

Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 6/26/2019 11:30 AM

Meeting location: Barrett Room, HDH Admin Building

Type of meeting:	ARCH Advisory Committee	Attendees:	
Co-Chairs:	Jana Severson Michael Metke (interim)	Burgundy Fletcher Marybeth Ward Hana Haddad Jenna Bastear Joshua Stacy Holly Godden Ramona Ferreira Kimber Silva Daniela Theus Ivonne Montano Ariana Mueller	
Note taker:	Tricia McKenzie (Secretary)		

AGENDA

Meeting began around 11:35 AM with discussion and presentation only as quorum was not met. No appeal voting as the committee was short 1 student to reach voting quorum.

INTRODUCTION / GENERAL COMMENT

Jana proposed invitation to explore mockup units in East/West to tour the new facilities. Group confirmed they'd like to tour. Jana to schedule a meeting portion separately. Arrangements to be made with Project Managers for appropriate safety gear, close toed shoes, etc. This will be scheduled during next ARCHAC meeting on July 17, 2019.

Jana reached out to Alicia Magallanes with the Basic Needs Hub who would like to attend an ARCHAC meeting to present. Discussions have been had regarding satellite pantry locations.

Jana returned to the conversation from last meeting regarding pet policy and consistency across communities and the discussion that there are no pets at Mesa Nueva. Questions were raised about enforcing policy surrounding unauthorized pets. Staff is not allowed to approach someone with an animal directly to ask if they are approved or not. Jana introduced Ivonne Montano and her role with HDH.

PET POLICY

Ivonne Montano presented: to share slides of presentation with the group

Ivonne shared Service animals vs. ESA. UCSD refers to them as therapy animals because it covers both. SA is a dog that has been trained to assist or work with individual's disability. Can be trained by owner. Trained for a function, vs an emotional support animal which provides comfort with no training required and no limitation to size and weight of animal.

What can be asked per federal law?

1. Is the service animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

- You may not ask details or follow up questions.
- Staff may not request documentation or demonstration of tasks, or inquire about disability
- ADA does not require animals to use identifiers
- Service Animals in training do not have the same access until certification is completed
- Leashes: if the animal is a service animal and their function is inhibited by a leash they are not required. At this time, there are no animals approved through OSD to be without a leash. You may approach an owner and inform them to use a leash
- OSD paperwork: Does someone with a service animal need to go through OSD? No – but it is recommended
 - o Support Animals must be approved through OSD, legal counsel requires this at UCSD
- Hana asked for clarification that service animals require no paperwork through OSD, and ESAs do
 - o Ivonne confirmed.
 - o If a partner or dependent has the service animal, documents are also not required.
 - o OSD strongly encourages students and partners to go through OSD, to ensure the campus meets any/every accommodation they may need
- Liabilities: residents are still liable for damages caused by service animals
- Mike asked how many approved service animals
 - o 34% Grad Fam Housing have approved accommodations through OSD
 - o 157 approved animals either service or ESA, majority at 1-MN, 2-Coast, 3-Mesa/OMS
- Marybeth: asked what type the majority are – Cats and dogs
- Joshua: How to manage damage to property by dogs and animals? Expressed concerns regarding owners cleaning up after animals at Mesa Nueva
 - o Ivonne: owners sign Animal Responsibility Form regarding cleaning up and policies etc.
- Mike asked: are approved animals waived from pet deposits – YES
- Hana: can we make signage prohibiting dogs on the grass?
 - o Jana: it is a possibility
- Mike asked if specific areas where animals relieve themselves
 - o Picking Up – not defined, with aide of legal counsel could request specific to community
 - o Noise
 - o Leash
- Mike asked the group: is it feasible to build a small pet relief area? Would animals use?
 - o Marybeth thought it would
 - o Ivonne agreed if well trained they would agree
- Mike thought a small dog run could be a useful idea. What would be the avenue for that?
 - o Jana: it would be a recommendation from the committee and research financial
 - o Compromise is taking space away from residents who do not have
- Ivonne shared that regarding enforcing Animal Responsibility agreement, if we know who a “perpetrator” is, we can share that information with Ivonne, and she can follow up.

Jana shared there were 37 complaints since July 2017. Typical complaints are barking, leashes, multiple dogs,

Ivonne shared there are more students with allergies making requests based on their needs than there are students with needs for animals. Currently student with animal allergies are sent to Mesa Nueva because pets are against policy.

- Jana shared that in the last month they have students who declined 17-18 offers because they do not want to live with pets, or they have allergies.

Mike brought up concern with allergens left behind even if professionally cleaned. Question: Is there a way to completely prohibit pets in some areas?

- Ivonne shared – not legally allowed

Burgundy shared the need to communication that “pet free” does not mean free from animals.

- Ivonne shared they’ve updated the language on the Waitlist application

Burgundy asked how many people are not able to come because of the pet policy and why they decline an offer.

- Jana shared typically they will indicate in conversation and that she could look for stats
- Jana to follow up with CLO team

Hana asked about people declining offers does it count against them. Ramona and Daniela confirmed that it does not and that there is a space in the application to not

- Ramona shared the most common reason for declining is the timing

Mikes shared on Anupam's behalf that his concern regarded consistency

Ivonne will share slides with Jana to send to the group.

Mike introduced Andy Ryan for an informal presentation – high-level discussion regarding a subsidy program (5 minutes)

- Main idea: If you increase the price of rent in old stock, you could subsidize the amount students pay who cannot afford to pay more.
- Andy offered to present numbers at future presentation

Burgundy asked if this was an interim plan. Andy explained it would apply to displaced students moving into new buildings being kept at their same rent. Most expensive housing should be filled with grad students who are paid the most.

Mike asked Jana if there is a current UC Regent approved plan.

- Jana clarified the references are all in the Long-Range Development Plan, but this is not approved and no budget at this time

Petia asked to speak. Mike clarified that members of the public are not able to comment without a motion.

- Burgundy motioned for public to be able to participate in debate
- Marybeth seconded with limit of 2 minutes
- Approved to allow for public comment during debate.

Petia asked how to consider loans, dependents, etc.

Marybeth shared it would be very difficult to

Josh asked if the assumption would be, they would be automatically placed without choice of where

- Andy confirmed choice would be eliminated

Jana clarified that Andy was referring to the choice of Old Stock

Burgundy would like to see a formal presentation. Joshua agreed. Andy said he could put together a presentation.

Burgundy shared she is not comfortable with the school dictating where you can live based on income.

Josh confirmed that it did not seem fair to him either and did not take the complexity of people's financial situations into place.

Petia offered a comment on Basic Needs stipend that was currently under way.

Burgundy sits on that committee and clarified that there is about half a million dollars that will be distributed as mini grants one time based on need.

Petia said there would be need for a review process.

Burgundy shared that for undergrads they did as a sweep and it was a short-term solution not a long-term solution.

Hana stated that those processed are handled typically by the Financial Aid office to determine eligibility.

Final remarks:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM as quorum was not reached. Mike asked for members to vote online with attention to those with nearing move out dates. Next meeting scheduled for 7/17/2019 at Mesa Nueva with Nuevo tour.