



TRANSPARENT RESIDENTS UNITED

Regarding: Proposed Community Bill of Rights

September 6, 2023

Hello Friends,

This note is coming to you from TRU (Transparent Residents United), a group of your neighbors who are looking for positive change in our community. We've been sending out a series of "rock mails" with the hope of getting more information to all of our community members. We started with an introduction of our group, followed by election information, and now we're on to a document called the Community Bill of Rights.

The Community Bill of Rights (CBR) is a proposed agreement between the community and the Board of Directors about how many of us would like communication to happen at Stone Ridge. We've been frustrated at a lack of information from our current Board and so we've crafted a document that sets up a structure for better communication. For instance, the CBR asks for reasonable access to financial information and seeks a community-based website, not controlled by a management company. In 2023, it's simple enough to have a website where governing documents, including policy statements, are at your fingertips. Where you can find a directory of your neighbors and a listing of contractors recommended by your neighbors. Plus a bulletin board with for-sale items, homes for rent, and services needed or offered. A summary of the Community Bill of Rights is shown below, with a link and phone number to obtain the entire document. We think you'll like it!

The following Board candidates have expressed their support for the CBR (so we're hoping it gets implemented this autumn): Chris Drake, Donna-Marie May, Gary George, Julia Simms, Mel Bettencourt and Susan Heraver.

Community Bill of Rights

The draft document begins with:

"Whereas we are a Condominium Association of Homeowners, and whereas the Board of Directors has been elected and entrusted with the responsibility of serving the community, while preserving and protecting our common interests, this Bill of Rights shall serve as a good faith contract between the members and the Board of Directors."

The following categories are sections within the Community Bill of Rights:

- *Website/Electronic Correspondence*
- *Board Meeting Notices*
- *Minutes*
- *Audio Visual*

- *Members' Questions for the Board*
- *Financial Statements*
- *Conflict of Interest Disclosure*
- *Information Please*
- *2K Rule/5K Rule*
- *Committee Reports*
- *Three-Minute Rule/Meeting Process*
- *Board Member Acceptance*

To review the entire document, either have a look on our website (<https://www.stoneridge-tru.org>) or call this phone number and we'll send you a copy: 888.221.4196 (be sure to leave your name, email address, phone number and space number). And please say whether you would like the Community Bill of Rights emailed to you or dropped by your home.

We are really looking forward to a more harmonious future here at Stone Ridge.

Transparent Residents United (TRU)

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P.S. We had planned to do a live Candidate Forum, but when the Board planned a Meet the Candidates event, we dropped the idea. But then we realized that we really did want to know what the candidates were thinking, beyond their candidate statements. So we dug out the questions we had selected for the Forum and asked the candidates to respond in writing. An virtual Candidate Forum! We expect to have those questions and the candidates' responses up on our website by September 11. We're looking forward to seeing what folks have to say. If you'd like a bit more insight into our candidates, visit our website after September 10th.