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Editor, Reston Times

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank Mr. Perce, President of the Reston Homeowners Association (RHOA), for presenting to the public some of the details of the current RHOA budget in his letter to the Editor.

However there are still some unclear areas. For example, in the May 7, 1970 issue of the Reston Times the report on the RHOA Board meeting stated: "At its Tuesday meeting, the Board adopted a resolution melding the budgets of the former First and Second Home Owners Associations, a line-by-line consolidation."

Yet on June 25, 1970, Mr. Perce states in his letter to the Editor: "There was no line-by-line consolidation of former FHOA and SHOA budgets."

*determination* I am still concerned by the apparent lack of a ~~determination~~ on the part of the current RHOA management to handle all affairs of the association in public. The meeting of the former FHOA and SHOA committee chairmen cited by Mr. Perce is a case in point.

Not all former FHOA and SHOA committee chairmen were informed of the meeting. I received an announcement 48-hours before the meeting. Since I had a conflicting engagement and could not attend, I called the RHOA office and asked Mr. Karl Ingebritsen (Executive Director of RHOA) to send me the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Ingebritsen told me that these were "communications oriented" meetings not "minutes oriented" meetings. I asked him to please send me a copy of any pertinent notes from the meeting. I have not received any such information from RHOA.

I am well aware that under the pressures of forming a new organization without disrupting ongoing operations some things can "fall through the cracks". But, after reading Mr. Perce's letter I believe that several major principles must be established. These are:

1. It must not be necessary for a Reston citizen to be in a "special select group" in order to be fully informed on RHOA; informed of the actions, plans and problems facing RHOA and informed of the positions of each elected RHOA official.

2. It must not be necessary to personally attend all meetings in order to avoid being "ignorant" of RHOA matters.

3. RHOA must take the initiative in assuring that all meetings, considerations, plans and actions of the association are clearly presented to the public.

If standing up for these principles is "irresponsible" and "characteristic" as Mr. Perce has claimed, I plead guilty.

In fact I would like to take this opportunity to "irresponsibly" and "characteristicly" request that the current budget approved by the RHOA Board and financial statements on all present and planned projects be published and distributed to Restonians for their analysis.

Sincerely,

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