

Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 12/13/2023 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 Salas, Michael Veridiano, Anna Sievert, David
Note taker: Kimberly Silva	Zoom: Lee II, Willie Soulen, Charles Bretado, Gilbert Otten, Rebecca Isbell, Kelly Clark, Breana Nyongesa, Cynthia

AGENDA

Welcome

Old Business:

- Approve Agenda & Minutes

Updates

New Business:

- **Project Updates:**
 - o Central Mesa Landscaping
 - o Mesa Nueva Fountain
 - o Bulletin Boards/Community Communication Networks
 - o Food Truck working group
 - o Alcohol Policy Data
 - o EV Chargers
- **Suggestions Box Follow Ups:**
 - o Recent Submissions

Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items

MEETING MINUTES:

Welcome

- Introductions and welcome new committee members
- David Sievert – Student Rep
 - Charles “Chip” Soulen – Student Rep
 - Kelly Isbell – Student Rep

Motion to approve agenda.

Dave motioned to approve agenda, 2nd by Kelly.

Approved

Note to give Box access to new members to approve meeting minutes.

Updates

- Project Updates:

- Central Mesa Landscaping
 - Michael and Anna met with landscaping supervisor last week.
 - A local nursery is offering to donate milkweed. Will hear back by end of this week.
 - Next step is to identify areas to be planted.
 - Kristin asked about possibility of new grass.
 - Michael answered it was not discussed, only natural weeds like milkweed.
- Mesa Nueva Fountain
 - Resident survey is now closed. A majority of residents voted to maintain splash pad as-is.
 - Michael is looking for cost savings measures for needed improvements: Update fitness waiver to include verbiage for splash pad, encourage water shoes, install permanent signage to warn of slip potential.
- Food Truck working group
 - Michael has notified Procurement of request to add more variety with curbside bites.
 - Should have more info next meeting.
- EV Chargers
 - Michael is trying to schedule a meeting with Campus EV charging supervisor, Kevin Norris.
 - Kevin was able to answer some of the committee's questions:
 - EVs have to be open to public per grant.
 - No subsidy, revenue collected is barely enough to cover electricity costs.
 - In the Vela structure, all charging stations are working except one.
- Bulletin Boards/Community Communication Networks
 - Kristin shared list of proposed bulletin board locations.
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NLk78lezkNkRdsxKZDCdTw9Lq8_gQiaeLcEY6QhZ4sM/edit#gid=0
 - Kristin and Chip identified locations of where a 4'x3' bulletin board would fit.
 - Rebecca asked for total number of recommended boards
 - Kristin shared that the list started at 87, but has been narrowed down to 54
 - Considered locations where it would make the most sense and be the most useful.
 - Laundry rooms are great locations, but in buildings where there are no laundry rooms, other locations need to be identified.
 - Rebecca asked if 54 location is too many to post for groups and residents, would a centralized board by mailroom be sufficient?
 - Kristin shared that spaces for signs to be able to stay up would be helpful.
 - Chip mentioned that many signs are posted on walls and light posts.
 - Willie shared that part of the issue is that folks might not know where current boards are. Will need to make sure board locations are known.
 - Willie mentioned that there will still be flyers posted excessively, but making locations known will help.
 - Chip proposed to prioritize board locations to install first, then review and identify more locations.
 - Kristin agreed that this is a good start, prioritize lobby and outdoor facing ones
 - After Chip consolidated, the new proposed locations:

- Nuevo East: Elevators, gym
 - Mesa Nueva: Elevators, gym
 - Nuevo West: Outside elevators
 - OMS: Mailroom
 - 16 total boards
 - Willie said we will have to consider boards that are suitable for outdoors.
 - Kristin asked for board samples, pricing and locations to be shared via email for review/decision before next meeting.
- Alcohol Policy Data
 - Kristin recapped previous conversation involving research of policies in pool area, and proposed modified rules for firepit and grill areas: Limit residents to single serving container – This would discourage bulk alcohol use, but still allows for some alcohol This would help to set boundaries.
 - Kristin asked for discussion of what next step is. Should she reach out to Martin?
 - Willie asked to review existing practice and proposed changes.
 - Kristin asked if there is the previous policy in writing.
 - Rebecca shared that previous HDH leadership did not formalize policy but established a practice to allow alcohol by pools. Martin is asking GFHAC to review this practice.
 - David asked if proposed policy says no alcohol in outdoor areas.
 - Kristin confirmed.
 - David agrees with Kristin’s proposal of setting limits to outdoor alcohol use – it is a good compromise.
 - Rebecca asked for clarification if the policy group was okay with having alcohol in community rooms.
 - Kristin felt they were okay but would like more structure with regard to alcohol use in community rooms.
 - Rebecca said if not spelled out on website, GFH can update with regard to gathering size and process to approve if large group.
 - Kristin would like alcohol use to require room reservation process and indicate if alcohol will be present.
 - Rebecca confirmed that is not current practice. Group size triggers campus wide alcohol policy.
 - Kristin asked for more research on community room alcohol use and create structure to allow for safe alcohol use in GFH communities.
 - Rebecca shared that at previous meetings the GFHAC committee members present were in favor of alcohol use in community room spaces. She asked the new committee members to share their thoughts.
 - David feels residents should be able to enjoy alcohol responsibly. He mentioned he was not sure if data shows previous issues, but clearly set boundaries could help with responsible use.
 - Chip share that noise complaints are the most common issues.
 - Rebecca stated in the last 4 years of the incident reports submitted related to alcohol, a very small number of them resulted in a policy violation by a conduct officers.
 - Willie mentioned he USOs would need to be mindful of how to document alcohol violations so that resident experience is not shaped by violations.
 - Kristin shared that there have been previous issues where USOs contact residents even if there is not complaint. USO interactions have improved over the years.
 - Willie mentioned that there might need to be more monitoring of alcohol use in public spaces.

- Kristin said she was confused about policy history.
 - Rebecca provided historical context – There was an alcohol policy in the GFH handbook. When campus merged the handbook with the residential life community standards, the grad rules matched undergrad rules so USOs started enforcing based on that.
 - Rebecca continued that there is a group working to correct and separate grad rules from UG rules for past couple of years.
 - Willie clarified that residents are still being documents for using alcohol in community rooms.
 - Kristin expressed frustration lack of clarity in rule, stating if USOs are going to not be aware of rules, this is a separate issue to address.
 - Rebecca shared that Martin has met with police chief and is waiting for this committee position.
 - HDH Leadership is in support of committee’s position.
 - Rebecca confirmed that alcohol is permitted in community rooms.
 - David stated that it could be difficult to implement serving sizes if policy in general is not being enforced. Might make more sense to keep policy as is so it will be easier to enforce consistently.
- Chip asked for clarification, what is the conclusion of the committee opinion? Does that include fire pits and pool
 - There is a danger for alcohol in pool area.
 - Rebecca clarified that only alcohol from pub is allowed at pool.
 - Kristin does not agree with only pub alcohol being allowed by pool. Residents could have health reasons for not drinking beer, and the pub is not open during the day.
 - Willie stated that This is related to an agreement with Rough Draft. He offered that it might be possible to review agreement with Rough Draft and consider compromise. This might not be possible to adjust before the next contract renewal negotiations.
- Kristin asked if the group would be willing to vote.
 - Should alcohol be permitted in all public spaces?
 - Should alcohol be permitted in only some public spaces?
 - There are not enough voting members present.
 - Kristin will speak review process and synthesize info to share with committee.
 - Rebecca stated that Martin is asking for summary of how the committee would like to move forward.

- **Suggestion Box Items:**

- Not discussed

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- Chip expressed gratitude to committee for composting magnets that were recently delivered.
- Kristin expressed gratitude for staff for relocation of vehicle that was parked long term being moved.
 - Michael shared that the resident was contacted and will update tags and wash car, the vehicle was moved to a different structure.
- David asked to present feedback for walking areas and grass at the next meeting. He also asked about suggestion boxes and who has access.
 - Kristin will give access to survey and response document to all members.

Final remarks:

- Will not meet during winter break. Next meeting scheduled for 1/10.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.