August 22, 2018, Tanglewood Resident Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm at village commons room. The agenda prepared by the Mayor is as follows.

- Upcoming activities
- Community weekly updates and events (Zumba class, community garden etc.)
- Appreciations in the village
- Concerns of the villagers
- Activity requests
- Cultural awareness talk on Venezuela (delivered by Icaro Alzuru)
- August birthday celebrations

1. Upcoming activities

Mayor informs residents of the Welcome Back Breakfast which will be held the following Monday (encouraging them to bring their villager friends), remind residents of the Healthy Start programs and brings to attention the upcoming Kids Movie’s Night.

2. Community weekly updates and events

Mayor reminds that Zumba class will be resuming in September and will take place at the village commons room every Monday at 6:30pm. The community garden members, Priscilla and Eleni, were invited to talk briefly about the community garden to encourage participating at 10am every Saturday.

3. Appreciations in the village

Brian, a villager, raised that he has not had issues with the laundry lately which is a good sign of resolution of the long persisting laundry issue. Other villagers agreed. Eleni appreciated the grass cutting done recently that it makes the village pleasant.

4. Concerns of the villagers

Multiple concerns were raised. (1) The abundance of mosquitoes, especially in the garden, which prohibits residents from spending time together at the garden. (2) The increasing number of warps and bees hive which is perceived as harmful. (3) Smoking incidences in the village. After being approached, most villagers agreed to cease the action. The one remaining smoker, supposedly father of a student resident, appeared to not understand English. (4) People were spotted to have climbed over the south fence of the village raising concerns of safety. Aside those, Keerati, a staff, urged villagers to lock their bikes to avoid being stolen.

5. Activity requests

Eleni, a resident, loved the International Cooking activity held last year and would love to participate in more. All residents agreed. Icaro and his wife showed interest in sharing Venezuelan recipes with other residences. Mayor asked residences to reach out to other residences absent from the meeting for additional interest.

6. Cultural Awareness
Icaro Alzuru delivered a brief talk on Venezuela. The presentation covered the rich variety of geographic sites in the country, the welcoming qualities of Venezuelan people, and history of the country. He explained the source of current issues in the country.

7. **August birthday celebration**

Residents together sang the Happy Birthday song for all villagers regardless of their presence in the meeting. All attendees enjoyed the ice cream cake. It was delicious and we ate them all up.

**Attendance**

Twenty residents attended the meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:00 pm