Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 2/28/2024 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: The Exchange & Zoom

Type of meeting: GFH advisory Committee

Co-Chairs: Willie Lee II

Charles Soulen

Note taker: Madeline Makings

Attendees:

Zoom:

Leadbetter, Kristin Veridiano, Anna Otten, Rebecca Godoy, Pablo Isbell, Kelly Andrews, Jason Theus, Daniela Nyongesa, Cynthia Tinoco, Carolyn

AGENDA

Welcome

Old Business:

Approve Agenda & Minutes

Updates

New Business:

- Project Updates:
 - Food truck working group (ft. Jason Andrews)
 - Students with Dependents Event
 - o ADA Accessibility Doors
 - o Bulletin Boards/Community Communication Networks
 - o Pedestrian Bridge Intersection
 - Central Mesa Landscaping
 - Grass/ Unpaved Paths
 - o Dog Park
 - USO Survey
 - o Donation Program
- Suggestions Box Follow Ups:
 - Recent Submissions

Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items

MEETING MINUTES:

Welcome

Welcome!

Chip brought up the idea of starting the meeting with suggestion box items while people are joining. Brief Suggestion Boxes:

- Striping Parking Lot Lines in Mesa
 - Maintenance is aware of this process.
- AED Devices

- Updates from Michael on EHS at a later meeting
- o Gym Room in SM currently empty
 - Kristin shared that the space is vacant and has currently been made into a yoga room.
 - Anna shared that there are yoga mats in the room.
- Chip introduced Pablo Godoy in Student Affairs! Welcome!

Updates

New Business:

- Project Updates:
 - Food Truck Working Group
 - Chip shared and introduced Jason to this meeting regarding the conversation with Curbside Bites and encouraging more and new food trucks to the GFH community.
 - Jason began by explaining his role as a senior food buyer for UC San Diego. Back in 2017 Belinda's was part of a 1-year pilot program. In 2018/19 there was a direction from procurement because food trucks were all over campus and they were doing whatever they wanted without oversight. In 2019 the original Curbside Bites agreement began; it is a food truck broker and coordinates food trucks. All trucks must carry specific insurance requirements, works with EHS and various campus partners to clear food trucks to park at UCSD. When the reopening of campus started, they waived the commissions. The retailers suffered during covid-19 and food trucks were competing with businesses on campus. They cannot be adjacent to retail spaces; they need to also confirm egress in the areas or confirmed anchored spots.
 - Today, Belinda's has been asked to roll under Curbside Bites to ensure equity among food trucks across UCSD as well as additional locations for them. Curbside Bites works with about 60 food trucks. Currently on the agenda is to include black owned food trucks that would be able to come to campus on the certain areas or timeframes requested or needed.
 - Q&A:
 - Kristin expressed frustration with black owned food trucks in GFH and how long it has taken to attract diverse food trucks.
 - Jason cannot speak to what has happened on the past however he can speak on what he will be doing. He wants to find trucks that will want to service UCSD. They do not want to participate if it is not equitable for them. There is currently a mix of 21 trucks that have been added in the last 6 weeks. Making the process viable, there are expenses that goes into this process and they are a requirement to operate Curbside bites.
 - Does the curbside bites have an inclusivity clause, or can vendors be brought in outside
 of the contract? How is the money being spend and where does it go to?
 - Jason answered that potentially vendors could operate outside of the curbside bites program, insurance and safety would need to be verified outside of the process. It would go against the consolidated at this point. Additionally, there have not been any proceeds, this program does not go into place until March monthly. No commissions will be gathered until the 15th of March.
 - Chip shared that this committee has a lot of things they want to do and currently do not
 have any money. There is a need and want for GFHAC to have consistent funding or
 source of income.
 - Jason shared that the procurement team is not part of HDH or negotiated with HDH that involves revenue. Procurement works with the contracts ensuring they are viable for the university.
 - Cynthia has spoken with diverse food trucks and once approved they are not able to make enough traffic for the 10% fee. If there is a way that they can work with the food trucks. Can they be asked if they can go outside of the contract?
 - Jason shared that the history of this program has been unstable, and he is working on stabilizing the program. The food trucks want to look outside of a

specific event or one time, they may decide not to return if they cannot justify their expenses with sales.

- Jason shared a question that Michael asked via email regarding the location of curbside bites parking. The corner market and the food truck do not want to compete being in a similar area. Rough Draft is a more central location for the food trucks.
- Chip asked if Jason has a direct contact for feedback to the trucks directly.
 - Jason is working to establish visibility of food trucks. Any feedback that is received is circled back to Curbside Bites directly.

Student with Dependents Event

- Cynthia asked who the contact is for events in HDH and who is interested in reaching out.
 - Kristin will share a contact for Connect for programming.
 - Willie would be able to assist in the meantime and will reach out to Cynthia.

ADA Accessibility Doors

The main office doors are not accessible to return items to the offices or when returning keys.

Bulletin Boards/Community Communication Networks

• Willie is currently out of the office. The new boards are in the office to review later, will circle back next meeting.

Pedestrian Bridge Intersection

 Michael updated via email that the paint will be refreshed and there will be flashing lights and pylons installed.

Central Mesa Landscaping

- Still working to pursue milkweeds and grass throughout the communities. As well as the bid on the gardens in Central Mesa with landscaping.
- Anna confirmed that grass is something that can be done in the spring.

Grass/ Unpaved Paths

Anna spoke with landscaping regarding wood chips spread out throughout the community.
 There is so much and it may not be as noticeable but they are working on it slowly.

Dog Park

This topic was skipped for next meeting.

USO Survey

This topic was skipped for next meeting.

Donation Program

This topic was skipped for next meeting.

Town Hall Recap

- Kristin shared that she thought it was fine, some items we heard of before and quick fix items.
- David shared comments about the sidewalk damage. It would be beneficial to nail down a timeline for these individual projects.
- Chip would like to address the sidewalk.
 - Anna shared that she walked the community today regarding the sidewalks to see which should be replaced. Unfortunately, we are not able to fix all areas right now. The CM landscaping timeline will be worked on with landscaping.
- Kristin wanted to talk about the electricity comment.
 - Rebecca shared a brief history of resident's responsibility for electricity back at the Rita. Sub meters at the Rita showed that electricity costs under \$5. For the newer buildings, the cost of the electricity is built into the cost for rent. This topic will be revisited.

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- Cynthia suggested to add the suggestion box as a link on the website
- Over by the hammock area in MN there is a new take a book leave a book area!
- Chip suggested that the electronic billboards in the newer communities should be utilized more with more diverse advertising.

- Daniela shared that if there are any new ideas to share them with the GM's!
- o If there are any items for the suggestion box that need to be discussed feel free to bring them up. The individual GFH offices do follow up on all suggestion box items regardless if follow up is requested.

Final remarks:

- Meeting Adjourned at 2:00pm