

Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 8/20/2020 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting

Type of meeting: Co-Chairs: Note taker:	GFH Advisory Committee Jana Severson Rachel Flanagan (interim) Linda Ta G. (Committee Coordinator)	Attendees: Chipman, Laura Rosenfeld, Mia Fletcher, Burgundy Tosun, Adriana Ascui, Gabriel Larkins, Matthew Ober, Burton Haddad, Hana Bastear, Jenna Clark, Breana Dayss, Chris Mahi, Malia Ferreira, Ramona Garg, Anupam Guest Attendees: Mylin, Rich Kavanaugh, Josh
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AGENDA

Quorum met. Meeting began at 9:04 AM with Rachel going over the agenda and asking for comment/adjustments to meeting agenda.

Agenda Items:

1. Approve Agenda & Meeting Minutes
2. SIO & Coast Update
3. Discussion of Town Hall Meeting
4. Rec Facilities
5. Mesa Transportation Briefing
6. Quarantine & Isolation Housing for Fall
7. Appeals

Comments:

- Sven proxied his vote to Gabriel

Approve Agenda & Meeting Minutes

- Gabriel motion to add discussion of the Townhall meeting to the agenda
 - o Matthew seconded
 - o No objections
- Hana motion to approve meeting minutes as a slate
 - o Adriana seconded
 - o Gabriel objects to amend vote for the meeting minutes 6/17/20 to be approved separately due to edits needed
- Motion to Vote for meeting minutes to be approved as a bundle
 - o Approve: 3 Denied: 4 Abstained: 1

- Decision: Motion fails
- Adriana motion for meeting minutes 7/20/2020 to be approved
 - Gabriel seconded, motion carries
- Gabriel motion to table 6/17/2020 meeting minutes to the next meeting
 - Adriana seconded, motion carries.
- **Comment:** Jana commented that it should be made aware on the website of the status of meeting minutes from 6/17/2020 to inform those who are expecting to review these minutes.

SIO & Coast Update

- Jana clarifies that within the original SIO agreement with GHFAC for Coast parking included 24 spaces, ten of the spaces will be released back to Coast residents.
- **Comment:** Mia recommends the committee to motion to dismiss the entire agreement with SIO and restore all parking spots to Coast residents.
- **Question/Comment:** Burgundy commented that this agreement with SIO is not working out. In addition, this agreement was approved by the committee prior to the pandemic.
- **Comment:** Jana clarifies that this agreement had a support from the committee and conversations have been made with Ken Hall from SIO about what compromise can be achieved with the changing circumstance of the pandemic. The project is still on-going, and they still have the same restrictions that were previously mentioned during the original proposal of this agreement to the committee.
- **Comment/Question:** Burgundy commented that residents are constantly being threatened with parking tickets and tows, etc. Are there no other locations on campus (due to less people on campus) that the construction workers can park within their contractual obligations? Have there been any discussion on alternative resolutions that minimizes the impact on students?
- **Comment:** Jana clarifies that there have been conversations made regarding these options. Ken has been talking with Josh K. regarding other alternatives, however, spaces that are available on campus do not meet the walking distance percentage that is required for the construction employee's union agreement.
- **Comment:** Josh commented that although the campus is currently underpopulated, there are maybe opportunities to absorb the contractor impact and believes that Ken is considering this an option. In addition, other constraints such as the California Coastal Commission which permitted the project based on an understanding on how contractor parking would be mitigated to avoid impacts to coastal access for people who are parking along La Jolla Shores Drive.
- **Question:** Eric ask when does the change go into effect?
- **Comment:** Jana clarifies that Ken is working on a notification to the contractor. In addition, there is currently no ticketing/towing being done at this time.
- **Question/Comment:** Kyle commented removing ten spaces does not alleviate the situation and do the contractor use the spaces on Expedition Way?
- **Comment:** Ken clarified that Expedition Way is currently being used by the contractors.
- **Comment:** Alejandro commented that the spots that are not being used by the construction workers are just used as a threat to get residents to stop parking there. Safety is of a concern, feels that non-residents are using Coast parking for beach access as well as parking at night.
- **Comment:** Jana clarified that there is no contract for the parking at Coast due to the SIO construction project, it was a request from SIO to the committee to conduct this project for 18 months and then approved by the committee.
- **Comment:** Audrey commented that there is a lack of clear communication in a sense that the emails sent out to the Coast residents about the parking spaces and the physical signs at Coast do not reflect the same information.
- **Comment:** Petia commented that it was expected from this construction project will affect coast residents minimally. However, it had not affected minimally, she has been personally affected by the parking deficit and Coast parking is a part of the residents' rent. Is there any way that coast can get a reduction of rent that is since part of rent is paid towards parking?
- **Comment:** Rachel commented that Jana agrees that HDH will get signs to reflect that only vehicles with HDH parking passes will be allowed to park in the area.

Discussion of Town Hall Meeting

- The town hall meeting was opened to all residents to address any questions/concerns residents may have.
 - o Many questions/ concerns that were asked during the Town Hall meeting consist of:
 - Justification of the rent increases during this unprecedented time
 - Break down of where rent money is allocated
 - The working and legality verbiage from HDH regarding COVID-19 Liability
 - The culture of distrust between residents and the administrators. Lack of transparency and providing valuable information.
- **Comment:** Rachel comments that it is important for the GFHAC to figure out how to make resident/students to feel safe and heard at all time.
- **Comment:** Gabriel commented that the motivation behind this Town Hall meeting was to discuss the increase in rent during a pandemic, increase transparency amongst the committee and discuss more about the Coast parking situation.
- Gabriel motion to amend the agenda and allot time at the end of the GFHAC meeting to vote on terminating the agreement with SIO and Coast parking spaces.
 - o Adriana seconded.

Rec Facilities

- Rich Mylin discusses the review of the budget with some of the recreational spaces that are closed for this academic year.
- Rich proposes to the committee that recreational staff members (student staff) will oversee/ supervise the recreational facilities at only Mesa Nueva, Nuevo West & Nuevo East. Facilities such as the pool areas are still under discussion about how to open them safely. Proposed having a Recreation staff member onsite, they would not be an official lifeguard.
- HDH will still be responsible for custodial services.
- Moving forward in order to create and implement appropriate Hours of Operations of these facilities; potentially creating a subcommittee with residents living at Mesa Nueva, Nuevo West and Nuevo East can facilitate what works best for the residents.
- The goal is to re-open as the county guidelines are lifted and as San Diego is currently off the watch list.
- **Comment:** Kristin commented that just like the food pantry signing up method could be use in the same sense with opening the gyms and pool
- **Comment:** Matthew commented that he agrees and support in opening the recreational areas in a safe manner.
- **Comment:** Adriana agrees that the sign-up method would be a great idea and asked how the funding for the staffing works?
 - o Rich clarified that this proposal funding would be coming out of the rec budget and can be funded through the entire academic year. However, conversations would be made with the advisory board if the proposal is willing to be extended more than the academic year timeline.
- Rich shares that tennis courts are not currently being monitored and starting September 14th reservations for tennis courts will be implemented to maintain the proper protocol.
- **Comment:** Anupam motion to move forward with re-opening specific amenities while maintaining social distancing and safety protocol advised.
 - o Matthew seconded

Mesa Transportation Briefing by Josh Kavanaugh- (Power Point Presentation available in the box)

- With the onset of COVID-19, the Grad and Family Housing communities especially the Mesa Residential Community has really pedestrianized. An increase in bicycles, walkers, etc. In the community area operating full size buses it would be uncomfortable for not only the buses, shuttles and drivers but for the overall community that have really pedestrianized.
- With the provided budget from GFHAC, transportation can provide a bi-directional cart service loop and work with HDH to run carts through the fire lane. The carts would run between the hours of 6:30am-9:30pm. There would be three-minute frequencies at peak hours and five-minute frequencies at off peak hours.. This will allow a transfer at Park View. In addition, to working with graduate students to identify proper stops. This allow vehicles that are not noisy, large and would feel threatening to cyclist, pedestrians, family and so forth.

- It creates an easier experience as commuters not using the “stairs” to hop on and off. Carts are a sustainable and electrified vehicle option.
- The shuttles will still be shuttles to Coast and SIO to campus on both sides and planning to have a bi-directional connection at the natural of Science Building and Pacific Hall Building.
- In addition, to address some of the concerns of easy access to shopping. Funds have been looked at to implement shuttles for groceries and shopping on Saturdays and Sundays, running on 15-minute frequency for Whole Foods, Trader Joes etc. Additionally, there may be an option for a 60-minute frequency for shopping centers around Clairemont. For which one to run on which days would be a discussion.
- A four way stop at Miramar and Park View Lane will be implemented to improve that area.
- **Question:** Anupam asked if it is possible to add a cross walk at the four way stop at the Miramar and Park View Lane and pulling the yellow line to have a direct connection into the Mesa Circulator Project.
 - o Josh clarifies that that can be very possible.
 - o Josh discuss as the Mesa Circulator is being fully funded by Parking Services, potentially pulling out the yellow lines but it will destroy the 3-5 minutes frequency.
- Motion to endorse to the pilot program to the committee to approve.
 - Adriana motion to move forward with the pilot program to approve
 - Matthew seconded the motion
- Josh will be coming back around November or December 2020 to share progress on the early learning of the pilot program.

Quarantine & Isolation Housing for Fall

- There will be two buildings in Nuevo East in use this year, one for isolation housing and one for quarantine housing.
- Quarantine housing is for international travelers and isolation housing is for students (graduate or undergraduates) who have tested positive for the duration that is instructed by student health. Quarantine is for a two-week period. Quarantine participants are tested toward the end of the two-week period.
- **Question:** Adriana asked if the information has been distributed for students to know.
 - o Jana clarifies that this information is sent out in campus RTL updates.

Appeals

Appeal # 4935

- Gabriel motioned to approve
 - o Matthew seconded the motion.
 - Approve: 4, Denied: 1, Abstained: 0
 - Decision: ARCHAC Approved

Appeal # 4931

- Gabriel motioned to approve.
 - o Matthew seconded the motion.
 - Approve: 4, Denied: 1, Abstained: 1
 - Decision: ARCHAC Approved

Meeting adjourned around 10:30 AM.