### Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee |MINUTES

**Meeting date | Time** 3/26/2025 11:00 AM

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

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| **Type of meeting:** | GFH advisory Committee  |
| **Co-Chairs:** | Willie Lee IICharles “Chip” Soulen |
| **Note taker:** | Aldo Mojica |

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| **Attendees:****Exchange:****Zoom:**Buczynski, StanleyClark, BreanaDahl, MaKennaLabrador, KarleeLee II, WillieMojica, AldoParacuelles, DaneRances, JeffSalas, MichaelSoulen, Charles “Chip”Theus, DanielaTinoco, CarolynVeridiano, AnnaZheng, Tianyi | K |  |   |
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**AGENDA**

**Welcome**

**Old Business:**

* Approval of Agenda & Minutes

**New Business:**

* **Project Updates:**
	+ Bike Signage
	+ Coffee Cart
	+ Corner Market Pricing
	+ Dog Park
* **Suggestions Box Follow Ups:**
	+ Recent Submissions

**Later Date Project Updates:**

**Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

**Welcome**

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**New Business:**

**Project Updates:**

* + Bike Signage
		- Chip shared that signage on the Nuevo West Bridge has started to be implemented. They indicate sectioning the bridge between bike traffic and pedestrians.
		- Michael gave an update that progress on the signage has been slowed by the rain, as Facilities could only install the signage over the weekend.
	+ Coffee Cart
		- Chip gave a quick summary for the Coffee Cart, confirming that the location of the Cart has been determined to be the Mesa Nueva Bus Stop.
		- Michael gave an update that the Dark Roast has been changed to Medium Roast.
			* Michael also shared that correspondence with the Corner Market’s owner has been slowed due to family concerns and staffing issues.
	+ Corner Market Pricing
		- Michael shared that correspondence about the pricing is still ongoing.
	+ Dog Park
		- Anna shared an update for the Dog Park’s keycard reader, which was previously estimated to be $3,000.
			* Because it needs consistent Internet connection, it will need to have ethernet wiring installed by Facilities. This increases the quote to be about $10,000.
			* Other updated quotes include fencing ($28,161), lighting ($8,452), waste stations ($229), and rules signs (~$100).
			* In total, the projected total for the Dog Park has increased to about $50,000.
		- Willie stated that the University has recently asked management to be mindful of spending, as there has been recent complications in terms of funding. For this reason, Graduate & Family Housing has not been fully staffed.
			* Chip responded that they understand and has been aware of budget issues for months.
		- Chip asked Breana if financial assistance could be obtained from GPSA and how GFHAC could approach that.
			* Breana responded, clarifying that GPSA has not been impacted by the budget constraints.
			* Breana continued, stating that GFHAC would need to present to the GPSA council and explain their need for assistance.
			* McKenna suggested that the project should undergo a two-step implementation, which proposes that key components are obtained this year and then be fully complete and installed next year.

**Suggestion Box Follow-Ups:**

* + Chip asked that GFH confirm that all bulletin boards have a post with access to the suggestion box via QR code.
	+ A student requested that an event for Ramadan should be made.
		- Dane shared that there was a successful event that was open for all students, giving a space for residents to share community and even served halal food. He shared more information on the chat.
	+ A student objected to a repeating outreach video that was shown on TVs throughout GFH. They claimed that it was unnecessary, and only hindered them from pertinent information (such as Holiday Closures).
		- Michael clarified that the video has already been taken down.
		- The video was made in collaboration with the School of Medicine, who reached out about making a “day in the life” video about GFH and its amenities.
	+ Another student asked if the Mailroom phone number could be disclosed in Package Delivery emails.
		- Michael clarified that the phone number was previously disclosed in the emails before, but it created a lot of overhead for the student workers. They were not able to tend to their tasks as effectively due to frequent calls.
	+ A concerned resident asked if we could make it necessary for Staff to wear shoe socks/covers when doing conducting inspections within apartments.
		- Willie commented that the Fix-It form is under Customer Service, which has shown reluctance to changing their forms in the past.
		- Chip mentioned that the form already has an additional comment prompt where requests could be made by the residents, including asking for shoe covers.
			* Tianyi asked if we could make it more apparent that residents could request shoe covers. They mentioned if we could add a “special requests” section.
			* This concern was added as an Agenda item for the next GFHAC meeting.
	+ A resident mentioned that there have been several instances of loud noise from slamming doors on the 6th floor of Cala.
		- Chip stated that they will confirm if this is an ongoing issue.
	+ A resident asked if we could make the Nuevo West Music Room reservable, as it is currently not reservable.
		- Michael and Willie both agreed that the Nuevo West Music Room should be reservable and will double check that it is.
	+ A resident placed a request for Music Rooms to prioritize students needing the room for music rehearsal instead of studying purposes.
		- Willie mentioned that the Brisa Study Rooms are currently not reservable either. Adding them might alleviate the demand for reservations for studying, freeing up the Music Room.

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

* + Donation Call for Basic Needs
		- Carolyn shared that Basic needs is conducting a Donation Call for a pop-up thrift event. They are looking for clothing, housing items, and children items.
		- Donations to be taken until April 4th.
		- Carolyn offered to schedule time with GFH communities to pick-up donations, if necessary.
		- Chip also offered to accompany Carolyn in posting the flyers for the event on the GFH bulletin boards.

**Final remarks:**

* Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm