

**Sunset Heights Housing Cooperative
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
October 11, 2023**

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

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Special Note: The Policy Amendments will be removed from this agenda as the drafts have not been reviewed by the Board of Directors prior to this meeting. These policy amendments will be added to the next GM agenda

Additions to Agenda:

1. Co-Op covering costs for EV charging stations for limited amount of Members.

Motion to approve agenda with removed items and additions:

Motion: Theresa **Second:** Heather

Carried

Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2023

Tabled

Donna will resend the last GM minutes to the board for distribution and they can be approved at the next GM.

Sandra I: How are the GM packages distributed? It seems some Members are not getting the information. This system does not seem to work well.

Doris: There should be some notices posted to remind Members of upcoming meetings.

Board: All Members on e-mail receive the packages that way and the Members not on e-mail get the packages in mail box cubbies.

Joan: The timelines are very specific in our agreement. 7 days notice for GM and 14 days for an AGM.

The Board will revisit the process in place for getting information to Members.

****Please contact Joan for password re-set on the Member portal on the website. All committee meeting minutes are posted there****

Committee Reports:

Social: Heather thanked everyone who helped out with the Annual BBQ.

We are having a kids Halloween party on October 25th at 6:00 pm. We will place some pumpkins to tape on your door for Members that wish to give

out candy on Halloween. Gloria asked everyone to remember that the townhouses give out candy too.

Landscaping: The last meeting was cancelled. Not too much happening right now. We did purchase a new lawnmower.

Maintenance: We continue to work to keep this place running with you break it – we fix it.

Participation: We are working on revising the participation policy and the new QR code system. It will be rolled out early next year.

Membership: We are having another “new member coffee” on Saturday, October 21st. New Members can meet some of us, get a tour and ask any questions they may have and we continue to work on policy revisions.

Mima: Who is working on the policy stuff?

Donna: All of the Membership Committee. We are drafting what we think are appropriate changes and then submitting to the Board for review. If no additional changes then the draft goes to the next GM for discussion.

Mima: Who did the Landscaping Policy?

Donna: The Landscaping Committee drafted that policy, Membership did not work on it,

Update on EV Ready Plan:

Bill gave an overview of the EV ready plan (this plan only helps us prepare for EV readiness. This plan does not cover any install or electrical of charging stations). BC Hydro is not offering any rebates at this time, but if we create the plan we can apply for rebates when they are available. We approved \$4,000.00 and only 1 of these quotes is under \$4,000.00.

Heather: Where will we take the \$4,000.00 from?

Theresa: How many EV vehicles do we have?

Mima: Should we try to get a count on who may purchase an electric vehicle?

Joan: These quotes are only valid for 30 days. Why are we doing this now, not 3 years from now? The 1 electric vehicle we have can plug in the parkade.

Shannon: I think it is wise to have a plan in place and I would choose MJR at \$3,885.00.

Sandra I: Can we carry this load? Do we need to upgrade our infrastructure?

Cheryl: What is the cost for a charging station?

Kevin: \$12,000.00 for a double unit.

Heather: We will need to upgrade our electrical, but what about the envelope work? We keep approving things without knowing where we will take the funds, this item should be budgeted.

Bill: The EV plan will tell us if we have the electrical ability to do this.

Shannon: When we approved this expense we were under the impression that there would be a rebate.

Joan: I am making a motion to postpone this item and push it to our 2024/2025 budget.

Motion: Joan

Second: Doris

Defeated

Yes vote 12

Against 12

Kevin: This is inevitable and we need to have an idea of the cost.

Motion to include the EV Ready Plan in the 2023/2024 budget.

Motion: Heather

Second: Judy

Yes 18

No 7

Abstain 0

Proposed GM, AGM and Budget Meeting schedule for 2023/2024.

Thank you to Bill for creating a full year calendar for upcoming meetings. The calendar was accepted and you all have a copy in your package.

Co-Op covering costs for EV Charging stations for limited amount of Members.

Mima: I would like to suggest that if the Co-Op is going to expect us all to cover the cost for EV Charging for a limited number of Members then the rest of us should be compensated somehow. We should all be treated equally and if one gets something then we all should get something.

Heather: We are a community and if some of us need something like charging stations then we make it happen.

Shannon: We are a Co-op and we don't all have the same needs at the same time, but as a community we take care of each other. Some Members need to use the community laundry and we all pay for those machines.

Adjourned: 8:40 pm

Minutes: Taken by Donna