

Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 10/21/2021 10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Zoom

Type of meeting: Co-Chairs: Note taker:	GFH advisory Committee Robert Frazier Linda Ta G. (Committee Coordinator)	Attendees: Mahi, Malia Turner, Ross Brownstone, Steven Arceo-Garcia, Ximena Hargate, Sally Dayss, Chris Salas, Michael Whittier, Jessica Callahan, Rhianen Kopalle, Hema
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AGENDA

Quorum met. Meeting began at 10:04 AM with Robert going over the agenda and asking for comment/adjustments to meeting agenda.

Agenda Items:

1. Old Business
 - Approve Agenda for today's meeting
 - Approve the minutes for Aug 9th meeting
2. Updates
 - Pet Policy Workgroup
 - Mercury waitlist workgroup
 - GFHAC Vacancies
3. New Business
 - Community Engagement Workgroup formation
 - Reviewing GFH alcohol policy
 - Student request for designated parking for families with children

Approval of Agenda:

- Ross motion to approve agenda.
 - Steven seconded the motion.
 - Motion Carries.

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

- Ross motion to meeting minutes Aug 9th, 2021.
 - Steven seconded the motion.
 - Motion Carries.

Updates:

- Pet Policy Workgroup
 - Pet Policy Workgroup will remain active. Ximena will be substituting for Anupam.

- Mercury Waitlist Workgroup
 - o Update: Essentially a dashboard was discussed for each GFH community that showcased components of what months are more available by units' types and adding potential data points of preferred move in dates, etc. A dashboard has been created; however, Michael Salas is currently touching base with the programming team and will be updating as process is being made. The tentative timeline is looking like late winter or latest spring.
- GFHAC Vacancies
 - o Currently, there are only one application for each position. Ximena will be reviewing the resumes submitted for each position. In addition, if the resume indicates that the applicants have proper qualifications, Ximena will be moving forward with them for the position.
 - o Current Vacant Positions:
 - Grad Co-chairs (GPSA Appt)
 - Grad Coordinator (GD Appt)
 - Grad student (GPSA Appt)
 - o Robert Frazier asked the committee to verbally express interest in continuation as a member of the GFHAC committee for the upcoming year.
 - o Current Committee Members to extend membership for the GFHAC Committee for the upcoming year:
 1. Ross Turner
 2. Steven Brownstone
 3. Sally Hargate
 4. Jessica Whittier
 5. Hema Kopalle
 6. Rhianen Callahan

New Business:

- Community Engagement (peer to peer) Workgroup formation
 - o The community engagement workgroup purpose is to build communication amongst residents within graduate and family housing communities. In hopes to, minimize RSO/PD involvement between resident's conflicts, etc.
 - Group Members: Ximena, Hema, Robert, and a HDH connect team member (TBD)
 - o **Comment Ximena:** We've connected with HDH folks as well as staff involved with the Black Grad LLC.
 - o **Comment Hema:** There is currently high interest in this workgroup and will have many allies for more community engagement within GFH communities.
 - o **Comment Steven:** It would be a great idea to add conversations within this workgroup about ways to get into contact with other residents without having to physically knock on their apartment door.
 - o **Comment Rhianen:** Would like to be added to any email threads regarding community engagement plans to provide additional resources if needed.
- Reviewing GFH Housing Policy
 - o **Comment Robert:** There are currently a lot of confusion as to what/where it is appropriate to have an open container within Graduate and Family Housing Communities.
 - o **Comment Ross:** It is best to review the GFH Housing Policy to be compare grad housing policies with campus for better transparency. In addition, to implement some sort of way for any planned event to get approved for alcohol. Areas such as the Study rooms; shared spaces should not be a converted to as the party room. Also, the BBQ areas should not be approved for alcohol consumptions as it is a risk of intoxication individuals outside which poses as a safety issue.
 - o **Comment/ Question Steven:** it looks like there has been more COVID concerns complaints rather than noise complaints. When an RSO is called for a complaint that violates COVID gathering regulations and due to the gathering's noise, does the RSO have a choice in what they choose to write up each violation or both?

- Good question to raise to the RSO/PD, as it is an area that needs explanation by people who perform these roles of regulating. Also, how do we utilize the spaces we have with alcohol consumptions available?
 - **Comment Kristin:** There are confusion on the alcohol areas in GFH. Has been reported from other's having to experience with RSO insisting in entering the apartment. She is very aware of the drinking law/ open container since she a bartender.
 - **Question Steven:** What is the commercial rule about alcohol consumption?
 - Robert Frazier will be looking into this for further information.
 - **Comment Ross:** On ReturnToLearn, there are still no guest allowed in apartment per current COVID policy. However, with GFH there are students who are underage living within GFH, so having a free falling of alcohol consumption leads to potential underage drinking.
- Student request for designated parking for families with children.
 - GFHAC discussed the potential implementation of having a designated parking spaces for families with children. Many spaces within Graduate and Family Housing are different in terms of sizing of each space. However, Mesa community is not one of the communities with issues as spaces are open in mesa. Spaces in communities such as Mesa Nueva/ Nuevo West and Nueva East Parking structure is the area that pose the most issues for families with children. Robert Frazier has investigated the regulations for ADA parking, handicap, short/long term parking and the challenge is if there are designated spaces; what would happen if the space goes unused or enforced.
 - **Comment Ross:** Potentially using the current one hour lots and utilizing two to three spaces for family spaces/ loading temporarily etc.
 - **Comment Kristin:** Designated a permanent space for family can lead to a slipper slope and converting the one-hour spaces is an easier conversion. The reason it can be a slipper slope as it can open the potential for other groups to demand things too.
 - **Comment Ximena:** This would run on the honor system as it is not easy to enforce this type of implementation.
 - **Comment Sally:** Does not know if the one-hour space is a good solution as majority of the concerns is the tight space when the car is parked. It is better to have long term spaces for families.
 - **Comment Hema:** Potentially making permanent spaces and family parking stickers for long spaces to be used for three to four hours which could give some solutions for reinforcement and relief.
 - **Comment Sally:** Implementing a vehicle parking ticket for GFH residents could also be an indicator for the housing office to be aware when there is an addition to lease.
 - **Comment Ross:** Implementing parking stickers can be a challenge to not create waste, maybe integrating this into a mobile version. For example, to be able to identify a family vehicle tied to their license plate.

Meeting adjourned around 11:01 AM.