

Re: [WG Listserv] Agenda for virtual Town Council meeting Monday September 13 at 7:30

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Mon 9/13/2021 9:59 PM

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Dear Mayor and TC,

During tonight's meeting I reviewed all my official Grove emails for the past 6 months. There has been no distribution of TC agendas during that time, except for the Special TC meeting in June. I do not know how you expect Town residents to know what will be discussed at TC meetings and what resolutions might be of interest to them if these are not distributed. It would seem to be easily solved in this electronic age. I realize that Grove Alerts are a new phenomena and I applaud their appearance and further use.

Thanks for considering a slight adjustment to TC communication with all residents.

Tom Land

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From: Christine Dibble <christinedibble@outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:41:06 PM

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John and Kathy, as you can see below, the agenda for tonight's TC meeting did not go out to all residents through either a Grove Alert or Grove Update, but only to some residents via the listserv. (Tell me if I'm wrong, but I can't find an Alert or Update.) My records indicate that the same is true for the agenda for the August TC meeting.

That means that a significant number of residents had no idea that Resolution 2021-12 -- or any resolution, for that matter-- would be on tonight's agenda. They had zero opportunity to comment on the draft resolution.

You are relying on the argument that residents are obligated to:

- review TC meeting agendas, and
- if they have any questions or concerns, obtain from Kathy copies of the draft documents they are concerned about, and
- either attend the TC meeting to express their concerns, or send the TC a letter or email setting forth those concerns.

But if you are putting the onus on residents to do all of this, then it behooves the Town's government to do its part -- to get those agendas to ALL residents, not just those who choose to participate in the listserv. Sending the agendas only to residents on the listserv clearly fails to meet the requirements of the OMA.

Cheers,

Christine

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The best way to get a quick response from me is to email me rather than to call or text me.

Do not get lost in a sea of despair... Be hopeful, be optimistic. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.
-- John Lewis

From: 'John Compton' via WG Neighborhood Listserv (Google Group) <wgrove@googlegroups.com>

Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 9:02 AM

To: WG Neighborhood Listserv <wgrove@googlegroups.com>

Subject: [WG Listserv] Agenda for virtual Town Council meeting Monday September 13 at 7:30

Agenda attached.

John

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