manager if you are going to be gone or late

Time Keeper: Tasneem Anwar

Process Assistant: Tasneem Anwar

House Keeping:

1. Assign Terrace Times Article
 - i. Due October 28th
 - ii. Vivek
 - iii. Topic: Thanksgiving details and potluck by CTC
2. Propose new Board member to Replace Prabin (Vivek Bhandari)
 - i. ***Divya moves to make Vivek the new board member to replacement Prabin. Radhika seconded. 5 approve. 0 oppose. 0 abstain.***
3. FYI Postpone Picnic shelter until Spring 2015
 - i. Price escalated because of soil issues not being adequate to support the structure.
 - ii. It is on hold until Spring 2015 and will work further on what can be done for a smaller structure than originally planned.

Approve: Packet/Agenda/Consent Agenda

Tasneem moves to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Seconded by Divya. 5 approve. 0 oppose. 0 abstain.

Scott Creer, UM Liaison; Monthly update: *Project updates*

- Currently behind where they want to be on Fifield Street construction, but still on schedule.

Dan Gedatus Comcast Cable Bulk Account Rep: Present revised proposal for Internet and cable rates and answer questions. Past history and proposals have been included for your reference when you are listening/talking with Dan.

Current bulk package of TV starter package is \$18/ unit.

- Options at bulk rate internet:
 - \$30/unit with modem rental for just internet.
 - Internet and TV would be an additional \$25 on top of the \$18.
 - Limited basic option: \$33 internet and basic TV channels (21 channels).
 - TV to go- live TV on mobile devices.
- Residents can upgrade themselves if wanted- digital starter.
- Students have back to school specials through Comcast as well if we did not provide cable.
- High speed internet- suggested “Performance” option is 25megs/sec. Assured up to 7 mobile devices.
 - next upgrade would be “Blast”- 50megs/sec but can go higher, but 50 is guarantee.
- Username and password can be created when they activate the modem and sign in away from home for on-demand and other internet needed.
- 3% increase built into 5 year contract, but will not go to the \$70 in one year.
- Suggested to work on basic channels with performance internet to not have the operations budget to go up \$150,000. Want package closer to \$25 or \$27.
- 24 hr service is provided by calling Dan Gedatus, not the general 222-3333 number. If it’s equipment issue, residents can get one mailed, pick one up or have a service rep come out
- Current residents who may be in contracts may have to pay on current contract if we agree. This bulk would supersede any current COMCAST contract by residents.

Sargent Jim Nystrom UMPD: Discuss forming Neighborhood Crime watch program at CTC

- First steps and consideration for neighborhood Crime watch programs.
- CSCC has one that started about a year ago and many are around the city and country.
- This structure can look like community patrol or much more if hosting events for the community to come together and learn educational components as well as community meetings.
- A patrol program at CTC would require volunteers to come out at different times and days and can take time commitment that may be difficult to maintain or get together.
- The UMPD and CTC would then have a partnership and other communities in this area. There is a national organization to use as resources for training and advice. It can be what we want it to be.
- What does it achieve: it allows UMPD to work closer to CTC. We currently do National Night Out, but we can do multiple programs all year long. They can be driven by the UMPD, but is suggested to have it driven more by community.
- Overall goal: reduce crime, but may change to different safety topics for the community.

- Costs depend on programs that you choose to bring in. Grants are also available, but will take time of leadership to find.
- How to start: 1. Action 2. Commitment 3. Action/Commitment
- Recruitment is needed.
- Schedule a Date and Time and have Law enforcement come to CTC. It is an announcement and how our neighborhood program will look. Information on foundation.
- Group can focus on goals for the year. Such as: a specific percentage of community know CPR by specific date, watching lights and vegetation overgrowth....
- Communication program- emails, flyers, social media, Google calendar for patrolling.
- Trainers are available to us when we want to start.

Recommended Future Agenda items:

1. Informal Closure and Evaluation—Recap of assignments, recommend Future Agenda Ideas.
 - a. Increase in Laundry Charges to gain additional/lost revenue

Closure and Evaluation**Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm**