

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

Meeting date | time 8/19/2019 12:00 PM

Meeting location: Barrett Room

<b>Type of meeting:</b>	ARCH Advisory Committee	<b>Attendees:</b>	Burgundy Fletcher
<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Jana Severson		Anindita Bhattacharya
	Michael Metke		Sven Brueggemann
			Tatiana Zavodny
<b>Note taker:</b>	Tricia McKenzie (Secretary)		Marybeth Ward
			Hana Haddad (by proxy – Marybeth Ward)
			Jenna Bastear
			Ramona Ferreira
			Malia Mahi
			Chris Dayss
			Rebecca Otten
			Michael Salas
			Valerie Saiag
			Sushil S.
			Petia Yanchulova

## AGENDA

Quorum met. Meeting began at 12:07 PM with Mike going over the agenda and asking for comment/adjustments to meeting agenda.

### Agenda Items:

1. Appeals
2. Presentation for Nuevo West (Chris Dayss)
3. By-laws update/Online voting Discussion (Mike/Jana)
4. Student Housing Association Presentation (Petia)

### Comments:

Mike asked non-committee members to leave the room during appeals voting. Michael Salas left the room.

Mike asked Petia to leave the room as there was not consensus from the GSA regarding their appointment. Valerie responded that Petia's appointment was official because Valerie appointed her. Jana stated that their directive came from the GSA president and Petia's appointment was not confirmed by the president. Mike suggested that they discuss the appointment with their president as it was not the position of the ARCHAC chair to adjudicate whether the appointment was confirmed or not. Mike also noted that as they would have quorum without Petia's attendance and Valerie was an ex-officio non-voting member should they leave the room. Mike encouraged that they utilize this time to speak to the GSA president who was present outside and allow the ARCHAC meeting to continue so that appeals could be voted upon.

Petia stated that she was present at the previous ARCAHC meeting and their attendance had been counted and necessary to meet quorum, although their position at that time with the GSA was the same. Petia requested that their vote not be counted from ARCHAC's July meeting as she was not an official member appointed by the president at that time and expressed that she felt this exclusion from ARHCHAC was personal. Valerie expressed that she felt the chairs were taking sides and that appointing Petia was Valerie's authority. Valerie expressed frustration at feeling there was disregard for the authority of their position. Mike and Jana expressed that they did not intend to take any sides on this matter as they were not involved in GSA's appointment of members and must follow the directives from the GSA president.

Anindita joined the meeting at 12:12PM.

Petia left the room during appeals voting. Valerie left the meeting and did not return.

Mike shared that ARCHAC is receiving conflicting information from the GSA and there does not appear to be consensus. Jana shared an email was sent over the weekend that did not go out to all members and we would be moving forward with the last official directive which stated Petia was not currently appointed as a voting member of ARCHAC.

## Appeals

Anindita commented that she thought she could see names in the appeals. Mike and Jana clarified that there were additional instructions given to appellants to not include their names in appeal notes on the website, however if an individual divulges personal information in the notes there is no way to redact that information.

- *Tricia to follow up to check on Anindita's access following the meeting.*

### Appeal # 1558

- Marybeth motioned to vote.
  - Tatiana seconded the motion.
    - Approve: 3, Denied: 4, Abstained: 0
    - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1559

- Marybeth motioned to vote.
  - Tatiana seconded the motion.
    - Approve: 0, Denied: 7, Abstained: 0
    - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1576

- Burgundy motioned to vote.
  - Marybeth seconded the motion.
    - Approve: 4, Denied: 3, Abstained: 0
    - Decision: APPROVED

### Appeal # 1604

- Marybeth motioned to vote.
  - Sven seconded the motion.
    - Approve: 0, Denied: 7, Abstained: 0
    - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1605

- Mike motioned to vote approving online majority vote.
  - Approve: 1, Denied: 6, Abstained: 0
  - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1606

- Anindita motioned to vote.
  - Marybeth seconded the motion.
    - Approve: 3, Denied: 4, Abstained: 0
    - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1608

- Mike motioned to vote approving online majority vote.
  - Approve: 0, Denied: 6, Abstained: 0
  - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1612

- Mike motioned to vote approving online majority vote.
  - Approve: 0, Denied: 6, Abstained: 0
  - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1614

- Sven motioned to vote for one-month extension.
  - Tatiana seconded the motion.
    - Approve: 3, Denied: 4, Abstained: 0
    - Decision: DENIED
- Burgundy motioned to vote on 2-week extension
  - Marybeth seconded the motion.
    - Approve: 3, Denied: 4, Abstained: 0
    - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1615

- Mike motioned to vote approving online majority vote.
  - Approve: 1, Denied: 5, Abstained: 0
  - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1618

- Mike motioned to vote approving online majority vote.
  - Approve: 2, Denied: 4, Abstained: 0
  - Decision: DENIED

### Appeal # 1578

- Burgundy motioned to vote
  - Marybeth seconded the motion.
    - Approve: 0, Denied: 6, Abstained: 1
    - Decision: DENIED

Sushil proposed that the committee motion to vote that all previously decided appeals stand as they were decided in the July meeting as Petia had requested that their vote be revoked.

- Marybeth motioned to vote to validate all July voting decisions from previous meeting.
  - Burgundy seconded the motion.
    - Approve: 7, Denied: 0, Abstained: 0
    - DECISION: Approved – all appeal decisions voted in July meeting validated.

Unofficial ARCHAC members in attendance re-joined the meeting.

Mike commented on a question from Petia regarding text that is online by Campus Planning and Design. Mike expressed that this verbiage is not offered by GFH, nor is the website run by GFH. Mike confirmed that no single undergrads will be offered at Nuevo East and stated that HDH would be seeking to have verbiage edited on the Campus Planning and Design website.

### Presentation: Proposed Plan for Lease Up of Nuevo West (Chris Dayss)

HDH will take ownership of 802 beds as early as 3/1/2020 - historically low demand time period for housing. GFH wants to get ahead of this by marketing and incentive. Currently there are 289 residents/students interested in Nuevo East or West on interest list. Currently, the only publicity has been Facebook posting and HDH website.

- Based on a 60% take rate, HDH needs an additional 1000 students to apply for Nuevo West.
- HDH proposed to offer non-monetary incentives to achieve occupancy goals

#### INCENTIVES:

##### 1) Additional Time

- For students who start their lease in March, April, May or June 2020, offering 1 additional year to the two-year limit. This includes students who were previous residents – able to return for 1 additional year. Proposing extending leases thru June 30th of the year the student's term limit expires.
- Short term extension will provide housing through the end of the academic year, rather than requiring a student to relocate during the middle of the quarter; it will reduce the number of requests for extensions; and it will allow for maximum occupancy through spring quarter.

Marybeth asked that with 3900 people on the current GFH waitlist, would those numbers be going toward West?

- Chris clarified that they would, but they are concerned about leasing during March-June time period specifically
- Preferred roommate priority
- Self-selection using roommate questionnaires and living style questionnaires, etc.

##### 2) Preferred Roommate:

- Offering priority to students who apply for the 4 and 6 bedrooms as groups of 2-4 or 2-6 students
- Contributing to maximizing space and supporting positive overall resident experience in shared space
  - Sven asked if the preferred roommate process would consider both roommates' positions on the Waitlist
    - Chris clarified that it will take the position of whoever is higher on the waitlist – adding incentive

##### 3) Self-Selection Process:

- Similar model to undergrad room selection process
- Students complete questionnaires regarding living styles, etc. and can complete an interactive process to select roommates
- Requires \$200 prepayment, non-refundable to secure spot
  - Sven asked for clarification on the \$200 payment. How was it used, etc.
    - Chris clarified it was a pre-payment to act as a commitment that students would move in as agreed and would go toward their first month's rent, not an additional \$200 charged.

#### NEXT STEPS:

- Within the next 1-2 weeks, email all graduate and professional students, including recently admitted students, to share that we will begin leasing Nuevo West in September 2019 with lease start dates in Spring Quarter 2020, highlighting incentives offered and suggest that students who do not receive on campus housing for Fall Quarter 2019 search for short term accommodations off campus thru Spring Quarter 2020 when Nuevo West will open.
- Full marketing campaign beginning this week and next week with marketing team- social media and signage (A-frames, flyers, shuttle posters, etc.)

#### Questions/Comments:

- Marybeth commented that their program is 2 years and 2 quarters, and that Nuevo West could be a good option for their current second year students to apply for as they could receive additional time to cover their program completion.
- Tatiana: asked if priority would be given to people who have not had any housing yet – concern for those who have not seen priority. Tatiana expressed that she would like to see priority given to non-residents
- Anindita commented that she did not see the need to give priority to new incoming residents, as the struggle for housing was the same among all students.

## Discussion: Bylaws Updates & Online Voting (Mike Metke)

- No vote on this topic today – raising discussion to vote on for future voting
- Current voting bylaws are very sparse
- Simple majority during meeting
- Online vote requires 2/3 majority
- Opening for input and suggestions regarding foregoing the need to confirm online votes by slate vote during meeting

Jana: the original intent of online voting was to address as many appeals as possible outside of meeting time so that meeting time could be dedicated to most pressing matters, the suggestion is to revise requirements for online voting.

Sven: asked if the 2/3 majority would remain as majority online.

Mike: clarified that there would be no voting or updates today – this would require initial discussion first.

Sushil: asked if there was an area to discuss online, they felt the ability to ask questions and hear from each other was beneficial to the voting process.

Burgundy: commented that Sophia (a previous member) discouraged voting online in the past as there was a loss of human connection/component of voting.

Anindita: though that the possibility of a chat would be very helpful in considering appeals. They think a live chat is not needed but believes that a better interface is needed.

Tatiana: regarding the option to “Defer to Meeting,” Tatiana proposed that with selection of “Defer to meeting” in online voting, they require that there be discussion during ARCHAC and those members that indicated “Defer to meeting” online come prepared with questions/concerns related to the appeal.

Marybeth: expressed agreement with Tatiana’s proposal.

Sven: agreed that in person discussion is very helpful because we are deliberating people’s living situations which holds great importance. Concern is that with many texts online it will become difficult to follow and members may not read.

Burgundy: affirmed that currently member already receive many notifications through the portal.

Mike: asked if 2 would be a good number of “Defer to meeting” selections to necessitate discussion in a meeting

Tatiana: thought the threshold of only 1 would be more appropriate, and that there was concern for personal human connection being lost when written in chat function.

Anindita: requested information on how many votes were being currently being deferred.

Jana: transitioned the discussion to discuss other updates. Jana commented that she would like to update all ARCH to GFH as the ARCH acronym is no longer in use.

Jana proposed bi-weekly meetings during the academic year as this has been the practice.

Sven: asked if it was possible to make changes now rather than waiting to make updates/changes later.

Mike and Jana: clarified that current bi-laws require that updating bi-laws requires specific language and must undergo a set process.

Sven: requested having a larger discussion regarding the bi laws and current ideas for changes.

Mike: asked for clarification if Sven was referring to the MOU.

Sven: clarified that they were not speaking about something particular but rather a larger conversation with ideas floating around currently.

Mike confirmed that we can discuss in future meetings and put forth specific bi law proposals for changes/updates.

## Presentation: Student Housing Association at UCSD (Petia Yanchulova)

Petia provided a brief presentation on the Student Housing Association:

- Established last spring to advocate for affordable housing and offer support for students as well as to connect students to each other
- Goal of establishing relationships between students and staff; ARCHAC; each other;
- Keeping students informed about campus housing policies and changes
- Petia's goal was to create an association to bridge gaps of communication and information between students, GSA, and housing administration
  - Website, Message Boards; [Ucstudenthousing.wordpress.org/archac-hdh/](http://Ucstudenthousing.wordpress.org/archac-hdh/)
- Petia acknowledged the newsletters and town halls that GFH currently does, but felt there is potential for initial participation through the students

Questions/Comments:

- Marybeth shared resources for the international students' website
- Sven expressed appreciation for Petia's efforts and the goals of the Student Housing Association.

Anindita left the meeting at 1:23PM.

## Final remarks:

Meeting adjourned around 1:32PM. Next meeting is not yet scheduled pending final appointment of members. Still pending appointment from Associated Students.