

ASHBY PONDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (APRA)

APRA speaks for residents – RAC speaks for management

Ashby Ponds Resident Advisory Council (RAC) is not in compliance with Code of Virginia § 38.2-4910.A. The Code requires a “residents' organization” be “self-organized” – RAC is not. Election vote count is not disclosed. RAC Board Members' votes are not recorded. RAC does not keep MINUTES its Bylaws require – it keeps Meeting Notes.

Self-organization, is a phenomenon in which a system or a collection of individual components autonomously and spontaneously arranges or restructures itself into a more organized or coherent state **without external guidance or central control.**

Systems lacking self-organization can have order imposed on them in many different ways, not only through instructions from a supervisory leader but also through various directives such as blueprints or recipes, or through pre-existing patterns in the environment (templates). **Such systems would not be called self-organized.**

The study of self-organization spans various scientific disciplines, and its roots can be traced back to different fields and time periods. Here are a few key points in the history of the study of self-organization:

1. Physics (19th Century): The idea of self-organization has roots in physics, particularly in the study of thermodynamics and statistical mechanics.
2. Biology (20th Century): In the mid-20th century, biologists started to explore self-organization in living systems.
3. Cybernetics (20th Century): The field of cybernetics, which emerged in the mid-20th century, also played a role in the study of self-organization.
4. Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos Theory (late 20th Century): In the latter half of the 20th century, advances in the study of nonlinear dynamics and chaos theory further deepened the understanding of self-organization.
5. Complex Systems and Network Theory (late 20th Century to present): The study of complex systems, including self-organizing systems, gained momentum towards the end of the 20th century and continues to be a vibrant area of research today.

RAC claims it speaks for ALL residents of Ashby Ponds. Neither RAC nor management have provided the legal authority for this claim.