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**TO:** Town of Mountain Village Housing Authority  
**FROM:** Brittany Newell, Rental Properties Manager  
**FOR:** Meeting of March 20th, 2025  
**RE:** Consideration of applications for open VCA Residents Committee Seat

Introduction

Town Council directed the formation of the VCA resident advisory committee in December of 2019. We have established subject to this direction. We have one vacant seat on the committee and 6 applicants.

Attachments:

- A. Applications listed in the order received.
  - o Susan Ensor
  - o Sterling Parks
  - o Michael Collins
  - o Ava Halper
  - o Piper Miller
  - o Drew Antonisse
- B. VCA Resident Advisory Committee Framework – for background and reference

VCA Resident Advisory Committee Framework

The purpose and intent of the Committee is for residents to provide input to staff. No specific Council member will be appointed to the Committee. Town Council members are invited to attend the committee meetings. A staff person will be present to hear the residents’ concerns and ideas. The framework is provided as attachment A for background.

Existing VCA Resident Committee Members and terms

VCA resident committee members serve two-year terms. Of the five-member committee terms are staggered between years.

**Existing VCA Committee Members**

| Members                                 | Appointed | Term Expires |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Valentina Estrella                      | July '24  | July '26     |
| Ursula Cristol                          | July '24  | July '26     |
| Luke Kernell                            | March '24 | March '26    |
| Pedro Maquera (completing vacated seat) | Feb '25   | July '26     |

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| Open | March '25 | March '27 |
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Staff has recommended the applicants speak to their interest and qualifications during the meeting. Staff will read letters on behalf of applicants unable to attend.

We have six applicants; applications are attached, and they are listed below:

- Susan Ensor, lived at VCA for four (4) years
- Sterling Parks, lived at VCA for four (4) years
- Michael Collins, lived at VCA for two (2) years
- Ava Halper, lived at VCA for one (1) year
- Piper Miller, lived at VCA for seven (7) years
- Drew Antonisse, lived at VCA for two (2) years

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

*I MOVE TO APPOINT \_\_\_\_\_, TO COMPLETE THE VACATED SEAT. TERM TO EXPIRE IN MARCH 2027.*

**A.VCA Resident’s Committee Applications**

**Susan Ensor**

**Why would you like to serve on this committee? / ¿Por qué le gustaría formar parte de este comité?**

I would be responsive to the residents of VCA, open to considering all concerns. I also have recommendations for improved lighting to protect our dark skies and bird population, while promoting nighttime safety for human residents. Serving on the Town Council VCA committee would be an opportunity to learn more about our recycling program and contribute to that effort. I applaud the gains made in that area, particularly composting, and plastic film recycling. As a resident of Mountain Village for almost 9 years, and a resident of Telluride/Mountain Village for 20 years, I look forward to giving back to my community. I speak some Spanish and I continue learning. My work in the Telluride Middle High School keeps me connected to VCA and area residents. The community garden, the dog park, and visitor parking are important additions since my first VCA residence in 2010-11.

**What would you be able to contribute to the committee? / ¿Qué podría aportar al comité?**

I would contribute my knowledge of the area as a qualifying VCA resident since 2006. I worked for TS&G at least three years, which gives me some understanding of current TS&G residents at VCA. I’m also acquainted with some of the gondola operators/VCA residents since their years as local high school students, My understanding of affordable housing availability is significant to my wish to contribute. to the committee and Town Council. I was on the VCA waitlist for 12 years while I rented on the free market, with the support of a Section 8 Housing Allowance for most of that time. Since 2006 I have been employed in our public schools, pre K-12, and I watch the school district’s efforts to house their employees. As of 2010, I’ve served in three positions related to Bluegrass Festival parking in Mountain Village. In those roles I’ve worked with the Mountain Village Police, particularly with code enforcement. I’d like to continue working to protect VCA resident parking at that time. This is also part of my work in supervising the Bluegrass parking at Lot R, which serves the Town of Mountain Village and VCA residents year round.

**Sterling Parks**

**Why would you like to serve on this committee? / ¿Por qué le gustaría formar parte de este comité?**

I would like to serve on the VCA residence committee because I am passionate about advocating for the best interests of our local community. I believe being involved in local government is essential for fostering positive change and ensuring that the voices of residents are heard. I am eager to collaborate with fellow committee members and residents to address concerns, promote community engagement, and work towards solutions that benefit everyone. This role would not only allow me to give back to the community but also deepen my understanding of local governance and its impact on our daily lives.

**What would you be able to contribute to the committee? / ¿Qué podría aportar al comité?**

I believe I can bring several valuable contributions to the committee. First and foremost, I have a strong commitment to community engagement and advocacy, which will help ensure that the voices of residents are represented in our discussions and decisions. I am also a good listener and open to diverse perspectives, which I think is crucial for fostering collaboration and understanding. Additionally, my experience as the Assistant Director of Finance at the Franz Klammer Lodge and my education in Chemical Engineering and Holistic Science provide me with a multidisciplinary approach to problem-solving and decision-making which I can leverage to help the committee effectively address local issues and implement initiatives.

**Michael Collins**

**Why would you like to serve on this committee? / ¿Por qué le gustaría formar parte de este comité?**

to listen and share for the betterment of our entire community.

**What would you be able to contribute to the committee? / ¿Qué podría aportar al comité?**

promoting the best interest of VCA residents and listening/sharing how our community interacts as a whole and encouraging more VCA resident involvement within the opportunities we currently have ie; gardening etc.

**Ava Halper**

**Why would you like to serve on this committee? / ¿Por qué le gustaría formar parte de este comité?**

I'd love to be a part of the committee that serves to make the place where I live better, for myself and for my neighbors. I'm a service oriented person with a keen attention to detail. I think my perspective would serve the greater population. I'd love the opportunity to share thoughts and ideas with others to make VCA the best it can be.

**What would you be able to contribute to the committee? / ¿Qué podría aportar al comité?**

I've lived in Telluride for 36 years. So what does that mean? It means I understand the pros and cons of living here, I understand the struggles; the needs, and what comfortable living feels like. I've been the bartender, the server, the babysitter, the barista; I've been them, so I have a good idea of what young and old require to have comfortable and reliable housing. My perspective can be vast, and my ideas can be those of my neighbors.

**Piper Miller**

**Why would you like to serve on this committee? / ¿Por qué le gustaría formar parte de este comité?**

A few people have suggested I serve a term on this committee, and I'm interested in doing it to use my practical and common-sense voice for the benefit of myself and my beloved VCA community.

**What would you be able to contribute to the committee? / ¿Qué podría aportar al comité?**

My profession as Assistant Clerk for Town of Telluride the last six years has given me a wealth of experience managing boards and commissions, using tact and diplomacy to bridge the gaps between citizens and governmental matters, and as a resident of VCA almost six years, I am keenly familiar with the challenges and complexities of VCA life. I love my little community and how uniquely special it is, and I want to keep it that way.

**Drew Antonisse**

**Why would you like to serve on this committee? / ¿Por qué le gustaría formar parte de este comité?**

I want to contribute to the VCA community in a meaningful way and provide a service to my neighbors. I want to be able to represent my community and share ideas on how we can better serve one another.

**What would you be able to contribute to the committee? / ¿Qué podría aportar al comité?**

I can contribute my time and energy. I would like to represent the average VCA resident and share thoughts and ideas. I am looking to engage with other residents and understand their wants and needs for the community and bring information to management.

**B. ADVISORY COMMITTEE VILLAGE COURT APARTMENTS (VCA) RESIDENT COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK**

**Mission Statement**

VCA strives to provide a safe, clean and comfortable living environment for the residents of our community. In furtherance to this goal, VCA is creating a VCA Resident Advisory Committee ("Committee"), which functions as a resident working group. The Committee will meet to provide input and feedback to VCA administration.

**VCA Resident Committee Composition**

Five VCA residents

**Terms**

The Telluride Mountain Village Housing Authority ("TMVHA") will appoint five VCA residents. Initially, two members will be appointed for one-year terms, and three members will be appointed for two-year terms, to establish a stagger of term appointments. After the first year, all members will be appointed for two-year terms.

Residency at VCA is a requirement to serve on the Committee, therefore, if a Committee member is no longer a resident, they will be replaced via a similar process utilized in the appointment of members.

**Town Support**

The Town will provide one VCA Employee at each meeting and when advised of the meeting dates and times, a Town Council member, at Town Council's discretion.

**Form of Organization and Recommendations**

The Committee will not be a decision-making body. Rather it will be an advisory committee that will provide recommendations to VCA management regarding maintaining and improving the living conditions at VCA.

1. The TMVHA requests that feedback from the Committee be shared with Town Council twice yearly.
2. The Committee can elect to have an all VCA resident meeting. Town staff can assist with the coordination of the meeting space and communications of such a gathering.

#### **Meeting Procedures**

The TMVHA recommends meetings to be held every two months. The committee may elect a chairperson who would schedule the Committee meetings and manage the meeting.

#### **Meeting Notifications**

The town will not require agendas to be drafted or public noticed; however, the Committee can request that meeting dates be shared with VCA residents. Meetings are open to the public.

#### **Committee Limitations**

1. The VCA administrator and Committee will maintain resident confidentiality and will not disclose private or confidential information regarding residents on any matter, except in a case where information is of public record.
2. Committee meetings are not the forum for resident complaints against other residents. Complaints are managed by the VCA administrative office staff. The VCA resident committee shall not arbitrate complaints between residents.
3. The Committee does not direct the actions of staff or budget, but rather, the Committee is a forum for resident input in concert with town staff and a Town Council member.
4. The Committee is not an arbiter of staff personnel issues. Personnel matters are handled in accordance with TMVHA and Town of Mountain Village policies and procedures. Concerns or complaints about staff will be directed to focus on matters of safety, civility, expectations and results. The Committee does not make recommendations regarding staffing matters, except in the case where there are observations of too much or too little and whether staffing is meeting the expectations of comfort and safety.