

Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 5/13/2020 10:45 AM

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting

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| Type of meeting: Co-Chairs: Note taker: | GFH Advisory Committee Jana Severson Rachel Flanagan (interim) Linda Ta Gaviola (Committee Coordinator) | Attendees: Fletcher, Burgundy Tosun, Adriana Brueggemann, Sven Ascui, Gabriel Ober, Burton Ward, Marybeth Haddad, Hana Clark, Breana Saiag, Valerie Dayss, Chris Mahi, Malia Ferreira, Ramona |
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AGENDA

Quorum met. Meeting began at 10:46 AM with Rachel going over the agenda and asking for comment/adjustments to meeting agenda.

Agenda Items:

1. Review Appeals
2. Open Quorum with remaining time

Comments:

-Burgundy motion to have an open forum after the decisions of pending appeals.

Sven 2nd the motion

-Comment: Rachel ask that the non-committee members to remain in the waiting room during the closed portion of appeal review for decisions.

-Question: Marybeth asked for clarification on occupancy within Grad and Family Housing.

-Jana responds that there is still progression in seeing students moving in and out of Grad and Family Housing. Jana clarifies that several short term extensions were granted.

-Comment: Marybeth commented that Nuevo East has no listing of any availability.

- Jana clarifies details for Nuevo East is currently “to be determined” at this moment.

- Chris comments that Grad and Family Housing is still receiving inquires and interest for leasing into Nuevo East as well as it is still currently an active leasing time period for GFH.

-Burgundy motions to bundle all appeals for decisions.

-Sven 2nd the motion

-Question: Jana asked for more clarification on the reasoning for bundling the appeals and why certain appeals were deferred to the meeting.

-Burgundy responds due to her advocating for students who are impacted by COVID to have housing accommodations be just beyond one quarter the extension.

-Marybeth responds with clarification that she deferred appeals to the meeting because an extension for 3 months is more reasonable than approving extension for one year. Marybeth also mentions that she is experiencing groups of students who are unfamiliar with the San Diego Area and are in need for housing.

-Comment: Chris comments that it may not be best to bundle the appeals as some appeals such as appeal 1715 request to live for 2 more years in GFH just to live with their friends and has nothing COVID-19 related.

-Sven motions to bundle all appeals relating to COVID-19 with a one year extension and review all other appeals case by case.

-Burgundy 2nd the motion

-Approval: 5 Denied: 3 Abstained: 0

-Comment: Malia provided the list of COVID-19 related appeals for the committee. Appeals #: 1746, 1747, 1751, 1756, 1781, 1790, 1793, 1807, 1810, 1811, 1819.

-Comment: Rachel asked for clarification if any of the COVID-19 related appeals have only a year or less left to live with Grad and Family Housing.

-Malia responds that all COVID-19 related appeals have about a year or less from their current lease end date.

Appeals

Appeal # 1746, 1747,1751,1756,1781, 1788, 1790, 1793, 1807,1810,1811,1819

- Burgundy motioned to vote.
 - Sven seconded the motion.
 - Approve: 5, Denied: 3, Abstained: 0
 - Decision: GFHAC approved for one year or less

Appeal # 1695

- Sven motioned to vote.
 - Burgundy seconded the motion.
 - Approve: 5, Denied: 3, Abstained: 0
 - Decision: GFHAC approve for requested date

Appeal # 1715

- Sven motioned to vote.
 - Burgundy seconded the motion.
 - Approve: 2, Denied: 3 Abstained: 3
 - Decision: ARCHAC denied; Advise resident to apply for NW for extra year of housing

Appeal # 1732

- Sven motioned to vote.
 - Burgundy seconded the motion.
 - Approve: 5, Denied: 3 , Abstained: 0
 - Decision: GFHAC approved

Appeal # 1782

- Burgundy motioned to vote.

- Gabriel seconded the motion.
 - Approve: 8, Denied: 0, Abstained: 0
 - Decision: GFHAC approved

Appeal # 1816

- Burgundy motioned to vote.
 - Sven seconded the motion.
 - Approve: 8, Denied: 0, Abstained: 0
 - Decision: GFHAC approved with condition to 7/10/ 2021

Appeal # 1820

- Adriana motioned to vote.
 - Sven seconded the motion.
 - Approve: 8, Denied: 0, Abstained: 0
 - Decision: GFHAC approved

Open Forum:

-Question: Gabriel asked if the committee can approve to have a separate open forum with HDH to answer questions about housing during this unprecedented time and the decisions that HDH is making towards housing.

-Jana responds that all information already provided on this topic has been provided via GSA or campus communication.

-Comment: Gabriel motion to approve open quorum with HDH in a separate meeting

-Sven 2nd the motion; no objections

-Motion Carries to recommend that HDH hold a separate forum addressing any housing concerns.

-Comment: Jana comments that she will take this recommendation for a separate forum with HDH to address any housing concerns to the administration.

-Comment: Malia asking the committee to utilize the online voting functions for appeals to ensure student/ residents who are putting appeals are receiving an answer in a timely manner as well as use the discussion function within the online voting to have further discussion of the appeal for decision.

-Comment: Gabriel reiterates the importance of scheduling more GFHAC meetings as there are many questions occurring during this time

-Comment: Sven comments on why is there the inability to further discuss budgets as well as clarification on funding that is being given to campus during this unprecedented time. Sven mentions since there is about 17 million dollars are going towards students basic needs and housing, how does that play into the current situation for housing.

-Jana responds with clarification that budget discussions and recommendations were made in previous meetings. HDH does not receive any funding that is coming towards campus. Students are able to utilize that amount given to them through Basic Needs for housing but the funding does not go directly to HDH.

-Comment: Burgundy gave thanks to the housing folks for the work they are doing during this; however, would like to schedule a GFHAC meeting at least once a month.

-Comment: Marybeth comments on the sublease portal having roughly about 77 old account dating back to 2018-2019. Marybeth ask if those account can be cleared out as they are inactive.

-Malia responds that GFH will look into it and remove any old accounts.

Final remarks:

Meeting adjourned around 11:49 AM. Next meeting will be on 05/27/20 at 10:45AM in Zoom.