

Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 4/10/2024 11:00 AM

Meeting Location: *The Exchange & Zoom*

Type of meeting: GFH advisory Committee	Attendees:
Co-Chairs: Willie Lee II Charles Soulen	In person: Veridiano, Anna Charles Soulen Salas, Michael Wilkinson, David Leadbetter, Kristin
Note taker: Madeline Makings	Zoom: Isbell, Kelly Clark, Breana Nyogesa, Cynthia Jimenez, Dana Sievert, David

AGENDA

Welcome

Old Business:

- Approve Agenda & Minutes

Updates

- Suggestion Box Discussion

New Business:

- Project Updates:

- Co-Chair Announcements
 - New GFHAC onboarding announcement
 - In person meeting
- Central/South Landscaping/ community gardens (ft. David Wilkinson)
- Grass/ Unpaved Paths
- Donation Program
- Dog Park
- Herbicides and Pesticides communications

- 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:

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Updates

New Business:

- Co-chair announcements

- New GFHAC onboarding announcement
- In person meeting potential
- Chip started the meeting by sharing some announcements
 - Suggestion box was attempted to be at the beginning of the meeting, it will be reverted to the end of the meeting, possibly discuss how they can be incorporated in the meeting
 - Working on a GFHAC onboarding process, having the Co-Chairs meet with the new incoming members. Next meeting Chip will be giving a presentation to go over the onboarding process.
 - Is it possible to do in person meetings?
 - Going on campus at the HDH headquarters building
 - Chip wanted to ask about thoughts or comments regarding in person meetings.
 - Scheduling challenges may prevent all parties from being in person, these discussions will continue.

- Project Updates:

- **Central/South Landscaping/ community gardens (ft. Dave Wilkinson)**
 - Dave Wilkinson shared and that he has been working at UC San Diego for 20 years and is the Director of Landscaping for GFH. Facilities Management has a contract to work with HDH. A lot of what Dave and landscaping is able to do depends on budget.
 - Gardens are run by students not by facilities management. If something needs to be done in the gardens, Dave coordinates with FM through a work order to bill HDH.
 - Updates in CM: one of the oldest areas, need some refreshing, within the last few weeks FM has done major repairs in the irrigation. This year has a weird weather pattern. Somewhere around November the irrigation is turned off and the irrigation is turned back on around March.
 - Student gardens CM: still working on bids and quotes for the gardens from an external contractor which could be costly.
 - Milkweed in CM: Dave will be reaching out today to see if they are ready to plant.
 - Open Q&A:
 - Kristin asked a question regarding the mulch and woodchips and putting some grass around CM.
 - Dave shared that when he first began, a lot of areas were turf and San Diego ran into a drought where the irrigation had to be cut back in specific areas throughout UCSD. Since the CM irrigation is fixed there is a conversation with FM regarding seeding the areas for grass or spraying the mulch.
 - Chip asked a follow up question regarding the low water for natural plants. Do you know where that impacts where grass can and cannot be put?
 - Dave commented that if an area used to have grass and they want to have grass again it is possible to pursue depending on resources and cost. A lot of areas on campus have opted to use recycled water, the water that goes into the buildings is different in a separate system. Landscaping would not put in any plant that would require water every day.
 - David asked if there a timeline on the garden proposal project.
 - Dave said that now the irrigation has been completed the plants can be watered properly. Currently working on the funding and proposal for the third-party vendors.

- Chip asked about the recycled water on turf, there are signs about not playing on the grass.
 - There is a policy that when recycled water is used there is a sign saying so. The water is filtered and treated. If the water is on during the day someone from FM must be there, however the grass is watered in GFH from 10pm and 5am. You can sit on the grass, but it is not advised to run through the sprinklers.
- **Grass/ Unpaved Paths**
 - Anna shared GFH has a small amount of money for concrete replacement and is working on the best areas to replace the concrete to make it noticeable.
 - Michael suggested pairing with the EH&S Team to look into risks throughout the community and the concrete and they may be able to assist in the evaluation.
 - Do we know when funds could be available?
 - Funding for the next fiscal year has been submitted already, the fiscal year ends June 30th, 2024.
- **Donation Program**
 - Chip and Willie have had offline discussions about this process.
 - Michael shared that there is a distinction between the DAV bins and the GFH donation program. The DAV bins are picked up weekly or one-off pickups as needed. The GFH donation program only accepts household items. Back in 2018 there were donation bins back in Mesa, there was theft, items getting mixed up with laundry and confusion over the program. The bins were then removed. For pickup and drop off items for the donation program there is an email address that can be contacted for drop off and appointment scheduling. The email address is hdhassetmanagement@ucsd.edu
 - What are the limitations on the program?
 - Michael shared there are not enough staff members.
 - The offer was suggested to reach out to Carolyn through Basic Needs to expand this process.
 - Anna suggested an area online where residents could post items to give away. Dave elaborated and explained the concept of “Buy Nothing” Programs that are facilitated through Facebook.
 - Dave, Anna, Carolyn & Michael have begun to make up the sub committee to talk about the Donation Program.
- **Dog Park**
 - This item has been skipped until next meeting.
- **Herbicides and pesticides communications**
 - The FAQ was created last year was sent via email to all GFHAC members.
 - Dave shared that every 28 days they spray for both herbicides and pesticides. The university is putting together a subcommittee to discuss the spraying process.
 - 72 hours before the notices must be posted before spraying. The area to spray is very large, posting in each area would be very difficult but general notices are a requirement.
 - This will be revisited and discussed more at the next meeting.

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- Kristin shared that the suggestion box fliers need to be added to the new bulletin boards.
- The Street Corner Market prices have increased.

Final remarks:

- Meeting Adjourned at 12:05pm