Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 5/22/2024 11:00 AM
Meeting Location: The Exchange & Zoom

Type of meeting: GFH advisory Committee
Co-Chairs: Willie Lee II
            Charles Soulen
Note taker: Madelyn Hodge

Attendees: In person:
Veridiano, Anna
Salas, Michael
Soulen, Charles
Lee II, Willie
Leadbetter, Kristin
Paracuelles, Dane

Zoom:
Sievert, David
Godoy, Pablo
Otten, Rebecca
Tinoco, Carolyn
Nyogesa, Cynthia
Labrador, Karlee
Isbell, Kelly

AGENDA

Welcome

Old Business:
- Approve Agenda & Minutes

Updates

New Business:
- Project Updates:
  o Project follow up: Mesa Landscaping
  o Grass/ Unpaved Paths
  o Herbicides and Pesticides communications
  o ADA accessibility
  o Street Corner Pricing
  o Mesa Drainage (Kristin)
  o Waitlist Priority request (Cynthia)

- Suggestions Box Follow Ups:
  o Coat hangers in gyms
  o AEDs in GFH
  o Recent Submissions

Larger Project Updates:
  o Central Mesa Landscaping – 5/22/2024 update
  o Donation program – Summer 2024 update

Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items
MEETING MINUTES:

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**Updates**
- Charles shared that he noticed that the Pedestrian bridge signage has been posted

**New Business:**
- **Project Updates:**
  - **Project Update: Mesa Landscaping**
    - Anna shared landscaping will have the milkweed plants on June 10th to be distributed to residents to help plant them in Mesa
      - Kristen shared that if milkweed is planted close too to apartments it may bring butterflies and is concerned if residents may be bothered by that.
      - Anna shared that the milkweeds do not need to be planted directly outside of apartments.
      - Chip shared that there are 25 plants and suggested that any unclaimed be planted nearby or in the community gardens
  - **Grass/Unpaved Paths**
    - Anna shared that landscaping is short-staffed and she doesn’t have an update on the grass
      - Anna will follow up in 4 weeks once the milkweed is distributed for updates
    - Anna shared that she walked with the Mesa superintendent, Corey, to mark possible concrete replacement areas. Maintenance shared to Anna that quotes cannot be received until the next fiscal year (7/1).
      - Charles asked if we need a budget request for this or if this comes out of a specific budget.
      - Willie mentioned that this may have to be a major maintenance request.
    - Charles asked if we have updates on mulch. Anna and Michael shared they have not received updates.
  - **Herbicides and pesticides communications**
    - Permanent signage about the herbicides and pesticides FAQ is on billboards. Michael has dispatched his team to make sure that all of the Mesa Nueva billboards have the flyers.
    - Willie ordered long laminating sheets so we can laminate flyers and have them posted on billboards, as they are exposed to the outdoor elements and can last longer if laminated properly.
    - Cynthia asked if the pesticide FAQ flyer can have bigger lettering and bold text so residents can easily read the flyers and that they stand out once posted.
      - Willie will see if the document was internal or made by HDH marketing and then update the flyer accordingly to have bolder text.
    - Charles asked if it is possible to email the pesticide application notice to residents and if it would help to create a pre-recorded response to send to residents when the Residential Services offices get feedback to assist with the administrative side.
      - Rebecca states that the issue with posting the pesticides application notices in the past was that GFH was not always notified by EHS in a timely manner about the schedule for pesticides applications.
      - Rebecca suggested if EHS can provide a 1-month schedule and if that schedule can be put into the monthly GFH newsletter for all residents to see where pesticides will be applied in GFH.
• Willie asked who receives the pesticide application notice from EHS and Michael confirmed that all General Managers and Operations Analysts receive the EHS pesticide notices for all areas in GFH.

  o **Street Corner Pricing**
  ▪ Michael shared that he reached out to the real estate department to ask about pricing for the street corner market and how pricing is not placed on items there. Michael is still waiting on a response.

  o **Mesa Drainage (Kristin)**
  ▪ Anna ordered a stable mat to put by the apartment building in Central Mesa where water was not draining when it rained last. Anna is still waiting for the mat to arrive and be placed there.

  o **Waitlists Priority request**
  ▪ Cynthia shared that she would like clarity on how the GFH waitlist is structured.
  ▪ Rebecca shared that priority is given to students with dependents, SHORE or other department priority like MSTP, and OSD accommodations. Offers are then based on application date, housing need date, and apartment preferences. 3-bedrooms are reserved for families with 3 or more children.
  ▪ Charles asked to clarify if there are priorities for housing within already established priorities.
  ▪ Rebecca clarified that the only SHORE/MSTP are prioritized over the others as they are guaranteed housing by the start of the fall quarter, so they will be given priority over others for Fall quarter start dates.

  • Charles and Cynthia asked if students with dependents who have children twice while in GFH, if they can receive a 2nd priority when their second child is born. Rebecca clarified that the priority for dependents was initially created so they can get into GFH and then can establish day care and enroll their children in school.
  ▪ Charles asks if GPSA wants to plan to make a recommendation towards GFH waitlist priority. Kristen clarifies that a proposal will need to be made and then the committee will need to vote on it
  ▪ Cynthia asked for Rebecca to give current documentation to use for making proposal.
  ▪ This information can be found in the GFH Program Guidelines on page 2, under Offers.
  ▪ Cynthia shared that she will work on a proposal

  • Kelly asked how OSD accommodations work in GFH for housing extensions and waitlist priority. Rebecca recommended inviting OSD to a meeting to speak on OSD accommodations.
  ▪ Willie shared that he can reach out to OSD’s Housing Liaison, whose role is to act as a liaison between GFH residents and OSD.

  • Cynthia asked if it has been considered to add international students or students with significant financial need to the waitlist priority structure
  ▪ Rebecca shared that there have been conversations, and nothing has been put into practice. Rebecca suggested this could be added to their proposal about GFH waitlist structures

  o **Suggestion Box Follow-ups**
  ▪ **Coat Hangers in Gyms**
  ▪ Coat hangers are currently being installed in the gyms

  ▪ **AEDs in GFH**
  ▪ Michael shared that he received quotes and EHS’ budget cannot accommodate any additional units. The quote was for $1900 per AED unit and the maintenance superintendent, Cleveland, has the quote. Michael will follow up with Cleveland about this.

  - **Suggestions Box Follow Ups:**
Recent Submissions

• More suggestion box signage
  - Kristen shared that this is already completed and more signs have been posted

• Compost bins – Regular trash and recycling is being placed in the bins dedicated to compost.
  - Willie asked who owns and manages the compost bins and if we can partner with HDH sustainability to see if they have signage or marketing materials.
  - Charles shared his concerns that signage may be ignored. He asked if the bins can be relocated to a specific area away from the dumpsters.
  - Willie shared that he will have to ask HDH sustainability as they chose the locations and there may be regulations on where the bins are placed.
  - Charles suggested to start with placing more signage on the bins and see how the bins are over the summer and if issue resolves itself.
  - Charles asked if we can get clarification on what composting is available at GFH. Currently, the only known available composting is at the community gardens and the bins in Mesa Nueva.
  - Willie and Charles will reach out to HDH sustainability to see what signage they have prepared and if they have suggestions. They will follow up next meeting.

• The walls of Mesa Nueva are dirty and can they be cleaned by power washing.
  - Michael shared that a quote was received. Michael explained how the quote includes power washing and a repainting, and that a specific paint needs to be used as a preventative measure. Our current budget does not include funding for this expense.

• The smell and temperature of the Mesa Nueva gyms
  - Michael shared that the temperature has already been lowered and air fresheners were placed on 5/13/2024.
  - Charles asked if the gym door issue has been resolved. Willie shared that the Daily Activity Report shows that the doors are sometimes left open in Porton. Michael confirmed that the alarms are installed in Cresta and that Brisa is having connectivity issues.

- Open Floor:
  - Cynthia shared that Transportation Services has changed the electricity charging stations and the prices to charge have increased. She asked who to reach out to about this, as they did not notify students about the changes in price, and she asked if the GPSA can subsidize costs for charging electric vehicles.
    - Michael shared that the transportation representative shared that they planned to upgrade the machines but did not notify him about the new rates. He shared that the transportation representatives said the machines are already at cost, in regards to a subsidy.
    - Willie asked Cynthia to clarify the rate increase numbers. Cynthia shared that the new rate is 0.4 cents per kilowatt at the Triton Chargers club member discount and University wide the rate is 0.5 cents per kilowatt.
      - Cynthia clarified that the discounts are given to Triton Chargers club members, which can be staff, students, and faculty who sign up to receive a charging discount.
  - Cynthia asked about the abandoned bicycles on campus and GFH, and what initiatives, if any, are made to remove them or donate them.
    - Charles shared that in OMS, he received an email about removing and claiming abandoned bikes.
    - Michael shared that when he worked in Mesa and OMS, he started a program with staff to regularly check abandoned bicycles. He explained the process in which staff would tag bicycles for removal and reach out to residents to see if anyone owned the bicycles. If the bikes remained unclaimed, the Residential Services office would contact UCPD to have the abandoned bicycle removed.
• Anna confirmed that the OMS and Mesa office regularly check for abandoned bicycles. Michael shared that he will suggest to the other general managers that all offices implement these processes to help with abandoned bike removal.

Final remarks:
- Meeting Adjourned at 12:01pm