

Cheryl Nelson



Hi, I'm Cheryl Nelson, and I'm running for the Nepenthe Board of Directors. Board members are the representatives you choose to serve the owners and residents, facilitate the efficient and responsible operations of our community, and ensure the growth, stability, and viability of our resources. Challenges and opportunities lie ahead for Nepenthe – including finalizing the water meter conversion, reducing water use while protecting our landscape, and optimizing use of our facilities, for example. I ask for your support and your vote to assist our community in meeting challenges and seizing opportunities as they present themselves.

In the nine years I have lived here as an owner and landlord, I have found a beautiful neighborhood and a thriving community full of vision, energy, and friends. It has been my pleasure to become actively involved in a variety of activities, projects, and special events with varying groups, including the Outreach Committee. When that committee went on COVID hiatus, I was a founding member of the “grass roots” group, Neighbor2Neighbor. Our goal was to support community interaction through coffees, happy hours, outdoor “meet and greets”, the 2021 holiday party, etc. I initiated the more family-focused events, including our first Spring egg hunt, three Halloween events, and the first “annual” 4th of July parade. In each case, participation far exceeded our expectations. Clearly, we need and enjoy community!

I hold a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California, Davis, and spent a career on that campus with varied positions culminating as the Director of Client Services for the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. During my career I handled budgets, problem assessment and analysis, employee relations, information technology, client and media communication, and problem negotiation and resolution. Outside my work career, I gained experience through service on the Sacramento County Grand Jury and as a past member of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Genealogical Association. I remain involved with the non-profit California Grand Jury Association as a juror trainer and on their committees. I enjoy volunteering as a seminar leader and technical host with the Renaissance Society at CSUS. However, I would be remiss if I did not recognize my family as the source of my greatest fulfillment and joy.

My education, career, and volunteer work provide me with the experience and skills to assess issues, consider varying points of view, and work collaboratively to make responsible decisions for the good of the whole community. It would be both an honor and a pleasure to serve you as a member of our Board of Directors.

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Candidate Questionnaire

The Nominating Committee is asking each candidate to answer the following questions. The responses will be provided to homeowners in the newsletter to assist them in evaluating candidates. In addition, each candidate is asked to provide a personal statement. The committee realizes that there may be some overlap between the two; however, the questionnaire assures that certain basic information is addressed for home owners. The questionnaire is voluntary. If you do not wish to fill it out, only that information will be provided to homeowners.

Your name: _____ Cheryl Nelson _____

If you decline to fill out the questionnaire, mark here: _____

1. Please relate your experience with Nepenthe committees or other Nepenthe activities.

Current member of the Outreach Committee. Past member and temporary Chair of the same committee. Arranged/organized or coordinated various community events: Spring Egg Hunt; Halloween (twice); 2021 Meet and Greet; 4th of July Parade. Chair of Ad Hoc Committee to fund raise in support of the Campus Commons playground.

2. Are you able and willing to devote 4 to 8 hours a week to association business?
Yes
3. Will you provide a phone number and email address for homeowner contact?
Yes. I would prefer a separate email account to keep HOA business separate from personal email.
4. Are you able and willing to serve as liaison to one or more committees?
Yes
5. Will you be able to regularly attend monthly board meetings?
Yes
6. Will you be willing to be listed on the association financial accounts and available to sign checks and authorizations?
Yes
7. Will you be willing to respond to inquiries from homeowners?
Yes
8. What are your top three priorities for Nepenthe during the next two years?
 - a) Continue to work toward and support Board transparency
 - b) Ensuring wise monetary decisions
 - c) Within public health restrictions, promote access to Nepenthe amenities and activities