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**HRB ELECTIONS ARE COMING!**

The HRB needs volunteers to run for office for 2 year terms. Please contact Chris Hane ([chrishane@cox.net](mailto:chrishane@cox.net)) or Andrew Herndon ([aherndon@uci.edu](mailto:aherndon@uci.edu)) if you are interested.

**HRB MINUTES - December 5, 2006**

**Attending HRB Members:** Chris Hane, Rachel Gamby, Mostafa Eldefrawy, Sukumar Pal, Aileen Anderson, Alan Terriciano. Absent: Komal Dewan.

**Attending Community Center Committee member:** Laura Stearns.

**Attending ICHA management members:** Andrew Herndon, Ron Reid.

**Community Survey Summary**

The HRB gave ICHA a summary of HRB Recommendations from the community survey. The full document will be posted on the listserv and the web site. The main maintenance items for follow-up involve the pools, Vista Bonita Garden Park, parks, barbecues and tennis courts. For new amenities, the community expressed interest in wireless internet, a multi-use trail and concurred with the HRB's earlier recommendations to fully research solar heating of Los Trancos and Gabrielino pools.

The community also approved the installation of signs banning solicitors from the neighborhood. ICHA is investigating the wording required for these signs.

The newsletter will also migrate to an online format. This change will not occur in January in order to let our web team better plan this migration.

**Community Center Review**

The HRB would like to thank Laura Stearns and Carolyn Scheer Luce for agreeing to represent the community as 2 of the 4 members of the Community Center Committee meeting with ICHA to provide input to the ongoing community center project. The other 2 members are HRB members Rachel Gamby and Mostafa Eldefrawy. Chris Hane will replace Rachel at the end of her HRB term.

The HRB and Laura Sterns of the Community Center Committee (CCC) reviewed the existing plans shown last month to the ICHA board. This current version of the site plan swapped the placement of the community center (CC) and ICHA offices on the lot. This is an improved layout, as the CC will be on the widest section of the lot allowing spillover of events into more green space or hardscape.

There has been much community discussion of the phasing of the proposed buildings and amenities. While this phasing will certainly cost more in the long run, the ICHA Board considers it is necessary for cash flow purposes. The phasing will also allow all Phase 9 sections (areas 9-3, 9-4 and 9-2) as well as the apartments that are planned for the current ICHA trailer site to all contribute to the funding of this project. It is also likely that other major amenities for Area 9 will follow the completion of the CC building.

The ICHA office space is planned to have some community accessible spaces. The proposed design includes a lobby and conference rooms that are intended to be opened for after hours community events.

The HRB unanimously asked for ICHA to provide the existing conceptual CC plans to the community via the web. The HRB feels strongly that this is necessary to allow community members to see the plans independent of the issues of potential confusion or future amendments to the plans. ICHA management repeated that interested community members can visit their offices to receive a guided viewing of the plans, but declined at this time to make the plans available online.

The HRB also asked ICHA to provide a monthly update in the community management report on the status of the community center.

The CCC will meet with ICHA and the architect this month to continue our dialog about the site design.

### **HRB Elections**

Currently we have only one of the four candidates (at a minimum) we need to hold the upcoming HRB election.

Sukumar Pal informed ICHA of maintenance needed on the tennis court gate and lock.

### **Old Business**

**Park Committee:** ICHA is investigating suppliers for the permanent restroom facility at Gabrielino Park. Once selected, ICHA needs to bring the sewer connection to the site.

**Pool Committee:** ICHA was asked to publish the winter heating schedule of the pools on the notice boards, newsletter and web site.

**Montessori Parking:** The HRB and ICHA discussed the steps being taken to mitigate parking for the school's holiday pageant on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. ICHA said that the school would hire parking attendants from PT&S to help parents locate legal parking spaces.

**Architecture Review:** The issue of the Area 7 resident improving their home without HRB approval has been approved in favor of the homeowner, pending City of Irvine permits. The HRB agreed that the architectural style, paint and other items in the purview of the HRB, met the community standards. This approval now goes to the City for their approval. If changes are required by the City that have significant aesthetic impact on the project, the plans will need to be resubmitted to the HRB for approval.

The HRB reviewed one paint color issue. The HRB approved the colors, but asked that the homeowner look at two colors for the stucco portion of the home, similar to the existing scheme.

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING UPDATE**

In October and November, Management presented a modestly revised land / site plan to the HRB to review how the two community buildings (office and social space) relate to each other. All parties were in concurrence with the basic concept and a December meeting was set with the architect to study the plans as a group. The HRB subsequently organized a sub committee to work on further planning for the social spaces. Members Chris Hane (HRB co-chair), Mustafa Eldefrawy (HRB member), Lara Stearns (co-chair CCC), and Carolyn Scheer (member CCC) joined architect Leason Pomerom and Andrew Herndon (ICHA Management) at the meeting in December to discuss the designs. The outcome of this meeting was very positive and the architect will complete a revised site exhibit and as soon as there is concurrence with the subcommittee on the social space / basic floor plan, final working drawings will be prepared for bid purposes (each building will be bid as soon as final plans are approved by the ICHA Board).

The ICHA Board will continue to discuss the best way to construct both buildings within budget constraints, but there is not sufficient information available at this time to finalize this decision. As noted in the December Newsletter, one option is to build the offices concurrent with the Area 9 new home construction (Sub-phases 9/3 & 9/4) beginning in 2007, and to build the social space shortly thereafter as part of a newly identified second phase of home construction (Sub-phase 9/2). All plans are available for review by residents as this process continues. The HRB requests written comments regarding the social areas be directed to them and Andrew Herndon is available to coordinate resident review of the plans.

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA

## **U HILLS SURVEY SUMMARY AND HRB RECOMMENDATIONS TO ICHA**

### **Statistics**

We received 337 responses to the community survey. This is an excellent response rate of over one-third. Only 5 responses are from renters.

46% of respondents lived in UHills for 10+ years, 81% for 4 or more years

12% have 1 or more 26-35 year olds in the household  
40% have 1 or more 36-45 year olds in the household  
38% have 1 or more 46-55 year olds in the household  
26% have 1 or more 56-65 year olds in the household  
8% have 1 or more 66-75 year olds in the household  
5% have 1 or more 76-85 year olds in the household  
0.6% have 1 or more people over 85  
21% have 1 or more 0-4 year olds in the household  
32% have 1 or more 5-12 year olds in the household  
21% have teenagers in the household  
11% have 19-25 year olds in the household

## **Common Areas**

Most valued and used often are the 3 pools (Gabrielino, Los Trancos, Urey). Lowest responses to “value and used often” are barbecues, the Dog Run, the Basketball Court, and the Basketball Half-court/dunk hoop and Handball wall. Los Trancos BBQ did receive 25% “value and use occasionally.” However the other two BBQs scored highest in “Do not use.” Most “value and occasionally used” was Vista Bonita Garden Park. The pools remained strong in this category too.

The following list is ranked by average response. In this list “valued and used often” is valued as 1, “valued and used occasionally” is 2, etc.

- Pool/Jacuzzi - Los Trancos
- Pool/Jacuzzi - Gabrielino
- Pool/Jacuzzi - Urey/Owen
- Garden Park at Vista Bonita
- Children’s Play Area – Gabrielino
- Tennis Courts
- Children’s Play Area – Vista Bonita
- Children’s Baseball/Soccer Field – Gabrielino
- Children’s Play Area – Los Trancos
- Children’s Baseball/Soccer Field – Vista Bonita
- Basketball Court
- Children’s Play Area – Urey/Owen
- Barbeques – Los Trancos
- Basketball Half-Court/ Dunk Hoop/ Handball Wall
- Dog Run - Indy 500
- Volleyball Court
- Barbeques – Gabrielino
- Barbeques – Urey/Owen
- Barbeques – Vista Bonita (trick question as there are no bbqs here!)

“Other” had 56 responses overwhelmingly mentioning walking paths (27 times), open space (17 times) or some combination of them (63 mentions of either one). These other areas are valued and used often by 49% of those that added comments.

**Conclusions: Pools and Vista Bonita Garden Park are the highest used and valued facilities, followed by children’s play areas and fields. The Los Trancos barbeques are the most popular barbeques.**

## **Maintenance/Improvements**

The list of areas respondents would like to see improved is ranked by most comments. I listed non-unique comments as sub-items for each area. Some comments covered multiple issues; these are counted individually (e.g. for pools 1 comment can be counted for both temperature and showers).

- Pool/Jacuzzi - Los Trancos (42 comments)
  - i. 10 comments about temperature

- ii. 9 about showers
  - iii. 6 cleaner
- Pool/Jacuzzi – Gabrielino (38 comments)
  - i. 15 comments about heat (not just repeat of Los Trancos comments!)
  - ii. 4 for cleaner water
  - iii. Locks don't work well
- Barbeques – Los Trancos (34 comments)
  - i. hard to light 8 mentions
  - ii. cleaner 6
  - iii. more garbage cans, more tables
- Pool/Jacuzzi - Urey/Owen (30)
  - i. Similar to other pool comments
  - ii. Expand size for laps and/or kids pool
  - iii. Locks need maintenance
- Tennis Courts (28 comments)
  - i. 7 requests for more courts
  - ii. 4 requests for a practice wall
  - iii. 5 requests for improved lights - instructions and meters
- Children's Play Area – Gabrielino (23)
  - i. Restrooms (4)
  - ii. Shade (3)
  - iii. Bigger kids things (2), toddler things (3)
  - iv. Hopscotch area, maintain trolley
- Other (21)
- Garden Park at Vista Bonita (20)
  - i. More maintenance (5)
  - ii. It was better before (5)
  - iii. Label plants, native plants (5)
- Children's Play Area – Vista Bonita (20)
  - i. 5 comments for restroom
  - ii. 7 for more/better equipment either for very young or older kids
- Children's Baseball/Soccer Field – Gabrielino (15)
  - i. Maintain goals/nets (6)
  - ii. Mark the field (2)
  - iii. Drainage/turf issues (2)
- Barbeques – Gabrielino (15)
  - i. Shade (3)
- Barbeques – Vista Bonita (14)
  - i. Add some (2)
  - ii. Other responses are mis-identified to Vista Bonita
- Basketball Court (13)
  - i. more courts (4)
  - ii. padded columns (2)
  - iii. benches, nets, backboard upgrades
- Basketball Half-Court/ Dunk Hoop/ Handball Wall (13)
  - i. Wall too small (3)
  - ii. Fix nets (2)
- Children's Baseball/Soccer Field – Vista Bonita (12)
  - i. Inappropriate sod, drainage issues (4)
  - ii. Goals (2)
  - iii. Benches (2)
  - iv. Keep as is (2)
- Children's Play Area – Los Trancos (11)
  - i. Toddler things (3)
  - ii. More stuff (2)

- Barbeques – Urey/Owen (10)
  - i. Expand (2)
- Volleyball Court (10)
  - i. Needs finer sand (3)
  - ii. Needs lights (2)
- Dog Run - Indy 500 (10)
  - i. More shade (2)
  - ii. More benches (2)
- Children’s Play Area – Urey/Owen (7)
  - i. No significant comments (e.g. Keep in good shape)

**HRB Recommendations: Give most attention (resources) to responding to Pools and Vista Bonita Garden Park maintenance/improvement recommendations (based on the fact that they are most used and most highly valued facilities). Next priority would be children’s areas (particularly restrooms for the two play areas that do not have restrooms), Los Trancos BBQs and tennis courts. Regarding Los Trancos BBQs, the HRB does not recommend spending a lot on implementing suggestions unless Community Center is delayed more than 2-3 years. However the HRB does recommend more trash containers so that bags are not left unprotected after big gatherings.**

## **AREA 9**

The suggestions for Area 9 favored open green space (23% 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 41% 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice votes). The next most popular amenity is a garden space (15% 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 33% 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice votes). A pool/jacuzzi was the third most popular amenity (16% 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 27% 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice votes). The fourth most popular amenity was a children’s play area (12% 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 20% 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice votes).

The least favored amenities are barbecues, movie area and outdoor discussion area. These were ranked 5<sup>th</sup> or lower by 24%, 22% and 22% of the respondents. The amenities getting the least 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place votes were volleyball and basketball courts (2 and 3%) followed by barbecues (7%).

65 comments suggested other amenities with 45 suggestions repeated. The most requested amenity (10 times) was trails for jogging and walking on non-concrete, non-asphalt (1 response for a fitness/obstacle course was counted here). For perspective, 10 first place votes is roughly the same as the interest in a barbecue which received 11 first place votes to open space’s 70.

However, there are 20 requests for indoor features like a meeting room, birthday party room, gym, coffee shop, etc. I don’t think we need to say this. A previous survey showed a majority of the community support a community center.

The next most popular suggestion was for a garden (6), but a wide range of types from shaded patio area to a Zen garden.

Next were calls for a gym, teen play area, birthday party room or coffee house (4 each).

The other comments were mostly unique or commented on what type of pool or amenity was mentioned in the survey.

**HRB Recommendation: The four most popular 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices (open green space, garden space, pool/Jacuzzi and Children’s play areas) be given priority in the planning and development of the Community Center grounds.**

## **New Services**

Out of 320 responses in this section, 249 households said they would value and use often a wireless internet service (89% would value and use often or occasionally). The next most popular service is a multi-use trail (160) dirt or wood chips (80% would value and use often or occasionally), then 151 solar heating for pools (75% would value and use often or occasionally).

People clearly did not favor the shuttle suggestions (would not use was highest for both). However, some suggestions commented that the shuttle should go further to Uni High, University Marketplace, Albertsons, or have OCTA extend some route onto Peltason.

Most residents would approve a small fee increase for new services, 55% said \$5-\$10. However, its not clear how residents were interpreting which services the fees would cover.

**HRB Recommendation: That ICHA explore wireless internet service and the development of a multi-use trail. The HRB has already requested that ICHA fully research the cost of installing auxiliary solar heating for both the Gabrielino and Los Trancos pools.**

### ***Solicitors***

70% of the 320 responses to this question said yes to posting signs at the entrances to University Hills that prohibit solicitors.

**Recommendation: That ICHA and HRB work to compose signs and install them.**

### ***Newsletter***

91% of the 317 responses to this question said yes to converting to an e-newsletter.

**HRB Recommendation: The HRB requested that ICHA work with the editors of the newsletter to implement this change. The HRB recommended that the exact timeline of the change be driven by the editors, but expressed a hope that January be the e-newsletter launch.**

### **Summary of HRB Recommendations:**

#### **Improvements and Maintenance:**

- Respond to Pools and Vista Bonita Garden Park maintenance/improvement recommendations in comments.
- Next priority would be children's areas (particularly restrooms for the two play areas that do not have restrooms), Los Trancos BBQs and tennis courts.
  - Regarding Los Trancos BBQs, the HRB does not recommend spending a lot on implementing suggestions unless Community Center is delayed more than 2-3 years. However the HRB does recommend more trash containers so that bags are not left unprotected after big gatherings.

#### **New amenities in Phase 9:**

Open green space, garden space, pool/Jacuzzi and Children's play areas should be given priority in the planning and development of the Community Center grounds.

#### **New Services or Ammenities:**

- ICHA should investigate the possibility of:
  - wireless internet service
  - the development of a multi-use trail.
- The HRB has already requested that ICHA fully research the cost of installing auxiliary solar heating for both the Gabrielino and Los Trancos pools.

#### **Signs Prohibiting Solicitors:**

- That ICHA and HRB work to compose signs and install them.

#### **Conversion to E-Newsletter:**

- ICHA to work with the newsletter editors to implement this change.

## **UCI FILM AND VIDEO CENTER**

### ***Winter 2007 Film Screenings***

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**Ticket Prices:** \$3 Students w/ ID, \$5 General Admission, \$4 UCI Staff and Seniors; Series Pass: \$25 general/\$20 UCI Staff & Seniors/\$15 Students. Unless otherwise noted, all screenings begin at 7 pm in Humanities Instructional Building 100.

Thursday, January 11 - The U.S. vs. John Lennon

Reception: 6:30pm; Screening: 7pm

Directed by David Leaf and John Scheinfeld. 2006, USA, 99 minutes, 35mm

Q&A session with Directors David Leaf and John Scheinfeld after the screening. Introduction by Historical Consultant Jon Wiener, Professor of History at UC Irvine. *The U.S. vs. John Lennon* tells the story of Lennon's transformation from loveable mop-top to anti-war activist. Exploring Vietnam-era struggles that remain relevant today, the film recounts the facts about Nixon's campaign to deport him in 1972.

#### **Thursday, January 18 - *Chelsea Girls***

Screening: 7pm; Directed by Andy Warhol, 1966, USA, 210 minutes, 35mm

Shown in conjunction with and co-sponsored by the UC Irvine University Art Gallery and the Orange County Museum of Art. Introduction and Q&A session with OCMA Curator Karen Moss. Warhol's two-screen, 12-reel extravaganza marks the height of his creative involvement in filmmaking. One of the last films completed before Valerie Solanas shot Warhol in 1967, *Chelsea Girls* is both a technical triumph and a showcase for Warhol's Superstars.

#### **Thursday, January 25 - *The World (Shijie)***

Screening: 7pm; Directed by Jia Zhangke. 2004, China/Japan/France, 143 minutes, 35mm

A lecture by Professor Lu Tonglin of the University of Montreal, "*Fantasy and Reality of a Virtual China In Jia Zhangke's Film: The World*," will precede the screening at 5pm at the Humanities Research Institute, Admin 338. Reception to follow at 6:30 pm. Co-sponsored by the Humanities Research Institute and the Center For Asian Studies

Acclaimed Chinese director Jia Zhangke casts a compassionate eye on the daily loves, friendships and desperate dreams of the twenty-somethings from China's remote Provinces who come to live and work at Beijing's World Park, a bizarre cross-cultural pollination of Las Vegas and Epcot Center.

**Thursday, February 1 - A Film Program and a Film entitled *Program*; Brazilian Avant-Garde Films - Double Feature; Screenings: 6pm & 8pm.** Shown in conjunction with the exhibition "Paradox and Practice: Architecture in the Wake of Conceptualism" at the UC Irvine University Art Gallery. Introduction by Juli Carson, Director, UC Irvine University Art Gallery/Critical and Curatorial Studies. Co-sponsored by the UC Irvine University Art Gallery

*Program* (6pm) Directed by Florian Pumhösl, Brazil, 8 minutes, 16mm. *Program*, a short film by artist Florian Pumhösl, features "Casa Modernista," an early work by Russian Brazilian Architect Gregori Warchavchik (1876-1972). *Program* is followed by a screening of two important early Brazilian avant-garde films, *Limite* and *São Paulo, a symphonia da metrópole*, both of which have been aesthetic, conceptual and historical references for the making of *Program*.

*São Paulo, a symphonia da metrópole* Directed by Adalberto Kemeny & Rudolfo Rex Lustig, 1929, Brazil, 79 minutes, 35mm A remake of Walter Ruttmann's "*Symphonie einer Großstadt*", *Kemeny and Lustig's film is a modern filmic portrait of Sao Paulo in the late 1920s, documenting the rise of the metropolis in a significant transitory period.*

*Limite* (8pm) Directed by Mario Peixoto, 1930, Brazil, 120 minutes, 35mm. The theme of *Limite* is stated in its title--the limits faced by man in the struggle for existence. The narrative concerns three shipwrecked people who reveal their stories in a series of flashbacks about what they were trying to escape when they took flight on the ship.

#### **Thursday, February 8 - *Vertigo***

Screening: 7pm; Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. 1958, USA, 129 minutes, 35 mm. Introduction by Lauren Steimer, Lecturer, Department of Film and Media Studies. Featuring a newly restored 35mm print. An old college friend hires San Francisco police detective Scottie Fergusson (James Stewart) to watch his wife Madeleine (Kim Novak). Scottie follows her around San Francisco and is drawn to Madeleine and her obsession with death. He unwittingly becomes a figure in a complex plot, and is determined to discover the truth behind it all.

#### **Thursday, February 15 - DISAFFECTED YOUTH: A TRIAD OF TEEN ANGST**

That Was Then... This is Now - Screening: 7pm. Directed by Christopher Cain. 1985, USA, 102 minutes, 35mm. Co-sponsored by Tony Bandiera, TPA Transcom Services. Based on the novel by S.E. Hinton, the film stars Emilio Estevez and Craig Sheffer as two boys raised as brothers who take on the challenges of growing up and the challenges of the street with equal determination.

#### **Saturday, February 17 - *Beautiful Thing***

Screening: 7pm. Directed by Hettie MacDonald. 1996, United Kingdom, 90 minutes, 35mm. The film tells the story of two teens, Jamie and Ste, who are neighbors growing up in the lower middle class flats of London. The boys struggle with their sexuality and growing love for one another.

#### **Thursday, February 22 - *The Chumscrubber***

Reception: 6:30pm; Screening: 7pm. Directed by Arie Posen. 2005, USA/Germany, 108 minutes, 35mm; Q&A session with Director Arie Posen after the screening. A film of incredible depth and texture, *The Chumscrubber* is a dark satire, biting comedy and scathing send-up of the "perfect suburban California life." Dean Stiffle (Jamie Bell) tries to cope with death, growing up and peer pressure. With Glenn Close, Ralph Fiennes and Rita Wilson.

#### **Thursday, March 1 - *Lunacy***

Screening: 7pm; Directed by Jan Svankmajer. 2006, Czech Republic / Slovakia, 118 mins, 35mm

Shown in conjunction with the UC Irvine Visual Studies Graduate Student Association Conference, *Decadence: Excess, Erosion, And Transgression*: March 2-3 ([www.decadenceconference.com](http://www.decadenceconference.com)). The latest provocation from surrealist master Jan Svankmajer is loosely based on two short stories by Edgar Allen Poe and inspired by the works of the Marquis de Sade. Described by Svankmajer as a "philosophical horror film," *Lunacy* combines live action and stop-motion, grand guignol terror and gallows humor.

#### **Thursday, March 8 - *The Olive Harvest***

Reception: 6:30pm; Screening: 7pm; Directed by Hanna Elias, 2003, Palestine, 89 minutes, 35mm

Introduction by Fatimah T. Rony, Associate Professor, Department of Film and Media Studies. Q&A session with Director Hanna Elias after the screening. Older brother Mazen develops romantic feelings for his childhood friend, Raeda, who is secretly engaged to Mazen's younger brother Taher. Each of the three central characters finds him/herself painfully torn between conflicting choices in this tale of love and loyalty to family, to those that they love, and to the land that they are connected to.