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HRB MEETING MINUTES - Tuesday, November 1, 2005, 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Present: Aileen Anderson, Jeffrey Beckwith, Brian Cummings, Rachel Gamby, Andrew Herndon, Ron Reid, Alan Terriciano

Old Business:

Architectural Reviews:

A plan for an addition to a home on Frost was approved. Discussion on an addition to a home in Phase 2 has been delayed until a complete set of plans has been delivered.

A letter will be sent to a homeowner in Phase 8 who has been negligent about completing landscaping for the property.

Committee Reports:

Campus Planning:

Campus Environmental Planning is looking into replacing the lit signs on Anteater Drive with reflective signs. The addition of a crosswalk signal at Russell and Anteater is also being investigated. Residents have complained of an obvious increase of traffic cutting through campus using Anteater and Peltason. Concerns have been raised about the design of the bike lane on Anteater at Russell.

A noise test will be conducted on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 in the early evening. The test will monitor noise coming from the Engineering Gateway. Andrew Herndon and Komal Dewan recently toured the Cal IT2 facilities with Facilities Management. Residents continue to complain of the high-pitched noise coming from the complex.

Community Center Committee:

The HRB voted unanimously to adopt a time line that would finish in mid January 2006. The proposed 30-day time line from ICHA management left no time for community input. The first meeting of the new committee is to be held the evening of November 1, 2005. The following schedule has been approved by the HRB:

- Ist Meeting: November 1, 2005
 - 2nd Meeting: Week of November 14-18, 2005
 - 3rd Meeting: Week of November 28-December 2, 2005
 - 4th Meeting: Week of December 12-16, 2005
 - CCC scope of work recommendations to HRB before Friday, December 23
 - HRB approved recommendations on web site for community comment from January 3-10, 2006
 - HRB to host community meeting, discuss recommendations, receive feedback from comment period on Thursday, January 12, 2006.
 - HRB to submit scope of work recommendations on behalf of community on January 16, 2006.
 - CCC Chair to update HRB on progress at December 6 HRB meeting and January 3 HRB meeting.
- This schedule may have minor changes based on the needs of the CCC.

Dog Park Committee:

Work continues on the Dog Park. A January 2006 opening date is anticipated.

There were no reports from the Parks, Landscape, or Pool Committees.

New Business:

Montessori School Parking

Parking for events at the Montessori School continues to be a problem for residents on Russell and Murasaki. These streets allow parking on one side only. During a recent event at the school, parents parked on both sides of the street. It has been suggested that Parking and Transportation send people to assist with traffic flow at Montessori events. Andrew Herndon will speak to the Montessori administrators about the problem.

Illegal Parking

Illegal parking continues to be a problem in Phase 8, especially on lower Murasaki. Residents who notice students parking may call Parking and Transportation at 824-5059 and a warning citation will be issued. Signs are being investigated for posting in the neighborhood.

General Traffic

With the opening of Anteater Road, traffic has increased on Russell and the immediate area. Many of the drivers are looking for ways to cut through the neighborhood. Signs stating that this area is a residential neighborhood with no through streets are being investigated.

Adjournment at 7:15 p.m.

---Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey S. Beckwith

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE NEWS

The Community Center Committee has commenced a series of meetings to compose their recommended architectural program for submission to the HRB in late December. It is anticipated that, when approved, the HRB will make the architectural program available on the U-Hills web site for a community comment period: January 3 to 10. There will be a **public meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2006 for community feedback on the CCC/HRB document**. The HRB will then present ICHA with the community's architectural program on January 16, 2006. For further information about activities of the Community Center Committee, contact co-chairs Harry Mangalam at hjm@tacgi.com or Laura Stearns at lstearns@cox.net.

Summary of Community Center Committee (CCC) November Meetings Minutes

CCC Members: Residents: Harry Mangalam, Laura Stearns, Ken Chew, Carolyn Scheer, Deborah Shaka, Georg Striedter, Marta Crane, Michele Walot, Rachel Gamby, Sunalini Hegde; ICHA Representative: Andrew Herndon; ICHA Board Representative: Ron Hooven

At the November 1st meeting (which included resident members only) it was agreed:

- Laura Stearns and Harry Mangalam are Co-Chairs of the committee.
- The quorum for a meeting will be 6 residents.
- The CCC will offer voting rights to the ICHA Board & Management members of the CCC.
- The CCC should consider not only the initial design, but also possible uses and programming.
- To inform the work of this CCC the new CCC will review the previous CCC recommendations, the Scope of Work ICHA approved last year and the results of both CCC surveys.
- CCC members will visit and document other local CCs to gather info on how they have been designed and what seems to work and what doesn't.
- To meet on four additional dates: Monday, Nov 14, Thursday Dec 1, Monday Dec 12, and Thursday Dec 15 (if needed)
- The CCCs final Architectural Program recommendations will be forwarded to the HRB on Friday Dec 23. Subject to HRB review, over the holidays, it will be made public by email and on the web site for a **period of community evaluation and comment: January 3-10.**

- There will be a **public meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2006 for community feedback**. After this period and the incorporation of changes due to the community feedback, the architectural program will be forwarded to ICHA as "the will of the community."

At the November 14 meeting, which was open to all members (though Ron Hooven was unable to attend) and was also attended by Leason Pomeroy, the architect:

- The strengths and weaknesses of several Community Centers in other neighborhoods were briefly reviewed and discussed.
- Leason Pomeroy made clear that he had no allegiance to the original community center plan, and acknowledged that the plan would change. Leason also stated that having a green building (LEEDS qualified) would be possible; having a showcase, or demo building would not, given that the budget is going to be very tight.
- It was agreed that the CCC's architectural program document should be divided in two sections: Building and Exterior. This meeting focused on the scope of work for the building itself, attempting to define a total number of rooms, their capacities, adjacencies, and their expected usage. Discussion led to a very rough preliminary scope of work for the building, which will be defined further by email and at the next meeting(s). The committee identified 5 concept rooms: the Dignified Room, the Noisy Room, the Messy Room, the Big Room (a room holding 50 seated) and a Small Group Room though flexibility in room design should ensure that most activities could occur in one of several rooms.
- The kitchen need not be a professional kitchen or designed to host cooking events; rather, it should accommodate several parties at the same time who would use it primarily as a staging/warming/prep area for outside food that has been brought in basic requirements are a large refrigerator, 2 microwaves, a range and ample counter and storage space. It should be accessible to as many rooms as possible.
- The building must be as green as possible, given budgetary constraints.
- CCC will continue refining the architectural program; priorities/desirable design characteristics; building aesthetics, orientation and site layout; and criteria for use and operation, etc.
- For further information about activities of the CCC, contact co-chairs Harry Mangalam at hjm@tacgi.com or Laura Stearns at lstearns@cox.net.

ICHA MANAGEMENT NEWS

TOT LOTS AT LOWER AND UPPER POOLS TO UNDERGO REVISION

Commencing approximately mid November, improvements began on the two Tot Lots at the Lower and Upper Pools (see October Newsletter on Playground Updates for details). The construction period will run into the month of December and we ask your patience and cooperation in helping keep the children out of the fenced areas. Vista Bonita Park is open for play as will be some of the Gabrielino Community Park play equipment. The Park Committee and the HRB are looking to host a grand opening of the new Tot Lot improvements sometime in the early New Year. Please contact Andrew Herndon in the ICHA office if you have any questions.

GABRIELINO COMMUNITY PARK EXPANSION MOVING FORWARD

The expansion of Gabrielino Community Park began in November and will proceed into the New Year. Entry wall and landscape grading, new turf areas, walkways connecting to California Avenue, BBQ's, picnicking furniture, additional benches and safety lighting will all be installed as part of the expansion program. The Dog Run improvements will be constructed simultaneously and should also be available in the New Year after a period of installation maintenance. A small plot within the park is being reserved for a community rose garden. We are searching for a volunteer(s) who might be willing to steward this project.

Due to construction scheduling and material availability, the timing of the improvements is coinciding with the Tot Lot improvements noted above. We regret any inconvenience this might generate and ask for your

understanding. We intend to keep the play equipment open but must maintain the highest level of safety throughout the installation period. Short closure periods may be necessary. PLEASE HONOR THE CONSTRUCTION FENCING CONFIGURATIONS and SIGNS.

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA VP, Community Development

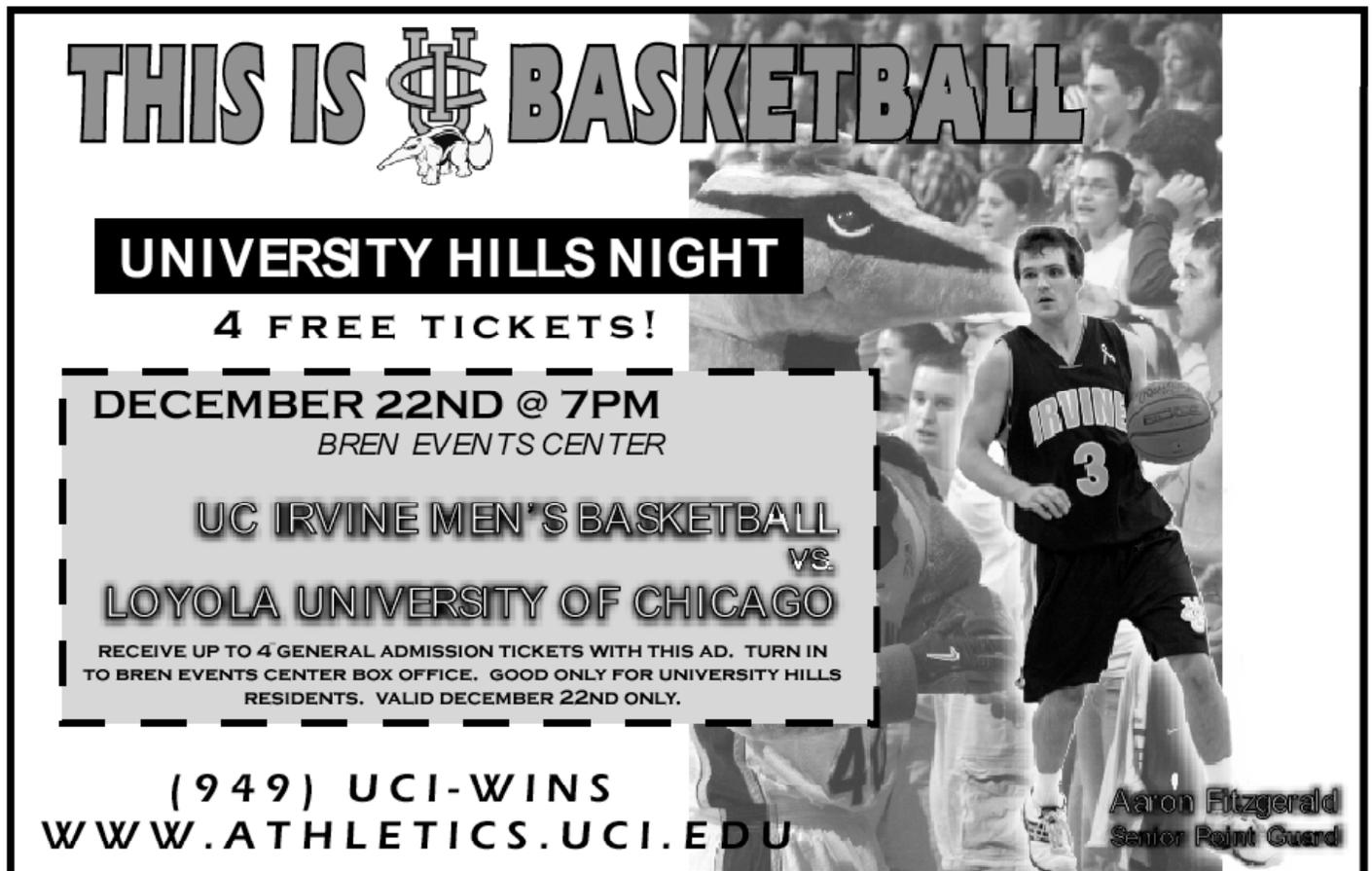
NEWS FROM THE ARC

Team Up! is open for business!

The Department of Campus Recreation is pleased to announce the opening of its new Team Up! challenge course. Team Up! is the Department of Campus Recreation's teambuilding program, which utilizes both low and high elements to provide teambuilding activities for a variety of groups, including coworkers, teams, clubs, or other organizations—any group of people working together in some capacity can benefit from Team Up! Programs are available to all, no UCI affiliation is necessary. Programs are designed to help team members develop problem-solving and communication skills, trust and bonding, and a sense of accomplishment and confidence. The new challenge course is an outdoor structure that stands 50 feet tall and 360 feet long, and allows teams to be up in the air together! Customized Team Up! team-building programs are led by trained facilitators in a safe, fun environment. Prices vary; please contact Bill Jacox at 824-3738 or bjacox@uci.edu for specific pricing and program details. www.campusrec.uci.edu/teamup

Get Moving With Step Up UCI!

Be on the lookout during your open enrollment sessions for information about Step Up UCI! This new campus-wide faculty and staff pedometer program is designed to promote walking, health, and fitness. The program is FREE to faculty and staff with registration and includes a free pedometer, as well as access to the Step Up UCI web site which features an online step tracker, discussion forum, tips for success, and much more. Online registration begins December 1; the Kickoff Event is scheduled for 11am-2pm on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at the Anteater Recreation Center. Contact Mike Puritz at 824-5846 or mipuritz@uci.edu for more information. www.campusrec.uci.edu/stepup



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