

Minutes of the Neighbours Committee

Monday, March 28, 2022

Present: Carole Beamish, Niloofar Irani, Linda Markowsky*, Marsha Melnik *(recorder), Dean Tudor, Pauline Walsh
NORC Ambassadors: Maria Alberti, Lena Belanger, Judy Love, and* Regrets: Rosie Lindau Loretta Ycas (Board Liaison)

1. Agenda accepted.
 2. Welcome for all to this first meeting of the legacy Neighbours Committee members and the NORC Ambassadors
 3. **Communication from the Board**
Loretta gave a brief history of how 50 Quebec submitted the application to the UHN to become a member site for the NORC program for 2022. (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities)
 4. **Discussion of the NORC program**
This is the third year of this annual program from UHN. Our 6 ambassadors (see above) will attend weekly training sessions (by zoom) in April and then biweekly meetings with the UHN group who will provide resources, information and advice. We might have joint programming with 80 and 100. The connection with UHN is a 9-month project. The real start will be in early May after the training.
 5. **First Communication with Residents**
We need to let everyone know that the Neighbours Committee is starting up again and that our building has been accepted into the NORC program. A flyer to be delivered (as soon as possible) to each unit as well as posting in the usual places – elevator, lobby, P1, P2 and the library (new bulletin board).
Draft flyer to be sent out to Committee members for input **Linda and Marsha** Draft
 6. **Identifying Next Steps**
(Note: 'draft' means that form will first be distributed to the committee members for suggestions)

Our first task is to connect with our residents for input on their ideas and needs.
A survey soon after the flyer (#5) is distributed and posted **Judy and Maria** Draft
Lobby booth to talk with residents one-on-one -- **Linda**
Interested: Lena, Judy, Marsha
Suggestion box (with forms) **Marsha** Draft
Other suggestions: Email

NB: All paper communications (announcements and programs) to be sent to Dean so he can make sure the Town Houses are informed – a bit of a problem in the past.
 7. **Sunday Night Movie**
We can start this up again, but should have covid protocols in place: **Marsha**
- masking
- limited attendance (12?) → sign up sheet – if more interest we can repeat the show the next Sunday
To investigate: the use of streaming e.g., Netflix, Apple, Disney+
- Next Meeting: TBD – after some suggestions have come through the suggestion box**