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

**Meeting date | Time** 6/4/2025 11:00 AM

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

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| **Type of meeting:** | GFH advisory Committee  |
| **Co-Chairs:** | Willie Lee IIZaida Rodriguez |
| **Note taker:** | Aldo Mojica |

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| **Attendees:****Exchange:****Zoom:**Buczynski, StanleyBretado, GilbertDahl, McKennaJoren, HaileyLeadbetter, KristinParacuelles, 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:**
	+ Meeting Minutes Google Drive
	+ Dog Park
	+ Street Corner Follow-Up
* **Suggestions Box Follow Ups:**
	+ Recent Submissions

**Later Date Project Updates:**

**Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

**Welcome**

* Welcome!

**Old Business:**

* Approval of Agenda & Minutes

**New Business:**

**Project Updates:**

* Meeting Minutes Google Drive
	+ Kristin inquired about updates to the Google Drive, as it has not been updated with the meeting minutes since March 2025.
		- Aldo answers, stating that they have been updating the GFH website but not the Google Drive. They will address it for upcoming meeting minutes.
* Dog Park
	+ Kristin updated the committee, stating the GPSA has approved the request for funds for the Dog Park.
	+ Kristin stated that they will compile a packet of all acquired quotes for the project and present to the committee before submitting it.
		- Kristin asked what the next steps are to proceed with the project.
			* Willie mentioned that they will have to check with Rebecca for the funds that were designated for GFHAC, due to current budget constraints.
			* Kristin asserted that the funds were allotted to GFHAC by Hemlata, and therefore should not have reason for it being omitted.
* Follow-up on Street Cornet Market
	+ Kristin stated that the owner of the Street Corner Market never received the results from the survey. She would like to send it to them so that they can make efforts to implement feedback.
		- Kristin highlighted that the survey received many positive comments regarding community. These could also be sent to the Corner Market.
		- Dane stated that the survey’s results have been sent to all intended parties when initially compiled.
		- Willie stated that they will verify if the results could be sent to the Corner Market.
	+ Kristin mentioned some of the survey respondents’ suggestions for Street Corner Market items, including feminine hygiene products, fresh produce, and gluten-free/vegan foods.
	+ Kristin reported that the main reason why Corner Market’s pricing is so high is because they do not have the room to buy in bulk, so items cannot be sold at loss.
		- Carolyn suggested that the Corner Market might want to contact UCSD’s Food Recovery Network (FRN) for a partnership.
			* The FRN has contracts with local grocery stores, including 99 Ranch and Hillcrest Farmer Market, which allows them to buy in bulk. This also resolves the query for more fresh produce.
			* Carolyn encouraged the Corner Market to reach out directly to Basic Needs’ FRN.
			* Michael volunteered to take after the endeavor.
	+ Kristin pointed out that another continual issue is staffing. She asked if the open positions can be posted throughout GFH for more potential candidates.
		- Michael responded, informing the committee that the Real Estate department takes after hiring for Corner Market’s open positions.

**Suggestion Box Follow-Ups:**

* A resident complained that a bike belt was broken in the Porton Fitness Room.
	+ Daniela stated that the work order for its repair has already been sent.
	+ She also stated that Nuevo East has placed a notice to avoid moving equipment, as that was likely the cause for it breaking.

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

* Hailey inquired about composting in Graduate Housing. Currently, there is only one bin designated for Mesa Nueva, Nuevo East, and Nuevo West.
	+ Hailey mentioned that a padlock has been installed for the bin, which discourages composting.
		- Michael mentioned that the padlock was likely installed to avoid having trash be put in the bin.
	+ Hailey suggested that additional signage be placed to avoid garbage in the bins. Having an additional bin for garbage next to the compost might also alleviate the issue.
		- Chip shared that in personal experience, he has still seen people placing trash in the compost bin, even with an additional garbage bin next to it.
	+ Hailey also saw many large items next to the bin, such as surf boards and furniture.
	+ Kristin recommended a sign-up for composting within Graduate Housing, so that students that have intention to compost receive the combination for the padlock.
		- Chip concurred with the recommendation. Having a sign next to the bin that directs towards the sign-up would be ideal.
		- Michael will follow-up with Maintenance so that sign-up could be established.
* Kristin shared an experience with a large snake near the Mesa Nueva pathway between Arena and Marea. They wanted to make sure that residents be made aware of wildlife.
	+ Daniela reassured that they will be sure to add to our future newsletter.

**Final remarks:**

* Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm