

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF A RESIDENT OWNED CORPORATION

You are a Shareholder of a Resident owned Corporation. You are responsible for the administration of that corporation, as well as, the safe keeping of the assets which we call “The Park.” You share that responsibility with all the other members of the corporation including the board of directors. The following commandments are set forth to help you to be a better member of the co-operative society in which you have chosen to live – The CO-OP (cooperative = all sharing in responsibility and rewards.)

1. Respect other members as a fellow member, a person, and an American Citizens. They have all the rights and privileges that you have.
2. Obey all public laws, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of your CO-OP.
3. When called upon to make decisions at meetings of the membership consider the impact of your decision on all members. Do not have a personal agenda. Don't go along with your fellow members just to be a “nice guy.”
4. Remember there may be two or more ways to solve a single problem. Your way may not always be the BEST WAY.
5. Do not criticize the actions of the board until you have heard the board's reasons for those actions. Then be willing to write a letter to the board or speak up at meetings to voice your opinion.
6. Every member is a legislator. Take part in the debates and discussions at your annual meeting. It is not only your right, it is your duty.
7. Don't spread rumors. KILL THEM. Ask for proof or go to the source.
8. If you feel you have a viable idea that would improve the CO-OP, put it in writing to the Board. Give them enough time to study your message before they have to consider it.
9. When there are difficulties, dissension, or other conditions which prohibit harmony, ask the question: “Am I part of the problem or can I be part of the solution?”
10. There is no better place than a CO-OP to practice the adage: LEAD, FOLLOW, or GET OUT OF THE WAY!

The above was adapted from a flyer circulating around the park a few years ago. It is still appropriate today. Let's all be mindful that our founding fathers and all who have come before us spend their time, energy, and, yes, money to make this the wonderful park it is today.

Let us all do our part so we can pass it on to our successors and the Pine Hill Park legend will live on.