

Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee

Wednesday, Oct 16, 2013

Present: Claire Hardie, Marsha Melnik (chair/recorder), Niloofer Irani, Pauline Walsh, John Hardie (Board Liaison)

1. a) Sept minutes accepted. b) Agenda accepted with additions (8 and 9).

2. Communications to and from the Board:

- none

3. Items from previous meeting:

- a. Signage for emergency buttons in exercise room and sauna - done
- b. Door closures on individual units – concerned residents should speak to Isan
- c. Leaf blower noise – response from landscape committee (attached)
- d. Drainage backup – Currently there is no power washing of drains above the 14th floor.
Next year this may be remedied.
The concerned resident, if she inquires, will be advised to put a notice in Viewpoint 50 urging resident to use 'green' products.

4. Defibrillator Evening Training:

- Marsha

Marsha contacted Valerie Woods. She is very willing to do an evening session at the same cost (\$270+HST). We will aim for a date at the end of January 2014 (Wed Jan 29???)
Advertising: at the December social (picture poster to be made), in the elevator, in the mailboxes – for new attendees and as a refresher course for those who attended the afternoon session.

5. Refresher presentation from the Fire Department:

- Pauline

Some contact has been made. An evening session is not 'eligible' for free presentation.

6. Police Presentation on Condo Security:

- Marsha

Marsha has spoken with Russ Golding (who did our police audit 3 years ago) and Joe Guerreiro from 11 Division for a presentation on Wed Nov 27 from 7:30 to 8:30. Confirmation to follow.
"Neighbours will be asked to look into booking a speaker from Silver Circle for an afternoon presentation for seniors.

7. Neighbours:

Marsha reported that the sub-committee is looking at some projects for the coming year: condo renovations tour, garage sale, arts and crafts hobby show, speakers, and travelogues.

The group has also decided to ask the Board for "Neighbours" to become a full-fledged Committee.

8. Bulletin Board:

The Committee discussed the need for the proposed new bulletin board by the mailboxes to be a dedicated one for communications from the Condo Committees and the Board that affect all residents. Personal advertising should be restricted to the bulletin boards on P1/P2/MR. This decision will be passed on to the CARP group (renovation committee).

Next Meeting: Monday, November 11 at 2:00 in the Meeting Room

Date: Fri, 11 Oct 2013 14:28:11 -0400
From: gstearns@sympatico.ca
To: mtmelnik@hotmail.com
Subject: Noise from the blowers Plus

Hi Marsha

Sorry that I didn't get back to you soon but my email was having a number of really bad days, all okay now.

The following is what I sent the the Landscape Committee:

Okay, I talked with Wayne yesterday. He said that in the summer he only uses the blowers after he has cut the grass to clean the sidewalks. Of course with the leaves falling is another matter, there is so many that it is the quickest way to clean the grounds. This is understandable as it would take forever to rake up. (this would mean that he would need help and our budget could go up)

We also have to remember that we are not the only ones that use blowers, Gothic Ave and across the street, Quebec Ave, also uses them. We live with noise, garbage trucks, and the one that is starting today with the fixing of our concrete and windows.

I know that none of us like the noise but in order to keep our building and land in good up keep we have to put up with the noise.

The committee got back to me in agreement with the above. All we can do is get out of the building and/or close the windows or doors to try and keep the noise and dust out the best we can. We know that this is not the answer that was wished for but.....

Gayle