

A Message From

Board of Directors

Friday, October 27, 2023

Oak Hammock Board of Directors Update

- **Judith C. Russell, Oak Hammock Board Chair**
- **Kevin Ahmadi, CEO**

Hello, Oak Hammock community members.

Over the past year, Oak Hammock has been a hub of activity, and consequently, it has also been an active time for the Oak Hammock Board of Directors. The board remains committed to active engagement with the community and aligning our decisions with our shared mission and values.

One of our primary responsibilities is to identify the most qualified candidates to support our community's goals through the service of the board of directors. The board has worked diligently with the residents and management to foster a sense of community and ensure that residents have a say in our direction to meet everyone's expectations. This commitment has led us to include three residents as members of the board of directors, the president of the Residents' Council and two others.

One of the three resident positions remains occupied by Doug Merrey, who will continue to serve out his term through Dec. 31, 2024.

In the second position, we are waiting to see who will be elected president of the Residents' Council and join the board in that capacity.

At the October board meeting this week, we were able to take several actions related to board membership, including the selection of the third resident board member. The community recently voted to fill the resident board seat that Nancy Woods will vacate with one of three exceptional candidates. The board reviewed and discussed the backgrounds and strengths of each of these candidates. After careful deliberation, we recognized the importance of continuity in addressing our community's forward-looking needs, particularly with planned growth and renovation projects on the horizon. As a result, the board voted to assign the open seat to Martha Rader, and we are pleased to announce that she has graciously accepted the invitation to serve in this new role. We believe Martha's experience and dedication will continue to contribute significantly to the effectiveness of our board in guiding our community.

We sincerely appreciate the willingness of other well-qualified residents to serve on the board, and we look forward to finding other ways to use their talents as we move forward.

The board also voted to accept Jim Kelly's application to serve as a community member (and continue his service as the finance committee chair) when his presidential appointment ends with his retirement from UF Health at the end of the year. We await a decision from University of Florida President Ben Sasse on a new presidential appointment to the board. We also voted to have Peter Gearen extend his term as a board member and executive committee member.

We appreciate our Oak Hammock residents' active involvement and engagement, and we look forward to another year of progress and success for our community.

Thank you,

Judy Russell

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