

# Community Business Meeting Minutes

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Germantown Commons Community Meeting in the Dining Room of the Common House at 6:45 on Monday, 2016-12-12.

## **1 Facilitation:**

Rod K managed the agenda. Erin R managed the stack. John W took notes.

## **2 In Attendance:**

### **2.1 Present:**

Drew K, Barbara S, Diana S, Dot D, Suzanne G, Vicki M, Doug L, Rod K, Michele B, Essie S, Mary C, Mark B, Liz W, Mary H, Nancy C, Sharon S, Erin R, Sarah C, John W, Rita B, Mandy H, Patrick N, Sarah G

23 people representing 21 households

## **3 Summary:**

### **3.1 Decisions Made:**

#### **3.1.1 Patricia Allison workshop on 27-29 January:**

We confirmed by consensus the Patricia Allison workshop for 27-29 January 2017.

#### **3.1.2 Common House Guest Room Policy:**

We adopted by consensus the Common House Guest Room Policy to take effect on 2 January 2017.

### **3.2 Actions Taken:**

#### **3.2.1 Discussed Consensus Process version 2:**

We discussed adopting as a “helpful resource” the Consensus Process document (which is a revised version of the draft Germantown Commons Consensus Process v0.1 that was brought up for decision and red-carded at the previous Community Business Meeting.

**3.3 Actions to be Taken:**

**4 Course of the Meeting:**

**4.1 Opening:**

Cold opening.

**4.2 Minutes:**

**4.3 Setting the Agenda:**

The following agenda items were up for consideration. We conducted a straw poll<sup>1</sup> to determine the priority/order in which we would take up the items in this meeting. Straw poll totals can be found in square brackets to the right of each item.

**4.3.1 DECIDE: Consultation from Patricia Allison [19]**

**4.3.2 DECIDE: Common House Guest Room Policy [18]**

**4.3.3 Discuss: Consensus Process: "Accept as a Helpful Resource" [6]**

**4.4 Patricia Allison:**

Proposal: that Patricia Allison will come and present a workshop on consensus on January 27-29.

Long in the works, this proposal is a revision (with a change of presenter and date) of a previous proposal that had been adopted.

All households present voted green. For vote tally, see Figure 1 on page 6.<sup>2</sup>

**4.5 Common House Guest Room Policy:**

Proposal: to adopt the Common House Guest Room Policy to take effect on 2 January 2017. ([link to Common House Guest Room Policy on Basecamp 2](#))

All households present voted green. For vote tally, see Figure 2 on page 7.

By this point in the meeting it was still not yet 7:00pm.

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<sup>1</sup>Straw polls are unofficial polls used to focus the flow of the meeting and permit each member present to vote, in contrast to official decisions which permit only one vote per household.

<sup>2</sup>Many thanks to Sharon S for her help with the vote tallies.

**4.6 Discussion of Consensus Process:**

We moved to discussion of [Germantown Commons Resource Consensus Process](#) (which is a revision of [Germantown Commons Consensus Process v0.1](#) on [Basecamp 2](#) which had been brought up for decision at the [2016-11-28 Community Business Meeting](#) after previously having been through brainstorming and discussion and was red-carded and referred for reconciliation.

There were a number of questions concerning clarification.

Some pointed out as an advantage that we could use it until we have had our workshop in January.

Some pointed out that it seemed as though we needn't adopt this document since we will have a workshop in January.

Diana pointed out that there is a valuable resource at [ConsensusDecision-Making.org](#)

Suzanne noted that there were some things not covered in this document, such as which decisions are to be made by committees and which require community consensus. Vicki raised and underscored the same issue.

Drew reminded us of the history of the document.

Rod noted that the issue concerning committee/community decision-making is not raised. He and, later, Barbara reminded us of the history and the plan we had developed for a task force to finish the committee charters.

Essie asked what the document is about if it isn't about making decisions.

Some other people also made important comments that I couldn't transcribe. We seemed to conclude our discussion.

Doug asked whether we should do a straw poll so we could gauge the reception.

Sharon noted that she would prefer that the document be adopted as *policy* and that she would probably orange-card it as *helpful resource*.

Drew also was curious whether the red-cards (from last meeting) had been satisfied. Rod said "yes" and Diana said "yes" as long as we regard it as a "helpful resource."

Essie said she didn't understand the difference between adopting it as *policy* and accepting it as a *helpful resource*.

Erin clarified that designating it a *helpful resource* rather than a *policy* is that we are saying we think it has valuable ideas that we want to consider and try out but without making it a governing document. [is this what Erin said?]

**4.7 Announcements:**

As it turned out, many members wanted to make announcements:

**4.7.1 AED: Doug**

The training for AED, etc. will be moved to January. Doug will send out a surveymonkey.com poll to clarify our needs.

**4.7.2 Parking: Vicki**

Cars need to be moved by 7:30am tomorrow. There were many details about where to park. But by the time you read these minutes, this will be *old news*.

**4.7.3 Xmas Pot Luck: Rod**

3M is exploring the possibility of a Pot-luck meal on Christmas day at 1:00pm. Rod suggested that we discuss the question. A long (considering this was only supposed to be an announcement) and rather confusing (to this scribe) discussion ensued. The resolution seems to be that Rod is organizing a Pot Luck Dinner on Christmas Day at 1:00pm-ish for all who are interested.

**4.7.4 Filefolders: Rita**

Rita asked for pendaflex file folders.

**4.7.5 Neighborhood News: Vicki**

Vicki had news about upcoming developments in the neighborhood.

**4.7.6 Guest Rooms at Christmas: Dot**

Dot repeated the announcement she has put on Basecamp.

**4.7.7 Winter Solstice Celebration: Essie**

Essie let us know about the plans.

**4.7.8 Punchlists: Drew**

Give Essie the punchlists (including if you don't have any remaining items).

**4.7.9 Managing Board: Diana**

Diana said she would like to step down from the Managing Board and asked that someone fill in.

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## ***5 NEXT MEETING:***

### **4.7.10 Slide Show:**

Slide show of the history of Germantown Commons (assembled by Sarah C with help from others) will be shown at the next meeting and *now*.

### **5 Next Meeting:**

The next scheduled Community Meeting is Sunday, 8 January, at 5:00pm.

Check the Basecamp calendar for Community Meeting proposed agenda and date.

***5    NEXT MEETING:***

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**Figure 1: Patricia Allison workshop**

Germantown Commons  
Community Meeting

Meeting Date: 12 December 2016  
 Meeting Location: Common House  
 VOTE: That Patricia Allison will come and present a workshop on consensus  
on 27-29 January 2017.

Name	Unit #/ Type	Unit Address	Present Y/N	Red <sup>1</sup>	Orange <sup>2</sup>	Yellow <sup>3</sup>	Green <sup>4</sup>
Bullinger, Rita	1A	1	Y				x
Carroll, Sarah	3A	2	Y				x
Smith, Sharon	5A	3	Y				x
Bruer, Michele	7D	4	Y				x
Barry, Kats & Mark	9E	5	N/Y				x
Corby, Chris & Mary	11B	6	N/Y				x
Kochtitzky, Rod	12B	7	Y				x
Williams, Elizabeth	10E	8	Y				x
Hinton, Mary	8D	9	Y				x
Colowick, Nancy & Luckes, Doug	6AL	10	Y/Y				x
Karazin, Drew & Jeanmarie	4AL	11	Y/N				x
Bennett, Ryan & Cassie	2AL	12	N/N				
Sappenfield, Essie	13D	13	Y				x
Glasgow, Suzanne	16E	14	Y				x
Sullivan, Diana & Teague, Bob	14D	15	Y/N				x
Hollingsworth, Mandy	17E	16	Y				x
Taylor, Logan and SaraBeth	15D	17	N/N				
Dobbins, Dot	18B	18	Y				x
Farley, Sue	20A	19	N				
Jerman, Sarah	19B	20	N				
Nitch, Patrick & Sarah G	21C	21	Y/Y				x
Waide, John & Sanders, Barbara	22C	22	Y/Y				x
Johnston, Susan & Metzgar, Vicki	24C	23	N/Y				x
Nitch, Patrick	23A	24	Y				x
Russell, Erin	25A	25	Y				x
		Associate					
		Associate					

<sup>1</sup> RED is a NO vote. It blocks the proposal

<sup>2</sup> ORANGE means "I really don't agree but I can go along with it."

<sup>3</sup> YELLOW is a request to speak or ask a question

<sup>4</sup> GREEN is a YES vote

## 5 NEXT MEETING:

**Figure 2: Common House Guest Room Policy 2017**

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Sullivan, Diana & Teague, Bob	14D	15	Y/N				x
Hollingsworth, Mandy	17E	16	Y				x
Taylor, Logan and SaraBeth	15D	17	N/N				
Dobbins, Dot	18B	18	Y				x
Farley, Sue	20A	19	N				
Jerman, Sarah	19B	20	N				
Nitch, Patrick & Sarah G	21C	21	Y/Y				x
Waide, John & Sanders, Barbara	22C	22	Y/Y				x
Johnston, Susan & Metzgar, Vicki	24C	23	N/Y				x
Nitch, Patrick	23A	24	Y				x
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