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Residents' Advisory Committee Wednesday, January 8, 2025 Minutes

Attendees

Committee Members: Liz Cremens, Sam Ling, Kathryn Madden, Theo Offei, Tom Tracy

Administrative

The meeting started at 5:00 pm. The RAC members voted to approve Kathryn Madden as the new Chair of the Resident Advisory Committee as of January 9, 2025, with Theo Offei continuing as the Vice Chair. approved the minutes for October 1, 2024. The RAC members expressed gratitude to Liz Cremens for her leadership as the inaugural chair, serving from January 2023 to January 2025. The next monthly RAC meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Discussion

The RAC Committee discussed the need for a resume for applicants to certain committees, where professional expertise is required. The CivicPlus platform should be able to have the requirement for a resume be conditional based on the committee for which the applicant is applying. For many of the committees, a resume is not required but a resume or some brief biography is always helpful in reviewing applications. A second concern is that many applicants have never attended, watched recordings, read the minutes, or otherwise participated in the committees for which they are applying. The RAC Committee agreed that an additional question to this effect would help encourage applicants to pause and review some of this material so that they have a better sense of the work of the desired committee before the interview.

At 5:15, the meeting moved to Executive Session to interview and consider applicants for appointments to Watertown Boards, Commissions, and Committees. The meeting was not reconvened as a public meeting.

Minutes: Submitted by Kathryn Madden, March 6, 2025