

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

Meeting date | Time 11/15/2023 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

<b>Type of meeting:</b> GFHAC Town Hall	<b>Attendees:</b> Leadbetter, Kristin Theus, Daniela Salas, Michael Veridiano, Anna Soulen, Charles Clark, Breana Carlile, Casey Lopez Ricoy, Ana Shaikh, Ahmad Bretado, Gilbert Montano, Ivonne Joren, Hailey Corno, Giulia Jegade, Oluwatosin
<b>Co-Chairs:</b> Willie Lee II Kristin Leadbetter	
<b>Note taker:</b> Madeline Makings	

## MEETING MINUTES:

### Welcome

- The meeting began at 6:07pm by Kristin Leadbetter, the Co-chair of Graduate & Family Housing Advisory Committee asking for participants to introduce themselves.
- Kristin took a moment to explain the function and purpose of GFHAC while explaining a space for residents to share opinions in this space.

### Open Floor – Q&A

- Casey is currently a resident in South Mesa and she wanted to ask what the plans are for the redevelopment of Mesa.
  - Kristin shared that there is a committee that worked on a proposal for funding and who share opinions on future amenities and general suggestions. Those suggestions include certain amenities or ideas shared previously in GFHAC meetings like a fenced in dog park area. Breaking ground is projected for 2026. It has not yet been solidified as it is waiting on funding. By breaking ground, the meaning is the apartments will be taken down at the earliest of 2026, they will only be tearing them down if they have a redevelopment plan.
- Ana, a Central Mesa resident, asked for a follow up on the tree removal project and asked about restoring the landscaping.
  - Kristin shared that today GFHAC met with Patrick who is the Director of Facilities to talk about redeveloping that space by planting Milkweed plants, bushes or garden plots in the space.
  - Ana further asked about the repairing of certain sidewalks or other items as they were damaged or if there is a beautification fund.
    - Please email the [mesahdh@ucsd.edu](mailto:mesahdh@ucsd.edu) email to send areas of concern.
    - Woodchip piles, will they be relocated soon?
      - Madeline shared that the Mesa Office they will look into moving the wood chips or ask what the landscaping plan is for the woodchips.
    - Will any shaded areas be provided?

- Willie shared that one item they were looking into was adding shades directly to the Mesa units. The concern from maintenance was shared about drilling into the siding or the wood, the project was not approved.
- Hailey, a Mesa Nueva resident, shared that maintenance requests for gym equipment is slow and several items are broken. There is some confusion around submitting fix it tickets and the process of following up.
  - GFHAC was working with GFH regarding the speed of completed gym tickets. There was a delay between Recreation receiving the tickets when they were submitted and being completed.
  - Willie shared that the fix it request form is separate than the gym requests. The fix it requests are routed through Customer Service and routes it to Connect2, which is the Rec work order portal. There are other concerns that have been brought up recently regarding propping the doors and using deodorizers in gyms that are being worked on by GFH Residential Offices.
  - Hailey clarified the problems currently being in the Mesa Nueva gym there are 4x 45lbs dumbbells without any 40lbs dumbbells. Also suggested getting an additional set of dumbbells.
  - If there are additional issues in gyms throughout GFH, you can email the [gradfamilyhousing@ucsd.edu](mailto:gradfamilyhousing@ucsd.edu) email and work orders can be put in directly to the Connect2 system by GFH Staff.
- Ana circled back in the chat and asked for a timeline for the garden project or landscaping redevelopment and if the money saved from removing the trees could be used in Central Mesa.
  - Kristin responded that it was not HDH that was spending the money to remove the trees, it was facilities which is the universities money.
    - GFH currently does not have a timeline for the gardens but there was an urgency for the tree removal as a safety measure. However, GFHAC is working closely with the Mesa Office on the garden project.
- Hailey asked what are the plans to improve green waste removal/better utilize the EDCO industrial compost bins? What is this roll out process looking like?
  - It was shared that there are green waste bins throughout the GFH community. Information about composting has been sent in the newsletter.
  - It was commented that there needs to be some more communication on the project and the expectations.
    - The GFH Residential Offices will work on more communication for composting practices.

The Town Hall Ended at 6:52PM.