

The Quintet Needs You

The Quintet HOA relies on volunteers for its Board of Directors as well as numerous committees. The community is facing a critical decision point with its Architecture Review Committee (ARC). This committee is charged with:

“supporting owners and Quintet Management in the review, approval, or disapproval of owner submitted Architectural Modification Applications for individual owned units.”

This means that if residents want to paint the interior, switch out the flooring, remodel a bathroom or kitchen, or replace windows, etc., they must first submit the formal application to Maria or Kin Living. This process is in place to make sure that contractors are licensed and bonded and have appropriate insurance as well as the proposed work meets the Quintet’s specifications. In other words, we want to be sure that the Quintet does not come tumbling down.



Completed applications are sent to the ARC members for review. Many applications can be reviewed in 15-30 min. according to current long-term ARC members. Others are more complicated and require additional time. Typically, the committee receives between three or four a month and rarely more than six. Committee members independently review each application and

send their reviews to Maria. Most of the committee’s work is completed by email. The committee does not interact directly with individual residents.

The committee may meet in person to discuss specific applications or investigate and establish specifications for unit updates. Unlike other Quintet volunteer committees, the ARC has the authority to approve owner applications. This allows owners to move forward without board approval.

The Board of Directors recently contracted with Certa Building Solutions to update and review specifications for replacing windows, flooring, and heat pumps. Access to expert guidance ensures that our specs are current with industry standards and simplifies application reviews. The ARC is not the style police nor is it the enforcer of the Quintet’s Bylaws and Rules.

The ARC currently needs three or four new volunteers to continue its work. If you are a Bob Vila, Chip or Joanna Gaines wannabe; have worked as an engineer, contractor, architect, interior designer: or a DIYer at heart, this is your **BIG CHANCE**. If you don’t know to replace your furnace filter, have no idea what a load bearing wall is, or that there are wires and pipes behind your walls, this is *not* your BIG CHANCE.

What happens if no one volunteers? There is a Plan B. The Board will likely contract with an external party to review these applications. Owners would pay for these reviews (most likely between \$70-\$100), the turnaround time would likely be longer, and the ARC’s institutional history would be lost. If you are interested, please send an email to Joan Buttram, Quintet Board Chairperson (joanb@thequintet.org) and Lawrence Erickson, ARC Committee member (larkaterickson@aol.com). We are glad to answer any questions and discuss your participation in more detail.

Suggestions, comments, and ideas are welcome. Email us at Quintet.QNews@gmail.com