

**Meeting date | Time** 7/31/2024 11:00 AM

**Meeting Location:** Zoom & The Exchange Building

<b>Type of meeting:</b> GFH advisory Committee	<b>Attendees:</b>
<b>Co-Chairs:</b> Willie Lee II Charles "Chip" Soulen	<b>Exchange:</b> II Lee, Willie Salas, Michael Veridiano, Anna
<b>Note taker:</b> Madelyn Hodge	<b>Zoom:</b> Wilkinson, Dave Leadbetter, Kristin Theus, Daniela Otten, Rebecca Godoy, Pablo Labrador, Karlee Schmidt, Todd Clark, Breana Nyongesa, Cynthia Jimenez, Dana Paracuelles, Dane Richardson, Jai'lyn Duenas, Raul

## **AGENDA**

### **Welcome**

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of Agenda & Minutes

### **New Business:**

#### **Project Updates:**

- o Landscaping Presentation: Weeds and Pests
- o Waitlist Priority Request
- o Mulch Paths
- o Mesa Landscaping
- o Street Corner Pricing
- o Community Garden Management

#### **Suggestions Box Follow Ups:**

- o Recent Submissions

### **Later Date Project Updates:**

- o Donation Program – Summer 2024

### **Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items**

## MEETING MINUTES:

### Welcome

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### Old Business:

- Approval of Agenda & Minutes
  - o Kristin motioned to approve the agenda. Agenda approved.
  - o Kristin motioned to approve the last meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

### New Business:

#### - Introductions:

- o Jai'lyn Richardson introduced herself as the new GPSA president.

#### - Project Updates:

- o Landscaping Presentation: Weeds and Pests
  - Dave Wilkinson introduced Raul Duenas and Todd Schmidt, who oversee Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which is a low impact and sustainable approach to pest management. Todd Schmidt is the superintendent of Facilities Management (FM) and shared a presentation on IPM.
    - IPM is a sustainable, science-based, decision-making process that combines biological, cultural, physical, and chemical tools for pest-management. It is not a traditional pest control management team. Their main goal is prevention by picking the right species and places and eliminating conditions that attract pests.
    - IPM assesses pest issues utilizing different methods.
      - o Cultural methods: site and plant selection, sanitation, rotations
      - o Physical: prune, weeding, mulch, traps & barriers, and flaming
      - o Biological: Using natural pest enemies to control pests and their damage.
      - o Chemical: When the previous methods aren't efficient, then they use this approach. Chemicals may include soaps, oils, baking soda, repellants, microbials, IGRS.
      - o Conventional Pesticides: Used when there are severe cases or invasive species that need to be irradiated quickly.
    - IPM evaluates the success of treatments and keep records to use in the future.
    - IPM technicians hold state-licenses and are highly qualified. IPM technicians act as authorities in multiple disciplines including biology, horticulture, chemistry, and state laws.
  - Kristin shared with Todd that residents want more notice about when and where pesticides are being sprayed. Particularly, residents with pets have noticed health issues after being notified of spraying in the GFH areas.
    - Todd shared that he can provide a 6-month or 1 year schedule. However, if priorities change, then the schedule may update. For the actual posting, Notice of Intent (NOI), by law it needs to be posted 3 days prior to any spraying and removed 3-5 days after. Todd clarified that the NOI can only legally be posted 3 business days prior, however the schedule can be posted ahead of time.
    - Todd shared that IPM follows the EPA to determine the use of products, and the active ingredients are available on the NOI for residents to research. He shared that per the EPA the ingredients used should not be harmful to animals or humans.
    - Willie asked if Todd could share the frequency of sprays. Todd shared that they try to spray within a 28-day cycle to prevent weeds from seeding.
    - Breana asked if they could provide the language of the law for the NOI posting. Todd said he will share the links to the language with GFHAC.
    - Kristin asked if signs or flags can be posted around area that are sprayed so residents are aware to avoid those areas. Todd shared while this is, a large labor cost is associated

- with this as they would need to hire another staff member. RRSS (formerly known as HDH) will need to determine if they want to move forward with this.
  - Willie will work with Dave to schedule a meeting with IPM to go over IPM marketing materials and to work on solutions with them.
- Waitlist Priority Request
  - Daniela shared the research of other UC's and their graduate and family housing for residents, including how the Universities set priority. This information was found online on each University's website.
  - UCSD has the most inclusive language for family housing out of all the UC's graduate and family housing.
  - Kristin asked if there are state protocols, laws, or policies that GFH can implement to ensure that GFH is in line with the law when they ask for proof of financial dependence and financial duress.
    - Daniela shared that previously GFH would ask residents with dependents to provide tax documentation to confirm financial dependence. Now, GFH only asks for a check-mark on the application to confirm financial dependence.
  - Daniela asked if a sub-committee can be created to meet to discuss priority. This committee will meet separately and bring any new ideas or thoughts to GFHAC.
- Mulch Paths
  - Did not get to this topic today.
- Mesa Landscaping
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- Street Corner Pricing
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- Community Garden Management
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- GFH Community Standards
  - Willie shared that GFH is working on taking the existing Residential Life Community Standards and using that to create a GFH-specific Community Standards. Willie asked the committee to add any suggestions or thoughts to the document within the next two weeks.
  - Kristin shared that last meeting, GFHAC went over the first section and added any edits to the document.

**Final remarks:**

- Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm