

Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: ANINDITA BHATTACHARYA  
MAYRA ESTRADA  
RAMONA FERREIRA  
ROBERT FRAZIER  
SOPHIA HIRAKIS  
BORIS IVANISEVIC  
RUSS KING  
VALERIE SAPP  
CORY STEVENSON  
PA CHIA VUE  
MARY BETH WARD  
MATTHEW WILLS

The meeting began at 1:45pm.

Cory asked when the Mesa Nueva ribbon cutting ceremony will be.

- Ramona said September 27, 2017 from 4pm-5pm.

Cory asked all the members to review the minutes in the Drop Box. They need to be approved before they are posted for public viewing. He asked the committee to pay particular attention to those items where privacy should be maintained. If any member does not have access to the Drop Box, see Pa Chia.

Cory said the next item on the agenda is Bylaws. Once the changes are made, they will need to be voted on and approved by the committee before they are implemented.

Cory asked for an update on the demand at Mesa Nueva.

- Bob said it is going strong and starting to pick up momentum.
- Valerie added that they are actively recruiting now.
- Mary Beth asked if the web still shows that there is a heavy waitlist.
  - o Bob said for other communities, yes, but not for Mesa Nueva.
- Bob passed out a handout showing the current interest and waitlist stats. He said these are generalized waitlist numbers categorized by status. Currently have 1271 new applications and 273 relocates. It is also broken down by families, LIDS, and Mesa Nueva to dive down a little deeper on those specific communities. There is also an analysis of interest based on size. This shows the degree of interest in each room type.
  - o Cory pointed out that there was a concern that the one bedroom units were overpriced and this shows they aren't.
  - o Bob said this is an interest list. In a month or so, they will switch over and start asking for commitments (i.e. asking for first month's rent) to get ready for self-selection. Numbers will be firmed up at that point.
- Cory said he'd like to discuss if the committee would like to formalize a process to determine priority for those who want to move due to the rate increases. Since there isn't quorum today, this topic will have to be tabled.

- Mayra asked Bob if he could elaborate on putting down first month's rent, when it was due, and what the timeline is.
  - o Bob said they hoped to make offers in April but due to weather delays at the construction site, they are pushing this to May. The idea behind asking for one month's rent is to ensure they have commitments prior to opening. This ensures students are accepting the contract.
  - o Cory asked what the process was at Rita.
    - Ramona said there was a self-selection process and a \$100 deposit.
- Sophie asked if there has been a discussion about how this might affect International students with regards to securing funds for the first month's rent.
  - o Bob said they are looking into this.
- Matt asked if a student can back out of their contract, after they've put down the first month's rent.
  - o Bob said yes.
- Anindita asked why the 2-3 bedrooms are not popular.
  - o Sophie said people don't want to live together. She added that it's also because it's the same price per person to live alone as it is to live in a 2-3 bedroom unit.

Cory said Nuevo West will have four offices available. CAPS is really happy they were offered an office there.

- Valerie asked if nonresidents will be able to get a parking permit if they need to visit a CAPS counselor there.
  - o Bob said this is a good point and the details will need to be discussed.
  - o Cory said there is plenty of time to discuss it because the facility won't be done for another three years.
  - o Ramona said they could look into one hour parking spots.
  - o Valerie said they might want to park their car there all day if they have other things to do after their appointment.
  - o Sophie said they could have a process where a student could get a permit that allows them to park in a certain spot for a designated time frame.
  - o Mary Beth said students may want to remain anonymous and may not want their permit to say CAPS.
  - o Bob said they could make the parking passes generic.
  - o Sophie said it should be CAPS' responsibility to know who has an appointment and should be parking there.

#### Nuevo West Updates and Relocation Details

- Ramona shared that emails went out to residents a few weeks ago. Mesa team will start reaching out to residents soon. They will meet with the residents and figure out what areas they are interested in. They encourage residents to walk around and see if there is a specific area/building they want to be in and they work with them with regards to timing. They are assuming most will want to wait until summer to move. Residents give Housing permission to share their contact information with the moving company. The moving company sets up an appointment with the resident directly to help them move.
- Bob said they get priority selection of where they want to go. Then they get fully packed and the moving company loads and unloads their items for them.
- Ramona said they do give people who get relocated special attention because they know this is really hard for them.

- Valerie asked if they knew the number of families that are being displaced.
  - Bob said no, but its only 50 units that are being relocated (two bedroom units).
- Cory said this item was brought up because constituents have been asking about it. Now that the committee has answers, he encouraged them to share the information and direct them to housing if they have any more questions.
  - Sophie asked for clarification on the process.
    - Ramona said they need to update their application or resubmit it. There is an option in the drop down to “relocate.”

Meeting adjourned at 2:09pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 7, at Eucalyptus Point at 1:30pm.