

# Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

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Meeting date | Time 4/14/2021 1:30 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting

<b>Type of meeting:</b>	GFH Advisory Committee	<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Robert Frazier Anupam Garg		Mahi, Malia Clark, Breana Cashatt, Kacy Turner, Ross Brownstone, Steven Fletcher, Burgundy Arceo-Garcia, Ximena Ballivian, Gabriel Hargate, Sally Walker, Christian
<b>Secretary:</b>	Linda Ta G. (Committee Coordinator)		

## AGENDA

Quorum met. Meeting began at 1:33 PM with Anupam going over the agenda and asking for comment/adjustments to meeting agenda.

### Agenda Items:

1. Approve Agenda Items
2. Approve meeting minutes from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
3. New appointments: Christian Walker
4. Updates
5. Discussion
6. Open to the floor

### Approval of Agenda:

- Gabriel motion to approve agenda
  - o Ross seconded the motion
  - o Motion Carries

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Ross motion to approve previous meeting minutes April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
  - o Gabriel seconded the motion
  - o Motion Carries

### New Appointments: Christian Walker

- Christian was appointed as the newest member of the GFHAC committee 2020-2021.

### Updates:

- Mercury\_waitlist workgroup update:
  - o The workgroup previous meeting reviewed the allocation process within housing, identified an information gap on the knowledge of how the students understand the waitlist and focusing on that area to create a more transparent and clear understanding of how the waitlist functions in

terms of the need housing date by, and creating a way provide information in how early someone should sign up to be on the waitlist to be accepted for housing.

- Townhall items:
  - o During the discussion phase of implementing the double occupancy was approved by the fire marshal that it is within regulations. The cited regulation from the fire marshal can be provided to the committee if need be. In addition, the plumbing codes of the building was not built with only a single occupancy in mind. It was built with any status type such as couple, family, etc.
  - o Comment Ross T: It be beneficial to adding in the FAQs about the codes being approved by the fire marshal?
  - o Ross Turner will be drafting up a statement.

### Discussion:

- Next Townhall Date/Time: **Unable to address topic due to lack of time.**
- Food Trucks & power availability & scheduling (curbside bites)
  - o The current coffee vendor would like to service in the GFH community on a more consistent schedule; however, the booking only allows one week in advanced.
    - The third-party curbside bites manage the food trucks for GFH; it will be best to communicate directly with them to create a more consistent schedule for the coffee truck. There is currently a calendar online with two weeks' worth of scheduled vendors date/time and location.
  - o Comment Anupam G: Currently the coffee truck is constantly running on their truck generator. Is there anyway to provide them access to a generator in the area?
    - The truck has been repositioned to amid the noise that is coming from the generator. The Nuevo West location across the OMS building 5 has two outlets there; however, there are a specific voltage these outlets must be at for a large generator.
- Pet Policy:
  - o Overview:
    - Communities such as La Jolla Del Sol, Coast, Mesa and One Miramar can have up to two cats with a deposit of \$250.00
    - Communities such as Mesa Nueva, Nuevo West, Nuevo East and Rita are allowed fish aquarium
    - Dog are not allowed in any complexes unless they are a service animal and/or an approved animal from the Office of Students of Disability as an emotional support animal.
- Students request to the pet policy is to standardize the pet policies across all GFH's communities and create a space for off leash dogs. In addition, update the pet policy to reflect and allow dogs in GFH, incorporate a stricter and consistent enforcement.
  - o The potential changes:
    - Standardizing pet policy across all GFH's communities.
      - For example, Allow up to one dog in select units with a pet deposit.
        - o Limitations: Burden on students without pets and enforcements
        - o Solution: Utilizing pet deposit to cover pet associated cost and potential for creating more amenities.
    - Request for an off-leash dog park or space.
      - Limits: Costly for fencing, landscaping, taking up common space that is currently available to all residents and the potential future developments.
      - Solution: Further investigate the cost and feasibility.
    - Make GFH a more pet friendly in common space areas

- Providing resident with information for nearby dog parks.
- Comment Ross T: It is very hard to ensure that all dog is on a leash outside. The only enforcement for dogs being off leash are the RSOs.
- Comment Sally H: Dogs off leash is also a safety issue and it is important to look at the liability of an off-leash animal.
- Comment Ximena GA: Liability wouldn't be passed onto HDH as having a space for off-leashed dog would be more utilized.
- Question Ximena GA: IS the pet deposit charged to the residents with the pets? Who oversees the damages in the unit that is caused by the pet?
  - During a move out inspection, if the damages that are being assessed are from a pet, the resident with the pets will be held responsible for the damages. Residents who do not own the pet will not be charged with a pet related charge. Although there is a 250\$ pet deposit it is not limited to only 250\$ worth of damage charge.
- Comment Burgundy F: A second look and conversation should be made about the no guest animal as many people receive an income from pet-sitting.
  - The concept of having a no guest pets is not only subjected too but is commonly used as an excuse during a case where a resident is caught with having an un-approved animal in the unit. There are operational challenges when it comes to revising these policies. In addition, it is important to take into consideration the gray areas of allowing guest pets. For example, individuals who have allergens, etc.
- Comment Christian W: Certain people view pets as families and allowing pets in communities can positively impact prospective tenant.
- Comment Steven B: Maybe considering a guarantee pet free housing space or a specific location?
  - It is discriminatory to not allow animals in certain building or locations.
- Comment Kristin L (attendee): A fencing near La Jolla Family Housing would be a great location for an off-leash dog area. In addition, would be more than happy to present a presentation regarding the pet policies, liability, cost analysis, etc.
  - Will be schedule for presentation in another meeting.
- Ross motion to create a work force for the pet policy
  - Sally seconded the motion
  - Motion carries.
- Volunteers for the Pet Policy Workforce:
  - Anupam
  - Burgundy
  - Gabriel
  - Malia
- Sally motion to allow those who volunteered to be apart of the pet policy workgroup to be the designated group.
  - Ross seconded the motion
  - Motion carries.
- Comment Malia M: It may be a benefit to add the liaison to the group for further knowledge regarding OSD processes for pets and the understanding of what can and cannot be asked to avoid an invasion of privacy.
- Comment Gabriel B: The archery field is a potential space to be repurposed to a dog park.
- Community Safety and Security: **Unable to address topic due to lack of time.**
- Transportation Services: **Unable to address topic due to lack of time.**

**Final Remarks:**

- Ximena motion to adjourn
  - o Christian seconded the motion
  - o Motion carries

Meeting adjourned around 2:30 PM.