Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 10/3/2023 10:00 AM
Meeting Location: Zoom

Type of meeting: GFH advisory Committee
Co-Chairs: Willie Lee II
           Kristin Leadbetter
Note taker: Madeline Makings

Attendees:
           Leadbetter, Kristin
           Salas, Michael
           Veridiano, Anna
           Bretado, Gilbert
           Lee II, Willie
           Tinoco, Carolyn

AGENDA

Welcome

Old Business:
- Approve Agenda
- Approve meeting minutes for 9.19.2023

Updates
- Food truck working group
- Herbicides/Pesticides FAQ
- Yoga Room in SM
- Off-Leash Dog Area
- Mesa Tree Project & Next Steps

New Business:
- Suggestion Box Follow-Ups
  - Additional garden areas
  - Community improvements (hammocks & umbrellas)
  - MN Fountain
  - Open vs. Reservable Spaces
  - Recent Submissions

Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items

MEETING MINUTES:

Welcome
- Meeting did not meet quorum.

Updates
- Food truck working group
  - Currently no updates, Dottie is working on this
  - Are curbside bites returning to the Wednesday night slot?
- Herbicides/Pesticides FAQ
  - Kristin would love to get this sent out.
  - Michael has confirmed that the FAQ will be posted in all communities this week.
Kristin explained that she has not received emails for pesticide spraying in a few months and would like to make sure everyone is informed.

- **Yoga Room in SM**
  - Michael explained that we are in the process of converting the space as a multipurpose room. We will take some of the usable equipment in the student areas, if not it will go to LJDS.
  - We will circle back on this in about a month.

- **Off-Leash Dog Area**
  - This is something that Kristin will continue to advocate for during the redevelopment

- **Mesa Tree Removal**
  - Central Mesa is now covered in wood chips, what are next steps? Residents want grass and trees in the community, how can we bring this community back?
  - From the residential services perspective, we would likely need to contact the project manager, and landscaping to see what would be possible in the community. This would likely be contingent upon the new funding projects.
  - Kristin suggested inviting those individuals to the next meeting. Even 2026 is 3 years away. Where can we possibly plant trees.
    - Residents are looking at interest in having grass

**New Business:**

- **Suggestion Box Follow-Ups**
  - **Additional garden areas**
    - Roof of the parking garage in OMS
    - Bike racks right outside of Nuevo West
    - Mesa was able to split 6 existing garden plots in Mesa, currently 42 plots.
    - Gardening in Central mesa.
  - **Community improvements (hammocks & umbrellas)**
    - More umbrellas in the pool area.
    - Hammocks have been removed
      - Willie explained that the hammocks may have been stolen and need to be replaced.
      - Kristin explained that there are concerns throughout the community even with signs, it is important to keep the residents informed they are responsible for keeping their space clean.
  - **MN Fountain**
    - A conversation was brought up if this was the appropriate type of concrete for this area. The contractor wont do anything with the concrete if it is not suitable for this area.
  - **Open vs. Reservable Spaces**
    - There is a survey that will be sent out to communicate to residents.
    - Kristin expressed specifically for Mesa Nueva needs more bulletin boards.
      - Willie will look into this as far as pricing & locations.
  - **Recent Submissions**
    - Boxing equipment is too loud outside
      - As a group GFHAC will revisit this topic.
    - Mailing addresses vs physical address
      - Added as a paragraph to the newsletter
      - Continue to funnel this information out to residents.

**Final remarks:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.