August 11th, 2017 Tanglewood Resident Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at exactly 5:30 pm at resident commons room. The agenda prepared by the Mayor is as follows.

- Introduction
- Community weekly updates and events (Zumba class, community garden, etc)
- Suggestion on how to make the community meeting better
- Cultural awareness talk on Republic of Benin (Brief talk was delivered by Lauriane Yehouenou)
- August birthday celebrations

1. Introduction

The mayor introduces herself as the newly elected mayor of Tanglewood village and being the first meeting, it is good to know who we are. At this point, residents introduce themselves by giving their names, study major, and country of citizenship.

2. Community weekly updates and events

Information about Zumba and community garden: Zumba class holds 6:30 pm every Monday while Emmanuel Akande gave a brief talk and update about Tanglewood garden (meets at 10 a.m. on Saturdays). He told the residents present at the meeting on how the compost is being made in the garden. The compost is made from the left over crop residues used by the residents and he encourages the residents at the meeting to get a plastic bowl from the housing office to keep the left over from crop produce that they use in their apartment. Some of the residents at the meeting asked several questions about the garden, such questions include if residents are permitted to bring their own seed and pot of plants to the garden etc.

3. Suggestion on how to improve the community meeting and make it a better place

Residents shared and voiced their concerns majorly on awareness about the resident's meetings and events in the community.

1. People do not read emails and that is the only major form of communication that housing and mayor council are using to pass information to the residents
2. The mayor raised questions on how do we get people to attend events and some the points raised are as follows:
   i. Have list of program in flyer and attached to the door
   ii. Paper information is better
   iii. Placed a paper information at a strategic place in the village such as gates, bus stop, and mailbox area.

4. Cultural Awareness

Lauriane Yehouenou delivered a brief talk on Benin. The presentation covered languages, foods, religion, history, dressing, tourism, and resource endowment of Benin etc.

5. August birthday celebration

Three people celebrated their birthday
Attendance

We had 22 residents in attendance.

The meeting ended at 6:30 pm