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HRB ELECTIONS

The current Homeowners Representative Board will hold elections for the **three** two-year positions on the Board. Candidate Statements and ballots are printed in the center of this Newsletter. **Please take a moment to vote and return the ballot by hand or by mail to the ICHA Office, 22 Los Trancos Dr., Irvine, CA 92612, no later than 5 p.m. on February 17, 2004.**

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HRB MINUTES: January 8, 2004

Attending: Isabel de Figueiredo, Aileen Anderson, Jeff Beckwith, Brian Cummings, Rachel Gamby, Shirley Palley.

Architectural Reviews

Tree removal request: a resident on Young has requested removal of a tree between Young and Whitman Court in order to reduce shade and accumulation of leaves and debris. HRB board members will visit the location to assess overhang of the tree into residential areas and consult on a decision on this request prior to the next meeting.

General landscape plans: ICHA management appraised the HRB on approval of landscape plans on Urey (modification of existing yard) and Frost (landscape of a new yard).

Old Business

1. An architectural plan for a 2-story addition on Russell was approved contingent on submission of a final application with necessary signatures.
2. A gate and easement for adjoining properties affected by modifications to front yard landscaping on Virgil Court was finalized.
3. Pool operations summary: in June of 2003 the HRB enacted changes to the pool heating schedule in order to meet the UH budget for pool and spa heating because of dramatic increases in gas prices over the last two years. These changes were designed to apply for the current fiscal year, enacted with community feedback, and the schedule published in the July and December newsletters. Additional feedback was recently generated by several residents directed to the HRB pool subcommittee. Twelve individuals wrote messages, summarized as follows: 1 wants the Gabrielino Hot Tub heated full time; 3 want the Urey Hot Tub heated full time; 2 are happy with schedule as is; 2 want all three Hot Tubs heated full time; 3 prefer the Lower pool for lap swimming; 2 want pools heated all winter by turns as promised in past; 1 says Urey Hot Tub not always hot enough; 1 doesn't like HRB making decisions based on how much noise people make. Given the varied and rather small amount of feedback and the need to accurately assess pool heating costs for a full seasonal cycle, the HRB voted to sustain the current schedule for the remaining budget year, and review all feedback in making recommendations for the UH budget for the next fiscal year and the future pool heating schedule. Pool Schedule Text Published in July and December Newsletters: This schedule, which was the HRB's attempt to serve the greatest number of people while still staying within the budget available for pool heating, was proposed by the HRB with input and information from ICHA Management and published in the July 2003 newsletter for comment.

Pools: On June 3 Rachel Gamby met with ICHA Management to discuss the pool heating schedule for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. The proposed plan was based on input Rachel has received from pool interested University Hills residents. Please contact Rachel at rgamby@cox.net if you have feedback about this plan:

Proposed Pool Heating Schedule for 2003-2004 Fiscal Year

§ July 1, 2003 through the end of Thanksgiving weekend - all three pools (and hot tubs) will be heated.

§ Between Thanksgiving weekend and the beginning of the School Christmas/New Year break, between Christmas/New Year break and the School Spring break, and between Spring break and Memorial Day weekend - only the Los Trancos pool (and its hot tub) would be heated full-time. The Urey and Gabrielino pools will not be heated. Their hot tubs will only be heated from 12:00 noon each Friday through the weekends.

§ During the Christmas/New Year break (December 20 to January 11) and during Spring Break (March 27 to April 18) - all 3 pools and all 3 hot tubs would be heated full-time.

§ Memorial Day weekend through June 30, 2004 - all three pools and hot tubs will be heated.

New Business

1. Park committee summary: Log cabin: the Park Committee recommended that the fort in Vista Bonita Park be repaired and maintained, but kept as a resource for UH kids, due to the high use of this area. Gabrielino Park: the HRB reviewed the Park Committee proposal for Gabrielino Park. The HRB feels that this proposal represents an excellent starting point for further and more detailed discussion with the HRB, ICHA management, and other interested community members. Specific topics presented and discussed include: bathroom facilities, barbecue facilities, play areas, field areas, basketball courts, parking, community center plans, and the proposed dog park. The HRB has requested ICHA management clarification of budget options and planning timeframe in order to organize a combined meeting of interested parties as soon as possible.

2. A complaint was received regarding upkeep of a neighboring property, and questions were raised regarding landscape maintenance standards in UH.

3. Several residents have expressed concern regarding the color of a recently repainted home. The topic was reviewed; however, application for the painting plan was approved by the nearest neighbors in accordance with UH architectural policies as well as the HRB, based on submitted paint samples and similarity of the color to other approved colors for use in UH. It is difficult to reach community consensus on aesthetic issues pertaining to individual homes, however, given the fact that all of the appropriate procedures were followed, and substantial improvements have been made in the maintenance and repair of this structure, the HRB has declined to consider this issue further.

4. ICHA board meeting summary: Discussed were the potential size of the campus at build-out and the resultant varying needs of future faculty housing. Funding options available for faculty apartment construction were explained.

---Aileen Anderson

UH PARK PLANNING AND USE COMMITTEE

On December 15th, the University Hills Park Planning and Use Committee met to discuss ICHA's proposed improvements to Gabrielino Park. This committee is made up of volunteer residents who seek to advise ICHA and the HRB on issues relating to recreational facilities in Uni Hills. While the Committee agreed that improvements to Gabrielino park were desirable, objections were made to the details of the proposal put forth by ICHA. For more information, and to see the full minutes of this meeting, please go to the web version of the newsletter at <http://www.uhills.org/>.

---Liz Phillips, HRB

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Neighbors:

If you live in one of our 'shared waste bin' neighborhoods, like Schubert Court, Please read on, if not - Have a great year!!

I am the closest ground level unit to one such 'shared waste bin' and I have seen RATS on my patio, and a couple over the years have even gotten into my unit - chewed through the screen or walked in when the slider was open!! I have repeatedly asked people to close the top, but gotten very little cooperation. NOW I'm asking your help here. It makes NO sense at all to keep these lids open for the convenience of being able to fling your garbage over the top!! If Sanitation is really an issue, as it should be, we need to make sure that the garbage inside is not accessible to these rodents, so that they won't be encouraged to nest and live in our community... You are aware, I'm sure, that we HAVE a rodent problem - there are rat traps around the complex, near the garbage bin areas - but why not be proactive.... Let's not make it easy for the critters!! I have been in contact with Ray Evans, Supervisor of Environmental Health for Orange County, Public Health Complaints, and our Waste Management company, where it is NOTED in their records that these tops in our community are to be CLOSED after the bins are emptied. Please, I am asking that you cooperate and help us in the fight against these rodents, and take the extra 4 seconds to open the lid and close it again after you deposit your trash.

Thanks - you have a great year too!!

To all residents of University Hills,

On Tuesday, December 30th, shortly after noon, my 14-year-old son was riding his bike in the bike lane along Peltason Drive. He was approaching the area of the pedestrian bridge when a car swerved into the bike lane to avoid the speed dots on the road. Mac wasn't hit, but he lost control of his bike, hit the curb, and was thrown over the handlebars. He suffered a number of scrapes and bruises, and broke his left arm. The driver did not stop.

I'm sending this letter as a warning to Uni Hills bike riders of all ages that a real danger exists in this area. It is very common to see drivers swerve into the bike lane as they approach the pedestrian bridge from either direction. The California Vehicle Code is clear that moving into the bike lane is illegal when it is delineated by a solid white line. It is a moving violation, and an offense that can be ticketed.

My son will make a full recovery, and his bike and helmet can be repaired or replaced. I hope nothing worse happens in this section of Peltason Drive.

Sincerely, Ginny Dalton, Zola Ct.

JANUARY 2004 ICHA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Community Development

A Sub-Committee of the HRB will meet again with CEP, P&TS, Campus D&CS and Management representatives to discuss the Engineering parking structure at Gabrielino and E. Peltason. The meeting is scheduled for early January to discuss the ongoing design and proposed solutions tied to University Hills resident concerns.

A Sub-Committee of the HRB studying the expansion of Gabrielino Park has forwarded an initial recommendation to the HRB defining their desires to unite the community in designing and physically constructing some portions of the new additions. The HRB will receive the report at their Jan. Meeting and discuss the concepts. An eventual recommendation will come to ICHA from the HRB.

Community Maintenance

Work in Process:

- Asphalt repairs at various sites in U. Hills have been scheduled for the third week in January.
- Condo I painting nears final completion with only those areas where wood trim was replaced still requiring painting
- Exterior Townhome light studies continue. The HRB has assigned two Townhome representatives to assist with the selection process. Selection is anticipated this month.
- The Gabrielino Pool builder repair is pending a scheduling date. Warranty discussions continue between the builder and the sub-contractors.

Items Completed:

- Sidewalk grinding throughout the community is complete.
- Painting of common area street lights and perimeter walls have been completed
- Irrigation and domestic back-flow testing and repairs have been completed.
- Upper Pool II iron fencing painting has been completed.
- Phones service for the pool facilities have been resolved with a substantial reduction in cost over the MCI /Campus program.
- A leaking domestic water lateral to a private residence was repaired on Curie Court

Architectural Review

- Four recent applications have been received by Management.
 - a tree removal request from 28 Young (to be discussed at the Jan. HRB Meeting)
 - two general landscaping plans (Urey and Frost)
 - a home remodel and addition on Russell (HRB to study at their Jan. Meeting)
- The courtyard wall, gate and access issues on Virgil have been resolved satisfactorily.

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA

UCI POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The UC Irvine Police Department would like to remind everyone that firearms are prohibited on the UCI Campus, including residential areas, without written permission from the Chief of Police. [California Penal Code Section 626.9(h)(i)]. In addition, the UC Irvine Police Department endorses the Irvine City Ordinance Section 4-14-103 that prohibits the discharge of "Airsoft" Pellet Guns.

---UCI Police Department

VISTA VERDE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR 2004-05

Vista Verde is a K-8 alternative school in the Irvine Unified School District. This means that VV is a "school of choice" that's open to all students in the Irvine school district. Each year VV accepts Interest Cards from families who wish to enroll their children at Vista Verde for the following school year. **Through February 26**, VV will accept Interest Cards from families wishing to enroll for the 2004-05 school year. Interest Cards are available in the VV school office. Currently, VV projects openings for all grade levels - though the exact number of openings won't be known until later this year. **Siblings of Current VV Students** who are on the waiting list for next school year will have priority to enroll for an available opening within a specific grade level. *However, an Interest Card must be turned in to maintain a sibling's current position on the waiting list for next school year. An Interest Card must also be turned in for any siblings entering Kindergarten next school year.* Siblings of current VV students who will be entering Kindergarten next school year will receive priority enrollment. Currently enrolled VV students do not need to submit an Interest Card. **When VV moves to its new school at Turtle Ridge in July 2006**, it will accept those students residing in the Turtle Ridge development who wish to enroll at VV. However families being served by VV at the time of the move will be guaranteed seats at the new Turtle Ridge facility for currently enrolled students, as well as any younger siblings. Now is the time for families to enroll at VV to ensure placement for their children when VV moves to its new state-of-the-art facility. **Parents please be aware that students new to Irvine schools, including entering kindergarten students need to get physicals.** Schedule the examination between March and May 1, so that the health forms are completed when it is time to enroll your children at school. Schools will not accept registration packets without the health forms.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR THE HRB ELECTION

Three candidates are running in the election for the upcoming three open slots for two-year terms on the Homeowners Representative Board. The candidates are Brian Cummings, Wayne Sandholtz and Ruby Xiong.

Brian Cummings

My name is Brian Cummings. I am in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. I have lived in University Hills for over seven years and served on the HRB for two. I think diversity on the Board and in the community (e.g. paint colors) is important and that more people should get involved if they care about community issues. I will be happy to step down once a dog park is firmly established, but despite two years of work, a dog park is still not a certainty so I must run another round. Also, if you want community trees cut down, you shouldn't vote for me unless you have a plan to replace them. In the interest of full disclosure, my wife, Aileen Anderson, is currently a member of the HRB. If you are not concerned that two representatives from the same household are on the HRB, please consider voting for me.

---Respectfully, Brian J Cummings

Ruby Xiong

Brief Statement:

1. To support efforts to maintain HRB as an advisory to ICHA and its professional staff and as a "voice" for University Hills residents.
2. To support efforts to maintain University Hills as a nice living place for people with diverse disciplines, cultures, ethnic backgrounds and interests.
3. To support efforts to maintain University Hills as a good place to raise children, with high personal safety and clean environment.
4. To support efforts to build more playgrounds for our young children.

---Thanks, Ruby Xiong

Wayne Sandholtz

My family has lived in University Hills since 1992. The UH community has been one of the chief benefits of having moved to UCI. University Hills is probably more diverse than many of the nearby communities, and that is something we have enjoyed a great deal. This is the only home our children (one in elementary school and one in middle school) have known. University Hills has given them a safe environment with plenty of other children and well-kept pools and parks to play in. My primary concerns for the next few years are:

- Continued development of open space and recreational facilities to keep pace with the expanding population of University Hills; and
- Mitigation of traffic and noise associated with the growth of the campus, especially the parking structure at Peltason and Gabrielino.

---Many thanks, Wayne Sandholtz