# Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 6/8/2018 12:00 PM

Meeting location: Boardroom at 64

Type of meeting: ARCH Advisory Committee

Co-Chairs: Tatiana Zavodny

Jana Severson

Note taker: Leticia Ruelas

Attendees:

Rebecca Otten

Robert Frazier

Malia Mahi

Ramona Ferreira

Chris Dayss

Tatiana Zavodny

Marybeth Ward

Kim Ciero

Hana Haddad

Ian Hamilton

**Burton Ober** 

Valerie Saiag

Anindita Bahattacharya

Jacob Schalch

Madhura Som

## **AGENDA**

Meeting begun at 12:06 pm

#### Coast Town Hall update

- Ramona shared:
  - CAPS stopped by to share information and answer questions.
  - Nel Garcia from PD stopped by to share about crime and the Watch Program. He encourage people to call PD if they see anything suspicious.
  - They had a discussion about rental rate:
    - It was 6% increase last year and 7% this year.
    - Residents felt Coast was singled out by location.
    - Coast residents would like to know when rent increase discussion happens next year.
    - Residents would like representation from all communities.
    - Residents where engaged.
    - HDH would do research on electricity as electricity raised the rent increase to 9%.
- Ian added they discussed:
  - Affordable prices for graduate students.
  - Their concern with increase.
  - Amenities and location.

- o Residents are hoping to get an idea of how the budget would be for the next few years.
- o Residents are feeling they won't be able to reside at Coast due to cost.
- Residents shared they hope to be able to relocate and have their relocation expenses covered if the price exceeded what they could afford.
  - Rebecca responded as a general practice when the rent is more than what a student can cover the resident can relocate without waiting on the waitlist, but housing hasn't covered relocation costs. Relocation costs could be discussed by ARCHAC.
- Anindita added every year rents go up and the committee tries keeping it between a 4-6% increase.
- Tatiana stated the committee wouldn't go into a full discussion about budgets as they would discuss in more details in a later budget meeting.
- Rebecca shared housing (as a department) would look at budgets for next year this summer.
- Valerie shared it would be a good idea to work on budgets for next 2-3 years.
- Burgundy asked if there was a calculating error for the increase in Coast (referring to the email threads prior to the meeting).
  - o Ian explained what Sophie communicated was that she felt electricity would be included in the 7% increase.
  - o Tatiana clarified the rent increase was the 7% and the electricity bill would be added aside from it. When both are added it looks like a 9% increase, but the electricity bill isn't part rent.
  - Rebecca mentioned the spreadsheet presented to the committee showed rent, electricity and a total for both.
  - Anindita also clarified it's a 7% increase as electricity isn't rent.
  - Bob mentioned the calculations were correct and items were approved separately as they were two separate components.
  - o Burgundy confirmed/clarified it was two separate items (rent/ electricity) received at the same time.
    - Kim added they received it at the same time, but they would have received an electricity bill either way.

Tatiana tabled the discuss for a later time.

## Appeal # 1286

- Marybeth motioned to vote.
  - Anindita seconded the motion.
    - 1. Votes: 1 approve 8 deny 0 abstain
    - 2. Appeal decision: denied

## Appeal # 1287

- Marybeth motioned to vote to approve the appeal to 8/31/2018.
  - o lan seconded the motion.
    - 1. Votes: 6 approve 2 deny 1 abstain
    - 2. Appeal decision: approved to 8/31/2018

## Principles of Community

- Malia projected the current document.
  - Committed approved unanimously

Approved verbiage:

# Principles of Community for Housing Dining Hospitality (HDH)

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view..."

—Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

As residents of ARCH Housing, we rely on our friends and neighbors to form a cohesive community.

We support UC San Diego in all efforts to create and maintain a community climate of fairness, cooperation, and professionalism.

These principles of community are vital to the success of the University and the well-being of its residents.

Respect all people you encounter and strive to be courteous.

Try to see things from someone else's point of view.

Reach towards a common point of understanding.

Be open and transparent in conversation; listen to understand each other's intentions.

Treat everyone you meet the way you wish to be treated.

#### Water hydration station:

- Tatiana gave an update on the cost for both Coast and OMS.
  - o Total estimated cost would be \$11,160 (\$5,380 for OMS and \$5,780 for Coast).
- Marybeth mentioned her students were wondering why they would need a water station if they could get water from their apartment.
  - o Rebecca responded the water was filtered.
- Marybeth motioned to approve both water stations.
  - Burgundy seconded the motion.
    - 1. Votes: 8 approve 1 deny 1 abstain
    - 2. Decision: approved
  - Chris would work with POP to bring a timeline to the next meeting.

## Fence at playground by ECEC

- Rebecca shared a group of students/parents wanted a fence around the playground by ECEC. Parents were concerned smaller toddlers could run towards the parking.
  - Valerie added if a fence was needed for safety reasons a fence should have priority over the water stations.
  - Burgundy added she would argue against a fence, as the space is already small.
  - Kim suggested a fence just on the side of the parking.
  - Valerie suggested adding landscaping instead of a fence.
  - o Burgundy suggest referring them to the playground by building 9156 with a fence for toddlers.
  - Chris shared Malia has asked for a quote.

## Meeting adjourned around 12:47 PM

Last academic meeting, the committee will transition to summer meetings. Next meeting will be July 11.