

Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 7/25/2017 10:00 AM

Meeting location: Price Center, Sixth College room

Type of meeting: ARCH Advisory Committee	Attendees:
Facilitator: Cory Stevenson	Rosie Jimenez-Negrete
Note taker: Leticia Ruelas	Mary Beth Ward
	Robert Frazier
	Madhura Som
	Russ King
	Anindita Bhattacharya
	Ramona Ferreira
	Zihan Xu
	Marina Bruce
	Sophia Harris
	Osinachi Ajoku

AGENDA

Meeting begun at 10:18 AM

Appeal # 958

- Mary Beth motioned to vote on the appeal.
 - Sophia seconded the motion.
 - Appeal decision: Denied
 - Votes: 0 approve – 9 deny – 0 abstain

Mesa Nueva:

Cory asked for Mesa Nueva updated

- Ramona stated there are about two hundred students that confirmed move in on 8/1, the rest will move in the next few days.
- Sophia mentioned there are several sublet posts. Suggested a list for international students.
 - Cory stated it was a little late.
 - Mary Beth mentioned she contacted Ginger and didn't receive a response.
 - Bob stated the new sublet portal was tested yesterday. It will be ready to go soon.
 - Sophia asked for the list to promote.

- Ramona stated Mesa Nueva is on track. All the furniture is installed. Will have two bedroom mock up unit today or tomorrow. Building D will come on live in August with occupancy September 1st E and F will follow before school starts.
- Bob stated he met with shuttle services and the new shuttle will come live on Aug 7th.
- Cory stated the vendor at pub is Rough Draft.
 - Sophia asked if there was a bid process.
 - Bob responded there was an interest list. Rough Draft was committed to make it work. He also stated they won't be making food there, but there will be food trucks. License is pending approval. Everything seems to be moving ahead.
- Sophia asked about getting CAPS offices.
 - Russ responded it would be in Nuevo West.
 - Bob stated CAPS is looking to have permanent offices. CAPS is working with their finance team to see if they can afford it. Housing will work with them to see how the lease would work. They are motivated to be at Mesa and to serve the grad population and make a presence.
 - Ramona stated she reserved a conference room and will give CAPS a tour of Mesa Nueva.
 - Cory asked what the constraints on the lease were.
 - Bob stated they were going to be given a space on a reservation. With them having a permanent office, there would have to be a lease.
 - Cory stated he felt they needed the space and didn't have the income.
 - Bob stated there was an understanding they needed a space and would be available on a reservation space. Not permanent.
 - Sophia explained a little for those who were part of the discussions about CAPS. Expressed a lot of details that need to be ironed out, but that's with the opening of Nuevo West.
- Madhura asked if amenities were limited to the community of Mesa Nueva.
 - Cory answered no and explained the community has made it clear that the amenities would be available for all graduate students.
 - Bob stated with some of these a waiver needs to be signed.
- Sophia asked if people can receive a parking permit for Café Vita (now known as the Lounge).
 - Cory responded any resident can request a temp parking pass. If there is an event, parking is open.
 - Sophia expressed her dislikes with parking.
 - Cory asked how many people use Café Vita.
 - Sophia suggested there can be a survey.
 - Cory stated if housing issued permits for people who use Café Vita, people might request parking to Café Vita to park and go to campus.
 - Sophia suggested the idea is to have some automated way for them to get a permit for some hours.

Shuttle:

- Bob shared a map that is the latest schedule for the upcoming shuttle service. These changes are not specific to Mesa Nueva, but do serve Mesa Nueva beginning August 7th. Mesa Nueva and SIO routes will be merged. Name will change from the Mesa shuttle to the South Campus shuttle. From 15 min intervals to 10 min intervals. On the top side of the map it will be called North Mesa shuttle. It will have 2 buses in route in 15 min intervals.
- Sophia asked if the south campus loop going around OMS had any impact on the handicap accessibility
 - Bob answered no.
- Sophia asked if there were any added shuttles
 - Bob answered no.
- Cory asked for the North Mesa intervals.
 - Bob answered every 15 min.
- Sophia asked how the new shuttle will be impacted with the Athena shuttle.
 - Bob responded it will have an offset depending on the work.
- Bob stated the bottom line is that Transpiration Services is very adaptable and helpful.

North Mesa:

- Mary Beth asked if there's any housing at Nuevo East (currently North Mesa) that will not be re-rented in anticipation of breaking ground.
 - Bob stated generally speaking there is about 75% occupancy. Those were to be cleared out Dec. 31/ Jan 1st as we get into the first quarter of 2018. ARCH is planning to do some relocation, the relocation might get pushed back. No one is getting added permanently as it needs to be cleared out.
 - Mary Beth stated she has a small class and doesn't have half of her students in housing. She believes there's more of a chance of people getting into housing in winter quarter and wonders why they do not house people temporarily into North Mesa.
- Cory responded he thought the demo wasn't happening until next summer.
 - Bob stated prior to the award, there was an idea that there will be a delay, but as the award continued, they were always told the process will start in March.
- Mary Beth is concerned and feels that students should be there temporarily.
 - Bob responded there wouldn't be space to relocate them.
 - Mary Beth feels that students were told there would be more spaces during winter quarter.
 - Bob stated all in North Mesa have priority to be relocated.
- Sophia asked if the process of West Mesa would be the same for North Mesa.
- Ramona stated they went back and forth with West Mesa as they thought they would start sooner than they actually did. She also stated abatement has to happen before hand. There is a balancing act that needs to be done. Can't take a resident who isn't willing to move.
 - Cory asked what abatement test entails.
 - Bob responded they are checking for asbestos and other things. He stated they go through all the units and test them. They might find minimal asbestos. Once they identify they do abatement. They had to take things out before the demolition.
 - Ramona stated it was confusing for the residents. Anyone that hears the word asbestos doesn't like it and doesn't want to be in the unit. She stated they have tried different avenues.
 - Bob stated it is doing them a disservice. Students would be really disappointed and might feel like they might have missed a better option off campus or a different office. They would feel they will get a guaranteed space when they will not.
 - Mary Beth told students there will be more housing and has less housing available.
 - Cory stated the budget takes a hit and they have to look back at the logistics. He asked the members if there's anyone that wants to discuss or come up with a recommendation.
- Sophia stated housing would potentially have to move 100 plus people with projection for the demolition to come in January.
 - Bob stated everyone would have to be moved out by December 31st/January 1st. He stated activity will begin very soon. The construction team will be on site beginning in October.
 - Sophia asked for an update of the current plan.
 - Bob stated residents have been given notice to communicate with the office and submit an application with their preferences where they would like to move. In the future, they will get to move.
 - Sophia asked if there can be a way to identify relocates differently than the normal residents.
 - Bob stated they have an interaction from the waitlist only ones. He also stated there will be a high level of service and they are dealt with on a personal level.
 - Bob stated you (Sophia) attested to how the relocation was effortless.
 - Sophia answered yes, and stated she spoke to the same people.
 - Bob stated part of what will take place in Aug 1st is that CLO will be on site (at OMS) to do the relocation rather than be a phone call.
 - Ramona stated having another relocation team will complicate things but she believes they really try to go out of their way to hold the resident's hand. She stated it's better to move between the communities and to have someone to pay for your move. Her concern is a new system can complicate things.

Priorities:

Cory asked who had priority in housing. He wants to know the order and see if that's the correct order.

- Cory explained some families are not getting a space although they have priority.
- Ramona stated Mesa Nueva is full, relocations have priority, and families get priority. Housing had several families on the waitlist and it has gone back up.
- Cory asked what other groups have priority.
- Ramona answered she would like to get an opportunity to come up with a list
 - She stated currently:
 - Relocations
 - Families
 - SHORE
 - School of Pharmacy
 - School of Medicine
 - MSTP program
 - OSD
- Cory asked who gets priority over who and to where.
 - Bob stated families have priority in Mesa only.
 - Ramona stated in the past that has been their preference because of the layout of the community.
 - Bob stated families are priority in Mesa.
 - Sophia asked if a family wanted to move to a different community, if there could be an exception for the benefit of the family.
 - Bob stated families can live anywhere, but can only have priority at Mesa.
 - Ramona stated Coast is always the exception due to its long wait list.
- Mary Beth asked about the occupancy of SGA.
 - Ramona answered it's fully occupied.
- Cory asked if ARCHAC wanted to change the policy for families to get priority everywhere, with the exception of SGA and Coast.
 - Sophia stated people never want to leave Coast. So families will never leave Coast.
 - Anindita stated people might not have to wait longer.
- Cory asked again if ARCHAC wanted to change the policy.
- Marina asked if there could be a general list and they can be offered what's available.
 - Cory explained the process for Marina.
 - Bob explained there is an option to select ANY
 - Bob stated some of the communities are not conducive to families.
- Cory asked again if ARCHAC wanted to make a policy change.
 - Families get priority anywhere with the exception to Coast, SGA and units not equipped to them (Mesa Nueva Studios only for single parent with child). Will include Rita, Mesa Nueva, La Jolla Del Sol, and OMS.
 - Cory put it on the table (doesn't need a motion)
 - Approve: 8
 - Denied: 2
 - Ab: 0
 - APPROVED

EV station:

Bob updated ARCHAC. He stated there was a way to charge a \$45 flat fee, but it didn't work out. The charge stations will be transferred to campus to add to their inventory.

- Cory asked if anyone has an issue.
- Members agree it gets transferred.

Bridge/Miramar St.:

- Cory stated there will be a Gilman foot bridge created.
- Anindita asked for clarification.
 - Cory described the bridge.
- Anindita asked for the projected volume of the residents using it.
 - Cory answered they expect it will be busy with the creation of the new communities.
 - Bob responded it can be expected there will be 50% walking or biking and 50% shuttling.
 - Cory stated there will be about 5,000 residents between Mesa Nueva, Nuevo East and West Mesa and OMS.
- Cory explained the 4 options that were presented on the plans for the pedestrian bridge as Ramona projected slides.
- Cory stated they need to discuss if the current plan is sufficient and the best possibility for this work.
- Bob stated part of the discussion is that the road has been closed for the past 2 years and will be closed for the next 3 years. He stated the road would be more of a pathway and it would still have emergency lanes.
- Rosie asked if parking would be taken out for this.
 - Cory answered yes, but there will be gates that can potentially be opened for move-ins.
- Cory explained his frustration of Warren.
- Bob stated there is about two or three hundred feet to cross the road.
- Cory asked if they want them to look at other options or if plan "O" was sufficient.
- Anindita stated closure is a good idea.
- Rosie stated she likes the lights and enhancements.
 - Bob stated the enhancements will be available. The options really are the current plan or the closure of the loop.
- Rosie asked if there would be two crossings or one (based on a picture).
 - Bob answered it would be one big pedestrian crossing.
- Bob stated the main thing is keeping or eliminating cars.
- Cory asked everyone if they thought current plan was sufficient.
 - Majority agreed it's not sufficient.
 - Cory explained they would need to look at the other options.

An image was projected of the whole community.

- Bob stated the cuts would happen between the circles.
- Cory stated they have the possibility of cutting the road or to find other possible ways to get across.
- Mary Beth asked if the survey said most people would not use it.
 - Bob stated people would adapt to it and use it once bridge is created.
- Cory asked if cutting the loop is acceptable.
 - Cory asked members:
 - 4: yes
 - 2: no
- Rosie suggested the idea of combining the two ideas. Closing it some hours and opening when it's less impacted.
- Anindita stated cutting the loop is not ideal, but it's a best fall back.
- Bob stated current option is not ideal and closing the road is somewhat accepted with possible openings.
 - Madhura suggested they need to think ahead. They need to think of what we are gaining by closing the road.
 - Rosie and Anindita responded safety is most important.
- Mary Beth asked about modifying the stairs at the entrance of Nuevo West.
 - Bob stated stairs are inevitable because of the grade of the street

Final Consensus: open to the road closure with alternative exploration.

Meeting adjourned around 12:21 PM.