

Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARK CUNNINGHAM  
MAYRA ESTRADA  
RAMONA FERREIRA  
ROSIE JIMENEZ-NEGRETE  
RUSS KING  
MALIA MAHI  
VALERIE SAPP  
SONJA STEINBRECH  
PA CHIA VUE  
MARY BETH WARD  
MATTHEW WILLS

The meeting began at 1:37pm.

Overview of HDH for ARCHAC - Nuevo East Housing Project BAC Presentation

- Mark said Nuevo East is the third grad housing project. They went up to the Regents three weeks ago to do the presentation. The second BAC meeting is tomorrow. Rosie, Cory, and another student are representatives on the BAC. He wanted to get this group caught up on what has happened to date.
- Mark shared that there are currently almost 13000 students housed on campus. If they count dependents, it's almost 15,000.
- Mark shared that in the past, once a student was offered a space in grad housing, they stayed until they were done with their program. Their space was a "home." They now have a "UG" situation where a student is housed for only two years and kicked out. That's why there are so many appeals. UCLA is currently in the first place for number of grad students housed and we are second. After Mesa Nueva, UCSD will surpass UCLA with regards to number of grad students housed.
  - o Mayra asked how long students can live at UCLA in grad housing.
    - Mark said there are a lot of variations but believes they are housed for three or four years. He said the Chancellor's goal is to provide four years of housing to all incoming students.
- Mark said there are four projects: Mesa Nueva, Nuevo West, Nuevo East, and North Torrey Pines Living Learning Neighborhood (NTPLLN). Mesa Nueva is their largest housing project to date, at 1350 beds. Nuevo West will go into construction in Oct-Nov this year and add 800 more beds and amenity space. It will take eighteen months to construct. For Nuevo East, they've begun the process by going to the Regents to get approval to begin the planning process.
  - o Valerie asked if the Pedestrian Bridge will be up before the Gilman Bridge.
  - o Mark said they will be done around the same time, within a month or two of each other. They are trying to sync it up as close to that date as possible.
- Mark said they have an LRDP.
  - o Sonja asked where the trolley stops will be.
    - Mark said there be a stop at the following locations: Camp Snoopy by SME (where Outback is, in the canyon), VA Hospital, Preuss, and finally at Genesee and Executive Drive. The LRT will terminate over at UTC.

- Mark said Nuevo East is a 1500 bed project. They felt it was too dense, so they only took 1100 beds to the Regents. After they did their presentation, the Regents asked if they were making best use of the land. The Regents said, once it is built, they can't go back and change it. They want them to be very thoughtful about how they are using the space. So, they reevaluated and found that it doesn't take much more money to go from 1100 beds to 1500 beds. He shared that they also want to fix the gateway entrance so it's more of a gateway into the community. There will be a new Athena Road that connects to Gilman Bridge and the campus is paying for it. They plan to centralize business operations for Mesa Nueva and One Miramar at the Exchange so residents will only have to make one stop to take care of business. And lastly, they want to make sure they are thoughtful about parking because parking structures are very expensive.
  - o Valerie asked what the orange lines are on the diagram.
    - Mark said they are pedestrian paths.
    - Valerie said one of the biggest complaints she receives is regarding getting from South Mesa up. She asked if there are any plans to make it easier to walk from Rita to Mesa.
      - Mark said they can walk over by using the Gilman Bridge.
      - Valerie said it would be nice if they could provide a solution through La Jolla Village Drive.
      - Mark explained that the land there actually belongs to CalTrans. They met with them three years ago and was told that it is a very tedious process involving the federal government to do anything involving the land.
      - Russ said a majority of the issues should be resolved with the Gilman Bridge.
  - o Mayra asked if there is a plan to add additional shuttle stops.
    - Mark said there will be new shuttle stops. They are already working with shuttle services about the right levels of service to withstand the additional incoming residents. In theory, by 2018, students should be able to walk, bike or drive through campus. They shouldn't have to leave campus to get from one side to the other.
- Mark said the current policy is two years of housing. With 1350 beds coming online soon, he asked what the committee thinks about offering a three year front end guarantee. The two year policy is not good for building community. He then asked how they felt about giving current residents an additional year of housing. All new incoming residents would get a three year guarantee.
  - o Matt asked what the alternative is.
    - Mark said to keep things the way they are.
  - o Mary Beth said the goal of the two year policy was to give all incoming students a two year guarantee. She likes the idea of a three year guarantee, but doesn't want to extend if it'll result in a larger log of students who won't be able to get housing.
  - o Anindita didn't know San Diego when she was admitted to UCSD and had to live off campus because she couldn't get on campus housing. Her experience wasn't bad, but she knows of others who struggled. She thinks the primary goal should be to house new students when they first arrive and are in need of housing.
  - o Valerie thinks the priority should be given to those who need housing. She thinks there should be a front end guarantee but also a back end guarantee so they can bridge the gap before they graduate.

- Mary Beth shared that she'd like to approve some of the appeals, even though they wouldn't warrant an approval.
- Russ said the committee could give the office the ability to provide a blanket approval for all those asking for a third year. They could also provide whatever parameters they'd like. It would help to lessen appeals.
- Mark said one of the things the committee said was important was a sense of community. If there is no heart, there is nothing. If residents are being pushed out every two years, it'll be hard to build a community.
- Matt is worried about backlash. He asked about those that just moved out and missed out on the extra year extension. He also brought up the appeals asking for extensions that they've denied. He thinks they need to be really thoughtful about this.
- Mark said he wanted to put this idea on the table. At some point, they will have to address senior leadership goals and the needs of the grad students.

#### Appeal 890

- Matt motioned to vote on the appeal.
  - Mary Beth seconded the motion.
    - Appeal denied with 1 approve – 6 deny – 1 abstain vote.

#### Appeal 894

- Mary Beth motioned to vote on an extension.
  - Rosie seconded the motion.
    - Motion approved with 7 approve – 0 deny - 1 abstain vote.

#### Appeal 898

- Rosie motioned to vote on the appeal.
  - Mary Beth seconded the motion.
    - Appeal denied with 1 approve – 6 deny – 1 abstain vote.

#### Appeal 873

- Matt motioned to vote on an extension.
  - Mary Beth second the motion.
    - Motion approved with 8 approve – 0 deny – 0 abstain vote.

Meeting adjourned 2:38pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 27, in the Barrett Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the HDH Administration Building in Revelle College at 1:30pm.