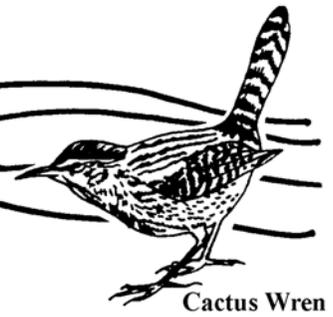


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HRB ELECTION RESULTS

70 Ballots were turned in to the ICHA Office by the due date. Wayne Sandholtz, Brian Cummings and Ruby Xiong have been elected to the HRB for a two-year term. Board Members will select the Chair of the HRB at the March meeting.

Thanks to all who participated in the election process.

---Isabel DeFigueiredo, HRB Chair

HRB MEETING MINUTES - February 3, 2004

Attending: Isabel de Figueiredo, Aileen Anderon, Jeff Beckwith, Brian Cummings, Rachel Gamby, Shirley Palley, Michele Walot, Andrew Herndon, Ron Reid

ICHA Monthly Report- There was a model of the proposed Engineering Parking Structure at the ICHA office for a time and approximately a dozen residents came in to view it. The model has been moved to Design and Construction Services on Bison.

Architectural Reviews- We discussed a two story addition on Russell. A homeowner on Virgil is repainting and the color was approved. The same for a house on Young. A house on Virgil is building a patio cover.

Old Business- There was a request to remove a tree on Young which was denied. There was a request for pool covers and solar panels for the lower pool and the consensus was that it would be very difficult logistically at that site.

New Business- Rachel raised the issue of home buying eligibility for new junior faculty. The HRB will be forwarding a proposal to have an electable two year period for new hires to the ICHA Board and the Academic Senate. Departments have widely divergent housing assistance programs that put some new faculty at a severe disadvantage. Jeff brought up concerns about how staff recruiting web links indicate that campus housing is available when there is a severe shortage of units for sale.

Parking Lot Committee- Aileen and Jeff have been meeting with Richard Demerjian and Mike Delo from the campus and the report will be on the University Hills website and at the ICHA office. The HRB is still very strongly advocating for an exit on Bronte onto the Southern Radial. There was a traffic study that supports the need for another access from Murasaki. Aileen will be contacting phase 8 residents on Murasaki for comment before a recommendation is forwarded to the ICHA Board.

Dog Run Committee- Thirteen residents met with Brian on Jan 24. The proposed site will only be the size of 3 1/2 basketball courts, only one half the size of the originally proposed Vista Bonita site. The need for a distinct key from the pool key was stressed. Hopefully, the license agreement will be approved by the time the newsletter comes out.

Community Center Committee- This group has had three meetings thus far including meeting with Rich Haier and Andrew to view potential architectural concepts. The group will meet with whichever architect is engaged to discuss our concerns. There will be a neighborhood presentation when plans are a bit further along.

We also talked about Montessori's pool access for swim lessons during the summer. The HRB strongly urges that the school be assessed a usage fee. Graffiti appeared on Russell and was quickly painted over. The HRB reiterated that potential buyers in phase 8.5 be advised about the dog park and the possible exit on Bronte.

---Respectfully submitted, Michele Walot

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate UCI and the Wayzgoose Faire will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2004. Save the date. More information will be forthcoming in the April Newsletter issue.



FEBRUARY 2004 ICHA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Community Development

A Sub-Committee of the HRB met with CEP, P&TS, Campus D&CS and Management representatives to discuss the Engineering parking structure at Gabrielino and E. Peltason. The meeting summarized many design solutions tied to University Hills resident concerns. The Committee representatives were very appreciative of the efforts by the Campus representatives to follow through with design modifications on behalf of the University Hills Community interests. Detailed minutes from the committee have been incorporated as part of the HRB monthly report. The model of the parking structure with most of the proposed changes was made available to ICHA to place on display. Approximately 12 residents stopped by to view the model.

Sub-Committees of the HRB studying the expansion of Gabrielino Park including the design of a Dog Run and Children's Play areas will make initial recommendation to the HRB defining their desired additions and designs. The HRB has received the initial report from the Play Group and has asked Management to provide preliminary budget parameters and other considerations for the group to study. Actual development of portions of the park will be tied to the grading of the California Avenue section between Gabrielino Dr. and Southern Radial.

In February, the Campus will be requesting design proposals for the Southern Radial and California Avenue roadway projects from qualified Design Build Contractors. Tentative construction is slated to commence in late summer, with a commitment by the Campus to complete the road improvements prior to the opening of the parking structure.

CEPC approval was granted for the University Hills Community Center Building to be located at the intersection of Gabrielino Dr. and California Avenue. The ICHA Board of Directors is in the process of selecting a design architect for the structure. A subcommittee of the HRB will be providing recommendations to the HRB on programming and community use needs.

HRB Elections are being held this month with three seats available. One returning Board member and two new residents have been nominated for the openings.

Community Maintenance

Work in Process:

33. Selection of Townhome lighting fixtures is anticipated this month.
34. Sidewalk replacement throughout the community is pending a schedule date with the contractor

35. Pool Facility I wrought Iron fencing is pending replacement per the Reserve Study. Request for proposals are in process.
36. The Gabrielino Pool builder repair is pending a scheduling date. Warranty discussions continue between the builder and the sub-contractors. Investigation of on-site conditions continues.
37. Reserve Study Updates for the Common Areas and other Community Areas are in process with the Drafts anticipated by mid February.
38. Hot –Water-On-Demand units are under study for the Lower and Upper Pools

Items Completed:

33. Asphalt repairs at four sites in U. Hills have been completed.
34. Painting of common area street lights and perimeter walls is complete.
35. A leaking domestic water lateral to a private residence was repaired on Curie Court
36. Landscaping improvements including annual mulching and small tree pruning are in process
37. Soccer Goals at the Gabrielino Community park have been reconditioned to include welding of the frame work. Net replacement and painting are pending.

Architectural Review

33. Two recent applications have been received by Management.
 - A home remodel and addition on Russell (HRB conceptually approved the design at their Jan. Meeting) has been approved having met all requirements and application conditions.
 - A painting request to match an existing color on Virgil has been received and is pending a color code specification.

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA Community Management

UTILITY TRENCHING WORK ALONG PELTASON DRIVE

Construction work will begin on the south side (University Hills side) of Peltason Drive near Los Trancos to Palo Verde Road beginning the week of March 1. New utility lines will be laid within a trench that will be dug adjacent to the sidewalk. Work will begin near Los Trancos and continue east toward Palo Verde Road. The trench will be back filled as work progresses. The sidewalk adjacent to the trench will be closed to pedestrians, who will be routed to the other side of Peltason Drive.

Peltason Drive is scheduled to remain open to traffic during this time. However, there will be occasions when a section of Peltason Drive will close so that work to span the road can be completed. We will attempt to schedule this work either on Saturdays or during times when traffic is less. Traffic on Peltason Drive may be diverted by flag persons to travel on one lane at a time during this work. Please direct questions regarding the utility trenching work to Eric Allton in Parking & Transportation at egallton@uci.edu or ext. 45066.

VISITOR NIGHT AT THE UCI OBSERVATORY

The Department of Physics & Astronomy at the University of California, Irvine, welcomes the community to

Visitor Night at the UCI Observatory

Date: Friday, March 12

Time: 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Come see Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars and the galaxy M81 with our telescopes. Tour the Observatory and learn about galaxies and the expanding Universe. Amateur astronomers are encouraged to bring their own telescopes. The Observatory is located on the campus of the University of California, Irvine. Guests should park in the nearest parking lot, Lot G (\$5 parking fee must be paid at the lot entrance), and walk up Gabriellino Drive. At the top of the hill, turn left and follow the gravel road to the dome. Guests bringing telescope equipment or handicapped visitors should inform the parking attendants and they will allow you to drive down the gravel road to park near the dome. In the unlikely event of rain, Visitor Night may be canceled, and a notice will be posted on our web site by 3 p.m. that day. For more information and driving directions, please see our web site at <http://www.physics.uci.edu/~observat>.

This free event is made possible through funding provided by a National Science Foundation FOCUS grant to UCI.

---Tammy Smecker-Hane, UCI Dept. of Physics and Astronomy



SAFETY IN YOUR HOME

For the majority of people, a feeling of security is found in the home. However, many people fail to take even fundamental precautions to secure their homes against robbery. There are a number of precautions you can take that will reduce the opportunities a burglar is looking for.

PREVENTION TIPS

- Conduct a security check of your home to determine possible entry points and any weakness they may have.
- Keep all entrances and garages well lit at night.
- Do not leave tell-tale signs that you are away.
- Install good locks and always use them.
- Install a wide-angle door view, which permits you to see callers before you open the door.
- Never open a door to strangers without credentials.
- Change your routing often. Burglars can operate on your routine.
- Do not keep large amounts of money in your home.
- Mark valuable items for identification. The Operation Identification program has been developed by police to assist people in marking their property.
- Keep valuable items in a safety deposit box at your bank. If this is not possible, keep them locked up in a reasonable hiding place in your home.
- *Note: A few inexpensive but rich looking pieces kept in the jewelry box as decoy may deter unnecessary ransacking of your home in search of valuables.*

WHAT IF...

A burglar assumes you are not home and enters without checking.

- Do not attack the burglar, who is likely to be as frightened as you are.
- Try to memorize a description of the person, particularly facial characteristics.

33. When the burglar leaves, call the police immediately.

FACTS

Statistics indicate that the thief will most likely be a male in the neighborhood, usually under 30. He may be well dressed, wearing a recognizable uniform or a suit jacket. It will more than likely be broad daylight. The typical burglar does not want to harm you, just get into your home, steal what is available and valuable and get out as quickly as possible, unobserved.

---UCI Police Department