

Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 10/18/2023 2:00 PM

Meeting Location: *The Exchange & Zoom*

Type of meeting: GFH advisory Committee	Attendees:
Co-Chairs: Willie Lee II Kristin Leadbetter	In Person: Leadbetter, Kristin Lee II, Willie Salas, Michael Veridiano, Anna Otten, Rebecca
Note taker: Madeline Makings	Zoom: Theus, Daniela Soulen, Charles Ramirez, Betty Bretado, Gilbert Tinoco, Carolyn Clark, Breana Appleton, Adair Nyongesa, Cynthia

AGENDA

Welcome

Old Business:

- Approve Agenda
- Approve meeting minutes for 9.19 & 10.3

Updates

- Town Hall Scheduling
- Community Standard Revisions
 - o Proposed Amendments

New Business:

- Central Mesa Landscaping
- Mesa Nueva Fountain
- Bulletin Boards/ Community Communication Networks
- Study Room Survey
- Resident Best Practices

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MEETING MINUTES:

Welcome

- Quorum was not met for this meeting.
- All committee members introduced themselves as we transitioned to this hybrid meeting.

Updates

- Town Hall Scheduling

- Week 5 is coming up quickly, what about scheduling it on Week 6?
 - 6 is a good time to start on Wednesdays
 - Kristin Suggested sending something out for everyone to vote on for the date and time, look out for that email.
 - Kristin mentioned looking into incentives for the town hall.

- Community Standard Revisions

- Proposed Amendments
 - Kristin shared the alcohol policy and the public consumption of alcohol will be discussed during the November 15 meeting when campus partners would be joining GFHAC.
 - The current practice outlines that alcohol can be consumed in community rooms, BBQ's, pool, and fire pits. The Community Standards Committee wants to limit the use of alcohol consumption at the BBQ's, the firepits and the pool.
 - Willie shared that public consumption laws state that it is not unlawful in a public space to drink alcohol unless it involves a disruption or operating vehicles. Public drinking limits exist in city parks, not those that are owned by the state.
 - Adair asked why they are looking at limiting the policy.
 - Kristin shared she is not sure why they are limiting it. The policies written by the Community Standards documents that have mostly undergraduate students in mind.
 - The Community Standards Committee is made up of many people who make decisions for students living in undergraduate and graduate communities. These policies do not need to be unilateral.
 - The link to the suggested revisions will be shared to all GFHAC members and comments can be made and will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Central Mesa Landscaping

- The director of maintenance and the director of landscaping shared that there currently are not plans to add any plants or vegetation. In early October, the group involved in the redevelopment plans spoke with graduate students on their thoughts for future planning.
- Landscaping would be willing to make room for extra garden plots throughout Mesa.
- Adair commented that this opportunity could be expanded to children to teach them how to garden. Possibly working together with ECEC on gardening. Even something the community assistants can get involved in.

- Mesa Nueva Fountain

- Michael received a quote from a outside contractor for 22 thousand dollars. The maintenance team is continuing to work with the contractor.
 - EH&S expressed that it is a risk in general to the community and a possible danger. A suggestion was made to repurposing that area, have it fenced off, or make a water feature.
 - Charles shared from personal experience that maintenance on water pumps and water maintenance is costly and time consuming.
 - A suggestion was made to add a splash pad in the area. As previously discussed, quotes were received for rubber padding around the area to have a place for children to play.
 - This topic will be revisited in the town hall and future discussions.

- Bulletin Boards/ Community Communication Networks

- Kristin brought up the suggestion of group chats for buildings and making more purposeful bulletin boards throughout the community.
- Willie went throughout the communities to see where the existing bulletin boards are and possible locations for new ones. Goal is to aim for consistency throughout the communities, ensuring GFH is not littered by fliers. Currently looking at the difference between the bulletin boards that are open or ones that require a key. Overall intention is for the bulletin boards to be the same, considering size and security.

- Kristin shared that open bulletin boards can create a community and open bulletin boards may be cheaper.
 - Adair shared having closed boards keeps people from posting and limits community interactions.
 - Currently, fliers can be posted for up to 2 weeks. GFH should be more upfront regarding community members posting fliers on their own. Possible solution of putting dates on the fliers to have them removed as they expire.
 - This topic will be revisited next meeting with a cost breakdown and new policies.
- **Study Room Survey**
 - Survey was sent on 10/9, people can respond through over the weekend. 202 replies to the survey. The majority wants to have the option to have the rooms reserved but have the option to use their own keycards.
 - Daniela will be extending the deadline and give another week for the survey.
 - Since so many residents will be outside tomorrow during the evacuation drill, GFH will have a QR code for more input on the survey.
 - **Resident Best Practices**
 - Kristin shared that over the last 2 weeks there have been a lot of the propping of the gym doors. When there are inside and outside work out areas residents will go in and out of the gym. Would it be possible to keep the gym doors unlocked from 8am to 8pm?
 - GFH would have to work with our campus partners to see if we can change the programming of the doors.
 - The concern would possibly be for transient people in the area and wandering into the gym during the days.
 - Cynthia suggested a 5-minute alarm on the door that would remind the closing of the door.
 - The concern would be for the residents in the immediate area as a noise disturbance.
 - This topic will be revisited, possibly for the town hall as well so the doors are no longer propped.
 - **Fire Drill Tomorrow 10/19/2023**
 - Tomorrow, 10/19, you will be evacuating the buildings.
 - Look for the very large check in flags.
 - You will be able to scan in with a QR code. Total time will be about 30-minutes.
 - Opt out information was sent this month and will expire tomorrow at 6am.

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Final remarks:

Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.