

Meeting Minutes, Westwinds Residents Organization Board of Directors

Saturday, January 9, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Present: Lisa Bail, Dexter Goody, Patrick Grimes, and Stacey Winkelmann

Huy Tran joined our meeting today. In a previous meeting, Nadia Aziz had advised us to pursue three action items: survey the community about their interest in forming a Co-op; write a compelling narrative arguing for preserving Westwinds as a mobile home park; and meet with our city councilperson and mayor to obtain their support. We shared our frustration with trying to move forward during the current health restrictions, and we asked Huy for his advice on how to organize our community.

Huy encouraged us to keep two different things in mind. One is our short term membership objective. He thought aiming for 50% of residents to join our organization was a reasonable next step. The second is building a sense of community and friendship. This is harder to quantify, and does not happen in one fell swoop. Trust must be earned over a period of time. He encouraged us to use this time to celebrate and socialize using our existing communication tools (website, Facebook) and explore new communication tools (phone tree, text blast). The more traffic on those platforms, the more interest it generates. Since it's a reinforcing cycle, we should encourage much discussion and communication. He was pleased at the progress we had made so far (close to 100 members, close to 300 on Facebook), and warned that we would see slow growth most of the time. We should not expect 100% participation, but that's okay. Even more important than numbers is commitment. It takes only a small critical mass of highly involved participants to be effective.

Lawyers in the MHC lawsuit have filed a motion for the court to issue a schedule so things can move forward, but there has been no response.

Patrick contacted the San Francisco lawyers recommended in a Facebook discussion. The secretary called back multiple times asking for more information about the condition of the park infrastructure. They offered to charge us \$195 for a half hour phone consultation, but they did not indicate what charges might be brought against park management or what would be our chances of success. No one was in favor of taking them up on their offer.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Grimes