

Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 3/12/2024 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: *The Exchange & Zoom*

Type of meeting: GFH advisory Committee	Attendees:
Co-Chairs: Willie Lee II Charles Soulen	In person: Lee, Willie II Veridiano, Anna Salas, Michael Sievert, David
Note taker: Madeline Makings	Zoom: Leadbetter, Kristin Veridiano, Anna Otten, Rebecca Godoy, Pablo Isbell, Kelly Theus, Daniela Guzman, Leticia Jimenez, Dana Nyongesa, Cynthia Clark, Breana

AGENDA

Welcome

Old Business:

- Approve Agenda & Minutes

Updates

New Business:

- Project Updates:

- Food truck working group
- ADA Accessibility Doors
- Bulletin Boards/Community Communication Networks
- Grass/ Unpaved Paths
- Dog Park
- Donation Program

- Suggestions Box Follow Ups:

- Recent Submissions

Larger Project Updates:

- Pedestrian Bridge Intersection
- Central Mesa Landscaping
- Mesa Nueva Fountain

Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items

MEETING MINUTES:

Welcome

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Chip explained a process where the shorter projects are talked about bi-weekly, while other larger topics are discussed monthly. This will take place on a trial basis.

Prior to the meeting, Chip wanted to discuss the suggestion box topics.

- Concern brought up with gyms smelling
 - Custodial is going to experiment with the use of clip on deodorizers in the gyms.
- Herbicides & Pesticide concerns impacting dogs and children
 - Notices were posted, emails are not sent
 - David shared posting the day before is not enough notice, posting in laundry rooms & the notice and timeline are vague.
 - Chip suggested the ability for notices to be posted the day of they are sprayed.
 - GFH staff, Willie, can follow up on these items, specifically the possibilities for emailing and flagging the areas and to ask for follow up on the chemicals.
 - Kristin shared that this is a item that has been discussed before.
 - Rebecca shared that GFH staff are an intermediary between this committee and campus partners. These requests will be communicated to EHS and will invite EHS to the GFHAC meeting to voice concerns directly.

Updates

New Business:

- Project Updates:

- **Food Truck Working Group**
 - Chip posed a question to the group regarding last meeting and the shared relationship with Curbside bites. Chip is proposing revisiting this topic in early to late May.
 - Michael shared that during a council meeting that other vendors wanted to be more centrally located in GFH, being at Mesa Nueva. They will be doing a trial period to gauge success and will be following up on having more diverse food trucks.
- **Bulletin Boards/Community Communication Networks**
 - Willie shared that first round of bulletin boards in all high-rise buildings has begun. One is up and the other 14 are on order to be posted by maintenance.
- **Grass/ Unpaved Paths**
 - Anna confirmed that landscaping has a large mulch moving project for the end of this month, she has requested that this is a priority.
 - Leticia commented that in Central and South Mesa, there are additional areas that need mulch like walkways and voiced concerns with ADA access on walkways throughout Mesa.
 - GFH has already walked this with maintenance and there is a priority list based on the budgeting and project timelines.
 - This topic item will be changed to pathways for both mulch and concrete throughout GFH.
- **Donation Program**
 - David brought up the suggestion box submission that discussed leaving donation items in the laundry rooms for longer before removing items.
 - Willie shared that the HDH donation program is run by custodial services, there was a need for items for residents that have moved in without any items or who are moving out and do not want certain items. While there are residents that do appreciate these trading tables in the laundry room the original purpose is for folding tables.
 - Rebecca wanted to share that in the past residents have complained about clutter and items left around. Also, by having items spread around it attracts nonaffiliates as reported in the past by UCPD.
 - Chip suggested advertising the donation program more
 - David asked how frequently the donation tables are cleared by custodial.

- GFH staff will find out how frequently the donation programs are cleared, and this will be revisited to understand frequency changes or suggestions.
- **Dog Park**
 - Currently there are not any updates on the dog park, Anna will send the dimensions and proposal to Kristin.

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- Leticia shared a story regarding a resident in OMS with water spilling on a balcony and the police were called on her children. OMS decided to relocate her family in GFH and the rent would stay the same, once they moved the situation changed. How do residents ensure this does not happen to other residents?
 - They need to communicate to the Residential Services Office, if they receive mixed messages, they are able to escalate their concerns upwards to the General Managers or the Associate Director, Willie.
 - Rebecca added that as a practice, GFH only charge the rental rate that is on the signed agreement.
 - Cynthia expressed frustration over the single squat rack and having to wait upwards of 30 minutes to use the squat rack.
 - Willie explained that GFH pays for the fitness equipment while recreation advises GFH on what they can and cannot put into the space.
 - Leticia added the gym in South Mesa, 9156, all equipment was removed. The room was transitioned to the yoga room. This was discussed at the prior GFHAC meeting.
 - The purpose of the suggestion box was to give time for these items in GFHAC meetings.
- Follow up:
- Continual gym improvement conversation
 - Add a line in GFHAC Suggestion box, for date discussed at GFHAC.

Final remarks:

- Meeting Adjourned at 2:02pm