Oak Park Residence Corporation

Memo

To: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

From: Beth Swaggerty, CAM, CMCA, Small Condo Management Program Coordinator

Date: 07/28/2019

Re: Small Condo Management Program – Scope of Work & Program Accomplishments through

07/31/2019

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2.	Attend each of the twelve (12) formal training seminars	On-going
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Comments: Effective self-management and compliance with governing documents is difficult for this association because of lack of participation and engagement from owners and board members. Essentially, the current board treasurer is managing all aspects of the property.

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3.	Clarification of governing documents regarding:	
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Association Outcomes

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- 2. Board president is participating in monthly training seminars
- 3. Board has better understanding of governing documents
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Comments: The board president has indicated that the information and training she has received and related back to the rest of the board has strengthened communication within the board and it has become easier to make decisions and take action in the management of the association.

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EXHIBIT A

SMALL CONDOMINIUM PROGRAM - FORMAL TRAINING SEMINARS 2020

SEMINAR 1

ASSOCIATIONS AS NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS

Oak Park Residence Corporation
21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302
Thursday, January 16, 2020
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 2

GOVERNANCE - UNDERSTANDING YOUR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, RELATED STATUTES, LEGISLATION, AND COMPLIANCE

Oak Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Thursday, February 20, 2020 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 3

ROLES AND FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

ak Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 4

FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING

Oak Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Thursday, April 16, 2020 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 5

MEETINGS

Oak Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 6

RISK MITIGATION & INSURANCE

k Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 7

ASSESSMENTS & COLLECTIONS

Oak Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Thursday, July 16, 2020 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 8

RESERVES & RESERVE STUDIES

Oak Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Thursday, August 20, 2020 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 9

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Oak Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Thursday, September 17, 2020 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 10

ANNUAL BUDGET

Oak Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 Thursday, October 15, 2020 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

SEMINAR 11

AMENDING GOVERNING DOCUMENTS - DRAFTING RULES & REGULATIONS

Oak Park Residence Corporation 21 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 hursday, November 19, 2020 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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From: Beth Swaggerty, CAM, and CMCA - Small Condo Management Program Coordinator

Date: 07/28/2019

Re: Small Condo Management Program – Program and Performance Measures

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Under OPRC's current Agreement with the Village of Oak Park, the Small Condo Management Program is committed to working regularly and closely with 4 qualifying Oak Park condominium boards to establish effective self-management. In addition, program staff and resources are available - on an as needed basis – to any qualifying small Oak Park condominium association to address their immediate questions and management concerns. Information and resources for self-managed associations can also be accessed through the Oak Park Residence Corporation's website. Website pages, designated to the Small Condo Management Program, provide current information and articles written by association professionals on relevant issues and changing legislation. These pages also include links to relevant documents such as the Illinois Condominium Property Act and organizations such as ACTHA and CAI.

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Program performance measures include semi-annual reports, detailing the activities within the program, and written annual program evaluations from the participating boards. These reports and evaluations are submitted to the VOP Housing Programs Coordinator. Our latest semi-annual program activity/accomplishment report is included in this funding request for your review.

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