POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016, AT 1:31 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Policy Committee was convened by the Chairman, Robert D. Kelso, at 1:31 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Sue DiMaggio Adams, Leslie Birdsell, and Geraldine Pyle. Also attending were Mary Lou Delpech, Secretary, and Carl W. Brown, Director, GRF; Timothy O'Keefe, CEO; Anthony W. Grafals, General Counsel; Jeffrey P. Matheson, Director of Resident Services; Kelly Berto, Recreation Supervisor; Catherine Tallyn, Staff Writer, Rossmoor News; and several residents.

During the Residents' Forum, two residents thanked the Committee for its work on Policy 502.0, Bulletin Boards and Display Cases, and said they agreed with the proposed revisions. One resident asked what the criteria was for GRF staff to exclude any materials for display on GRF property and how that criteria applied to images on flyers. The Chairman explained that her questions were covered in the proposed revisions to Policy 502.0. Three residents spoke to the policy's proposed revisions and their perceptions regarding attempts to 1) exclude items from Club postings; 2) determine what is offensive and what is not; and 3) impose censorship and restrict free speech. The Chairman addressed each of those comments and answered residents' questions. Another resident spoke in favor of Policy 502.0 and explained its purpose as he understood it. Lastly, one resident commented on an article in the Rossmoor News and the facts presented therein, at which time the Chairman suggested she contact the Rossmoor News.

The Policy Committee's report of its meeting held on July 5, 2016, was unanimously approved.

The Committee reviewed staff's proposed revisions to Policy 502.0, Bulletin Boards and Display Cases. At its July 5th meeting, the Committee instructed staff to make an additional revision to the Policy. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Ms. Pyle and seconded by Ms. Adams to remove item A.11 on page 1.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Pyle and seconded by Ms. Adams to amend the original motion to remove item A.11 on page 1 and replace it with item C.3 on page 2. Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, and the motion, as amended, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee instructed staff to make the proposed revisions to Policy 502.0, Bulletin Boards and Display Cases, and bring the Policy back to the Committee for review at its September 6th meeting.
The Committee discussed Policy 502.1, Flyers and Petitions. At its July 5th meeting, the Committee instructed staff to make proposed revisions to the Policy. Following discussion, the Committee asked staff to make the following additional revisions and bring the Policy back to the Committee for review at its September 6th meeting:

1) Item #10: remove the word “of” in the second line and replace it with the word “after”, so that the line reads as follows: “...removed by the earlier of either the day after the event/deadline or ...”

2) Item #9: replace the word “person” with the words “organization or party”.

3) Remove the words “posting”, “postings”, and “posted” from the Policy.

Under New Business, the Chairman added an item to the agenda and recommended that the Committee elect a Vice Chairman.

A motion was made by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Birdsall, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to elect Ms. Pyle Vice Chairman of the Policy Committee.

The Committee then discussed Policy 201.3, Guidelines for Creating Resident Activity Advisory Committees. During discussion, Mr. O’Keefe proposed language to clarify the second item #3 regarding activities for which a resident advisory committee should not be created.

A motion was made by Ms. Adams and seconded by Mr. Birdsall to add the following language to the end of the sentence for the second item #3: “Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Policy shall prohibit an advisory committee from evaluating the need for capital expenditures in the normal course of the operation of the resident activity.” Following further discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Mr. Birdsall and seconded by Ms. Adams to add the word “exclusively” to the following introductory sentence in the second section of the Policy: “Any advisory committee should not be created exclusively to address the following:...” Following discussion, the vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee then instructed staff to make the proposed revisions to Policy 203.1 and bring the matter back to the Committee for review at its September 6th meeting.

Before concluding, the Chairman clarified that proposed revised Policies 502.0, Bulletin Boards and Display Cases, and 502.1, Flyers and Petitions, will come back to the Committee next month for a final review before being presented to the GRF Board for consideration.
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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Robert D. Kelso, Chairman
Policy Committee

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