### 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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**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:**

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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