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HRB Minutes - Tuesday, May 6, 2003

Present: Michele Walot, Shirley Palley, Isabel De Figueiredo, Rachel Gamby, Aileen Anderson, Brian Cummings, Jane Laning, Andrew Herndon, Ron Reid, Jeffrey Beckwith

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. ICHA Updates
3. Architectural Reviews
4. Old Business
5. New Business

ICHA Updates:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

High Speed DSL Data Service: Pacific Bell (SBC) is proceeding with construction of the subterranean vault improvements on Peltason Drive. The vault will bring DSL to the balance of University Hills. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in July. Funding to ICHA from Pacific Bell has been increased to repair and maintain landscaping in the area.

Park and Recreation Facility Update: Ridge Landscape Architects is updating the existing Park Facility Report to accurately reflect the existing facilities as constructed through Area 8. The report will be provided to the ICHA Board Planning Committee for review prior to delivering it to the full Board.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

Landscape Nursery / Storage Facilities: ICHA Management is negotiating with the Campus to use a small parcel for a Landscape Nursery yard to replace the area recently removed from the California / Gabrielino streetscape. This type of facility provides storage and other benefits to the U. Hills Landscape contractor which translates to cost savings and maintaining dues at reasonable levels.

Reclaimed Water Conversion: Plans for the Mid Hill Zone (Between Vista Bonita and California) will commence by mid May. This project will change the irrigation water from potable to recycled. No adverse impacts are anticipated to the community during the installation program.

University Hills Pool Heating Comparison As requested by the HRB, management ran a comparative test by heating the Lower Pool 1 and Gabrielino Pool 3 at the same temperature for the same period of time. For the period tested, the Gabrielino pool was approximately \$200 less to heat than the Lower Pool. This information will be utilized by the HRB to determine the pool temps and operation schedule for the balance of this fiscal year, and will be useful in programming heating for the upcoming 2003-2004 fiscal year budget.

Community Management / Maintenance Items:

Items Completed/ Ongoing:

Architectural Reviews: Management reviewed four applications. Requested improvements include three landscape installations in Area 8 and one exterior addition on Dickens Court.

University Hills Stop Signs - Management installed several reflective bars on stop signs where new stops have been installed on Gabrielino and Murasaki Streets. Faded and damaged signs were replaced elsewhere.

Replacement pool furniture for Pool 2 is scheduled for delivery by mid month.
New umbrellas have been purchased and installed at both Pool 1 and 2.

Fuel modification mowing is complete adjacent to Area 8 and California Avenue. Areas along the West edge of the community will be completed by mid May.

Honeybee swarms have been removed from four locations that pose health and safety concerns to the community.

Old Business:

Three board members approved a custom paint color application for a residence on Owen.

ICHA Management explained in more detail rules of the ground lease and rentals in University Hills. Letters sent to ICHA management or HRB members regarding illegal rentals need to be signed. Residents who have questions should contact the ICHA office.

The Dog Park costs are being examined. The estimates for types of fencing have been received. Brian Cummings will continue to head the committee for the HRB and will report monthly. He has been asked to chair a subcommittee not to exceed 7 residents, to discuss mitigation options in response to concerns raised by residents living near the proposed park site.

Aileen Anderson is chairing the committee regarding the Southern Radial, the East Peltason parking structure and resident concerns regarding the proposed closing of Gabrielino Dr at Peltason Drive. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Aileen or a board member. Aileen drafted a letter approved by the HRB to be sent to Richard Demerjian of Campus & Environmental Planning and to Mike Delo of Parking and Transportation regarding resident concerns with the parking structure and traffic. The board approved the letter.

Emergency preparedness and the CERT program were presented by Isabel De Figueiredo. After the newsletter announcement, five residents have volunteered for the CERT program offered by the City of Irvine. Barbara Taborek will contact residents as soon as slots are available. The Campus is spearheading an emergency preparedness program and University Hills has been requested to publicize and draft plans for a community emergency program. Each household should have supplies to cover a 72 hour period following a disaster.

New Business:

Preliminary plans for an addition to a residence on Dickens Court were presented to the HRB. Concerns raised by an adjoining neighbor were studied by the Board and considered as part of the review process. A site visit following the meeting by the HRB, lead to approval of the additions. A letter will be sent to the objecting neighbors advising them of the Board's decision.

Discussion regarding going to an electronic newsletter versus a printed newsletter was tabled until the next meeting. ICHA management will provide breakdown costs for printing the newsletter and mailing it monthly. Concerns have been expressed that many individuals may not have adequate access to electronic-only versions. One suggestion was to survey owners on who would like an electronic version instead of a printed version and determine if a partial move to electronic would reduce costs. The elimination of free ads that have run month after month was also discussed as a way to decrease the size of the letter.

A draft of the University Hills budget for 2003/2004 was presented. The final budget will be examined at the June meeting.

An appeal for a new stop sign at McClintock and Joyce was received from a number of residents in Area 7. The Board studied the physical constraints and concerns identified by the consortium of residents. There was unanimous support for the sign and Management was requested to undertake the necessary review to determine an appropriate placement and notification to the local community.

---Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey S. Beckwith

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dog Run Location Concerns

The ICHA board recently approved a request from the HRB to construct a fenced-in "dog run" in the lower area of the park above Vista Bonita. A number of residents oppose this location which is close to several homes and immediately adjacent to a children's play area and picnic tables. Throughout the US, dog parks and dog runs are rarely, if ever, approved for such locations because of obvious concerns related to safety and aesthetics. A petition is circulating that allows residents to record their opposition with the intent of convincing both the HRB and ICHA that this location, and any similar location in University Hills, is not acceptable. The text of the petition is as follows.

We, the undersigned residents of University Hills, herewith record our opposition to the HRB's proposal to place a temporary dog run in the "lower bowl area" of Vista Bonita Park and urge both the HRB and ICHA to find a more suitable location.

As of yesterday, 58 residents had signed the petition. Interested and supportive residents who have not already signed may obtain a copy by sending an e-mail to dwaswad@yahoo.com with "Petition Request" as the subject. A copy of the petition will be sent by return e-mail. Please sign and circulate it among your neighbors and colleagues at work who are residents on University Hills. When finished, please mail to Dana Aswad at the address below or, better yet, drop it by any evening after 6 PM and say hello.

---Residents for Responsible Planning, c/o Dana Aswad, 18 Gibbs Court

NEW FENCING ALONG CALIFORNIA AVENUE

In an effort to reduce trespassing, related damage, and safeguard against fire potential, ICHA has been authorized by the University to install a non-barbed metal fence along a portion of California Avenue. A stretch from approximately Joyce Court to the existing soil stockpile will be fenced some time late May or early June. Openings will be left to facilitate interim resident hikers and joggers.

In a related but separate action, the University recently installed a fence between the University House property and Locke Court. The newly enclosed land will be added to the Nature Reserve. The Campus has held preliminary discussions with Campus & Environmental Planning and the School of Biological Sciences to enhance the area with various native plant varieties from within the Preserve.

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA

radKIDS

Hello! We are the **radKIDS** and we're here to help you. Each one of us has important information to share about all sorts of thing.



The **UC Irvine Police Department** and the **Anteater Recreation Center** are offering a personal empowerment and safety education program designed specifically for boys and girls. The **radKIDS Safety Academy!** We offer 2 separate classes for children ages 5 to 7 and 8 to 10. radKIDS is taught nationwide by certified instructors. radKIDS instructors are from the UC Irvine Police Department.

This program covers all aspects of personal safety such as out and about safety, vehicle safety, fire safety, bullies, school safety, using 911 correctly, Internet pitfalls, bike safety, home safety, as well as stranger awareness, good, bad, and uncomfortable touch, and basic principles of defense.

To reserve a space in the class, call or email Officer Caroline Alberti at calberti@uci.edu (949) 824-7181

r.a.d.KIDS Website: www.radkids.org

THE radKIDS OBJECTIVE: To Provide educational opportunities for children and parents, concerning awareness and self defense strategies, instilling confidence and reducing the possibility of adverse physical control and/or harm.

SUMMER DATES: radKIDS Safety Academy Camp **August 11th through 15th**

Ages: 5-7 9:00-11:00 am

8-10 1:00 - 3:00 pm



**CAMPUS RECREATION SUMMER
YOUTH PROGRAMS**

Youth programs are offered for dependents of individuals eligible for ARC membership (UCI Faculty, staff, and alumni), no membership required. Eligible children may also sign-up a “friend” to accompany them to any of our youth classes. All registration takes place, in person, at Campus Recreation Services (2nd floor, ARC). For more information, call 824-3738, Children must be checked in by an adult and picked up by an adult immediately after class in the ARC lobby.

- ARC Swim Lessons (ages 3 – 12)**
- Tennis Classes (ages 8-16)**
- Inline Skating Classes (ages 6-14)**
- Basketball Classes (ages 8-14)**
- Volleyball Classes (ages 8-14)**
- Family Climb Time (ages 7 and up)**
- Youth Climb and Adventure (ages 7-12)**
- Group Events**

[Editor’s Note: For information about the programs, please refer to the May Newsletter, or contact Campus Recreation Services (949.824.3738) or <http://www.campusrec.uci.edu>]

CAMPUS RECREATION - SUMMER YOUTH CLINICS

Registration for the UCI Club Sport Summer Youth Clinics takes place at Campus Recreation Services, located on the 2nd floor of the ARC. Registrations starts on Monday, April 14th, 2003. Acceptable forms of payment include: cash, check (made out to UC Regents), and credit card (visa/mc).

- Fencing Clinic (ages 13 – 18)**
- Lacrosse Clinic (ages 8 – 18)**

[Editor’s Note: For information about the clinics, please refer to the May Newsletter, or contact Campus Recreation Services (949.824.3738) or <www.campusrec.uci.edu>]

2003 University Hills Summer Youth Aquatics Program

About the program

UC Irvine, Department of Campus Recreation offers youth swim instruction at University Hills for the residents. This program, group lessons, is open to children age 3 years and up. Only University Hills residents are eligible for these swim lessons. **Cost:** \$32/session

Session Dates

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| Session 1: | Session 2: | Session 3: |
| July 7- July 19, 2003 | July 21- August 1, 2003 | August 4- August 15, 2003 |

Enrollment:

Enrollment for classes will begin **on Monday, June 9, 2003** at the University Hills upper pool from 4:30- 6:00pm. Program staff will be there to answer questions. Registration will continue at Campus Recreation Services (2nd Floor, ARC) on Tuesday, June 10th – Campus Recreation Services is open Monday – Friday, 8am - 6pm. You may pay with cash, check (payable to UC Regents) or credit card (Visa/MasterCard). Children must be registered in classes 5 days prior to the beginning of each session. For enrollment to be completed, the form/waiver must be completed either in person at Campus Recreation Services or sent by mail to:
Campus Recreation Services, 680 California Ave., Irvine, CA

[Editor’s Note: Please refer to the May Newsletter for more information about the program, or contact Campus Recreation Services (949.824.3738) or <www.campusrec.uci.edu>]

University Hills Summer 2003 Swim Program Registration



ACTIVITY INFORMATION: (Please Print Legibly)

Use this form to register in Campus Recreation's University Hills Summer Swim Program. Make checks payable to UC REGENTS or if paying by VISA or MasterCard, include card number along with expiration date.

Session	Class #	Date	Time	Level	Fee

PARENT/PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Child's Name: _____ [Male Female (circle one)]
(First Name) (Last Name)

Child's Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____ Email Address: _____

Levels

The descriptions below are the skills required for Red Cross Certification. These will be used as our guidelines and will be adjusted and adapted to meet the individual of the participants. We will attempt to group students by age and ability.

Level 1: Water exploration - fully submerged face, blowing bubbles, supported floating and kicking on front and back, beginning alternating arm action and water safety rules.

Level 2: Primary skills - retrieving objects, floating and kicking on the front and back, rhythmic breathing combined stroke on front and back, turning over from front to back and back to front.

Level 3: Stroke readiness - self rescue skills, coordinated front crawl, introducing side breathing, fundamentals of elementary backstroke and back crawl, seated diving from the deck, treading water.

Level 4: Stroke development- front crawl, introduction of sidestroke and breaststroke, and improved efficiency of strokes and endurance.

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Fee: _____ Cash Check # _____ Visa MasterCard Payroll Deduction

Clerk: _____ Date: _____ Acct#: _____ Exp Date: _____