

The logo for Mercy Ridge Residents Council features the words "Mercy Ridge" in a red, cursive font with a small leaf icon above the "y" in "Ridge". Below this, the words "Residents Council" are written in a red, bold, serif font.

Mercy Ridge Residents Council

June 4, 2024 – Unapproved Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Tom Scheurich called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

2. Attendance

Attendance – Following members were in attendance: Tom Scheurich, Luke Yackley, Peggy Grieve, George Wright, Sally Jaelin, Bob Sanford, Linda Compton, Barbara Siciliano. Spence Lieske, Lynda Fogle. Absent Members: Charles Blair, Dan Hardesty.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 2, 2024, meeting were approved.

4. Officers' Reports

President: Tom Scheurich. Report on Page 1 - 3 of the Attachments.

Vice President: Luke Yackley. No report.

Treasurer: Report read by President. Report on Page 4 - 5 of the Attachments.

Administrative Assistant: George Wright. Report on Page 6 of the Attachments.

Secretary: Peggy Grieve. No report.

5. Consolidated Wing Report

Vice President, Luke Yackley, presented the Consolidated Wing Report. Copies of the individual Wing reports submitted by the Wing Reps can be found on pages 7-14 of the attachments.

6. Committee Reports:

Building Maintenance Committee: Vice Chair Steve Lakner, read his report which can be found on page 15 - 16 of the attachments.

Dining Committee: Chair Gerry Buckley was absent. Tom Scheurich read her report which can be found on page 17 - 18 of the attachments.

Employee Appreciation Committee: Chair Jackie Troutman read her report which can be found on page 19 of the attachments.

Environment & Landscape Committee: Chair Ed Lehwald read his report which can be found on page 20 - 21 of the attachments.

Finance Committee: Chair Nancy Burke read her report which can be found on page 22 of the attachments.

Library Committee: Evelyn Sedlack read her report which can be found on page 23 of the attachments.

Scholarship Committee: Chair Claire Rosse read her report which can be found on page 24 of the attachments.

Special Events and Trips Committee: Chair Ron Barnes read his report which can be found on page 25 of the attachments.

Sustainability Committee: Chair Lynda Fogle read her report which can be found on page 26 - 27 of the attachments.

7. Executive Director's Report

David Denton introduced our new Spiritual Care Coordinator, Duane Musgrove. For more information on Duane refer to page 6 of the June Ridge Review. David's report can be found on page 28 - 29 of the attachments.

8. Unfinished Business:

There were no items for unfinished business.

9. New Business:

There were no items of new business.

10. Comments/Questions from the Floor:

Prior to opening the floor for comments and questions from residents, President, Tom Scheurich, read a statement regarding the Master Plan. It can be found on pages 30 - 31 of the attachments.

Questions and Comments:

Greenhouse: A resident asked about the Green House which is included in the FY 25 Capital Plan. David Denton explained that the greenhouse will provide an additional activity for residents interested in gardening. He will ask Caley Kratz to provide more information as plans move forward.

Bistro: A resident asked about the temporary closing of the Bistro mentioned in the Dining Committee report. David stated that this is not a major project, just a rearrangement of some equipment in the Bistro cooking area. It should be completed in 1-2 days. It is not part of the Master Plan.

Master Plan: Will residents have an opportunity to meet with the design team? David stated that planning for Phase 1 is still in progress and that he will try to arrange a meeting before work begins in the fall to show samples and answer questions.

THW Design: A resident stated that he had visited the THW Design website (www.thw.com) which shows some very interesting examples of work they have done at other sites, and that it is not outlandish or something to be concerned about. Tom stated that he has also looked at their website and agreed they have done some very impressive work.

Package Delivery: A resident asked about package delivery for residents who are unable to pick them up, and the possibility that there might be a charge for delivery. David stated that over 60 packages are received at Mercy Ridge each day, and it can become overwhelming for staff to deliver them all. He asked that residents who can walk or use a scooter to pick up their packages. Residents who are physically unable to pick them up will get them delivered. Charging for deliveries has been considered, but nothing has been decided.

Dining: A resident asked about staff being permitted to get food from the Café during the breakfast hours. David stated that employees are not permitted to get/take food from the Café during the breakfast hours. There is a problem with residents' Personal Service Providers (PSP) getting food from the Café, and if questioned, state that they say they are picking up food for their resident, sometimes for the whole week. This is an open issue that Michael Wagner, Culinary Services Director, is working on. It is a complicated problem and may require some construction to resolve.

Tornado Warning: A resident asked why was there no instruction from Mercy Ridge regarding emergency procedures in response to a tornado warning which occurred on the previous evening? David stated that the Mercy Ridge Safety Committee had met the morning of the tornado event and discussed the fact that we have a fire plan but not a weather emergency plan. This will be addressed by the Safety Committee and appropriate instructions and information will be shared with residents soon.

Pressure Washing: A resident asked about the announcements and scheduling of the power washing of resident balconies currently in process. There had not been specific times given for each building and floors. This resulted in some residents removing furniture and flowers from their balconies days in advance of the cleaning. The resident asked for notification regarding the day and time for power washing. David acknowledged this inconvenience and said more information regarding scheduling will be made available.

Master Plan: Liffey A Wing Rep, Bob Sanford, expressed concern about the need for additional mechanisms to provide resident input to the Master planning process. Resident, Ann Lintz, stated that she had been involved in several meetings with other residents and the design team to express resident preferences, concerns and opinions, which are being considered in the planning for Phase 1 of the project.

Closing Remarks. President, Tom Scheurich, reminded residents that the next open meeting of the Residents Council is scheduled for September 5 in the PAC. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominees for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Administrative Assistant

positions to be filled in the October elections. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at that meeting.

Tom also reminded residents that Mercy Ridge is in a strong position at this time with a 97% occupancy rate, substantial financial resources and a high degree of resident satisfaction.

12. Next Meeting: July 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the McAuley Conf. Room

13. Adjournment 3:29 PM