

Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 11/15/2023 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 Nyongesa, Cynthia
Note taker: Madeline Makings	Zoom: Fox, Megan Corno, Giulia Hochstein, Patrick White, Ben Soulen, Charles Appleton, Adair Bretado, Gilbert

AGENDA

Welcome

Old Business:

- Approve Agenda & Minutes

Updates

- o Town Hall Tonight!

New Business:

- Guest Topics:

- o Community Standards - Alcohol Policy
 - *Guests: Megan Fox & Ben White*
- o Central Mesa Landscaping
 - *Guest: Pat Hochstein (Senior Director of Maintenance)*

- Project Updates:

- o **Mesa Nueva Fountain**
- o **Bulletin Boards/Community Communication Networks**
- o **Study Rooms Survey**
- o **Gym door alarms**

Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items

MEETING MINUTES:

Welcome

Updates

- Town Hall Tonight!
 - 6pm to 7pm – holding it in the Exchange & on Zoom
 - Quick overview then open up for Q&A.
 - In the past town halls were simple, we will see what tonight holds for us.

New Business:

- Guest Topics:

- Community Standards - Alcohol Policy
 - *Guests: Megan Fox & Ben White*
 - The Community Standards Revision documentation was shared with the group. GFHAC wanted to ask a few questions for Megan Fox and Ben White on the revisions.
 - Megan and Ben introduced themselves and shared goals for the Community Standards policies that works to match policy with implementation across campus and combining the policies across campus.
 - Topic 1: Bulk alcoholic beverages
 - Concerns of the policy include, punch bowls, kegs, cases of beer and other quantities.
 - Ben White explained that this policy was identified as a large amount of alcohol being used as a concern in the undergraduate area. If there is a term that can be used to explain a large size of mixed hard alcohol, they could change the terminology.
 - Megan Fox explained that the policies for this year have been approved. At this time there is not an opportunity to make changes to the Residential Life Community Standards. During this academic year the policies will be reviewed again and a GFHAC member will be requested to be present for the review.
 - There was feedback from GFHAC expressing to have a separate policy or section that pertains specifically to GFH Residents.
 - It was the GFHAC's understanding that this policy was able to be reviewed and possibly revised during this meeting. The vast majority of where GFH residents are in their lives it would be beneficial to differentiate these two populations.
 - It was clarified in the chat that this meeting is to discuss providing feedback on existing published policies as well as proposed pending amendments for the Alcohol Policy slated to go out in January.
 - Ben explained that uniformity was proposed across undergraduate colleges and graduate areas for one document.
 - Topic 2: Public consumption of alcohol
 - From a risk management standpoint and the January policy changes, this change has to do with alcohol in pools and BBQ areas and restricting the drinking of alcohol in these areas.
 - Kristin posed a statement: From a risk management standpoint there are also not any lifeguards present, the pool poses a risk, with or without alcohol present.
 - The conduct data can be shared by Megan Fox as requested by GFHAC.
 - Ben White shared risk management's assessment:
 - *"From a loss mitigation perspective, including the mitigation of catastrophic bodily injury including paraplegia, traumatic brain injury and death, neither alcohol nor glass should be allowed. The added factors of alcohol and glass exponentially increases the risks inherent to these types of facilities from high to severe."*
 - Adair shared that the pool is right next to the campus bar and concerns including noise concerns can come from the bar not just the pool.

- Megan shared that she will pull the data from the last 6 years when Mesa Nueva began and conduct concerns to make these changes.
 - Grad students are used as a consultant within the workgroup to advise policy making.
- Further clarification is needed when discussing pools and quiet hours: When does the pool close, when do complaints come in even after the pools are closed?
- Central Mesa Landscaping
 - *Guest: Pat Hochstein (Senior Director of Maintenance)*
 - Facilities Maintenance is preparing a presentation to give to the Regents to move forward with the redevelopment in Central & South Mesa. Ground could be broken as early as 2026. Planting anything now and uprooting it in a couple of years does not make a lot of sense.
 - There is a desire to bring potted trees, their survival rate is not high for extended periods of time in the pots.
 - GFHAC knows that the redevelopment will come in a few years but temporary solutions in the meantime need to be pursued. Examples: garden plots, bushes, alternative plants.
 - Garden plots are in demand in the immediate timeframe.
 - Currently Mesa is the cheapest community
 - The Mesa Office posed a question regarding waitlist times and if Central Mesa Residents would be the only residents who can garden in these areas.
 - This topic will be circled back to at a later meeting.
 - There are a lot of lawn areas within South and Central Mesa. Are the communities willing to give up these lawn areas? Or should it be confined to where the trees were?
 - The problem with using where the trees were is the roots would have to be dug up again, while the root balls were removed, there are still issues with the soil and whether it will grow any plants

- Project Updates:

- **MN Arson**
 - See something say something, rumors need to remain as rumors. Right now, UCPD are on this case.
- **Mesa Nueva Fountain**
 - Splash zone, preferred application is a knocked down texture which we can add grit to. Around \$12k, the rubber foam is \$22k plus. The alternative to the application is if the area is converted to a lounge spot.
 - GFHAC suggests a survey for the residents.
- **Bulletin Boards/Community Communication Networks**
 - Willie broke down the amount of bulletin boards needed in each area and how much it would cost to replace each of them. Any new bus bulletin boards would need a new foundation to be built.
- **Gym door alarms**
 - Maintenance techs have this on their list. Possible visual indicator. The activation would be on a timer and the alarm would go off. More information on this to come later.
- More Umbrellas are installed at MN
- Pet stations, 3 out of 4 installed in MN
- Game room, the pool table felt was replaced as of today!

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- Come to the town hall at 6pm!

Final remarks:

Meeting adjourned at 3:06PM.