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### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO HRB

The current Homeowners' Representative Board (HRB) requests self-nominations to the four two-year positions opening next year on the Board. Filing statements must be sent to Aileen Anderson or Chris Hane, Co-Chairs of the HRB, 22 Los Trancos, or to [chane@ilog.com](mailto:chane@ilog.com) by **December 12, 2006**. Statements and ballots will be printed in the January Newsletter.

### COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all of you who took time out of your busy lives to complete the Community Survey. A summary of the results is available on the U-Hills web site.

### FAMILIES FORWARD FOOD DRIVE

There is a currently a drive to restock the Families Forward food bank in Irvine. Families Forward donates food to dozens of hungry families that live in our community. Here are two easy ways that you can help:

1. Drop off cans or dry goods at grocery stores in Irvine. There will be drop-off stations right outside the main doors. For example, Albertsons on Campus will have a station - it's close and convenient.
2. Bring your cans or dry goods to my house: 12 Whistler Court. I will bring the food to Families Forward.

Thank you so much for your contributions!

*Sincerely,  
Sabrina La Rocca, 12 Whistler Court*

### HRB MINUTES - OCTOBER 2, 2006

**Attending HRB members:** Chris Hane, Mostafa Eldefarway, Komal Dewan, Rachel Gamby, Alan Terriciano, Aileen Anderson, Sukumar Pal

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

### HRB Subcommittees:

Pool – Alan Terriciano, Chris Hane

Campus and Environmental Planning & Parking and Transportation – Aileen Anderson

Architecture – Komal Dewan, Chris Hane

Community Center Committee - Rachel Gamby

### Announcement

As noted in last month's newsletter, long-standing member of the HRB, Jeff Beckwith, has stepped down as of October for personal reasons. While this is a loss for the community, an alternate from this years HRB election has agreed to step in, and we welcome Sukumar Pal to the board.

### Pool Heating

A number of residents have expressed concern that the pools are too cool for comfortable swimming, especially for families/children. The appropriate HRB committee contact is Alan Terriciano. The HRB and ICHA management

discussed whether the temperature was measuring accurately and the current heating schedule. The HRB pool committee asked ICHA management to check the historical (within day and across day) temperature record, and calibrate the heaters. Altering the pool heating schedule was discussed, however, we are rapidly approaching November 1<sup>st</sup> which is the currently planned shutdown of the Gabrielino and Urey/Owen pool. An article on the current pool heating schedule has been added to this month's newsletter. Additionally, it was noted that there is algae in the lower pool; treatment is in process. Finally, damage to pool furniture and repairs were discussed.

### **Community Survey**

There have been 234 responses to the community survey as of the HRB meeting. The HRB has drafted a notice to be sent by ICHA management via e-mail to the community to increase response, and requested that ICHA management post signs advertising the deadline at the entrances/exits to UHills.

### **Bikers and Gabrielino Park**

Several residents have expressed concern regarding children biking at high speeds and entering local streets unsafely, which was discussed with ICHA management. ICHA management is investigating options for modifying the intersections in question and is adding a safety article to the current issue of the newsletter.

### **Palo Verde II Access onto Anteater**

The following notice was posted on the UHills listserv to notify residents of Anteater construction which began September 18<sup>th</sup>:

UHills Residents

Campus and Environmental Planning notified the HRB this week that plans to partially open the exit from Palo Verde onto Anteater will be proceeding shortly, beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> and lasting approximately 30 days. I want to say that I feel that CEP has worked hard to try to minimize the impact of Anteater on UHills over the past two plus years. In this case they are doing their best to balance this with the concerns of the Palo Verde residents, who have asked for this exit to be fully opened. There has been a long process of discussions between the HRB and CEP on this topic, including light impact studies last November, and resulting in the generation of several alternative possible plans to reach a compromise, termed Alternative D in the attached files. Traffic studies of possible alterations to the PV entrance suggest that "allowing right-out, right-in, and left-in movement would result in a slight decrease in traffic on the section of Anteater Drive east of the access road intersection and a slight increase west of the intersection". I have attached the information regarding this study - note that 'Alternative D' is not specifically detailed, but the impact on traffic is the same as 'Alternative B'. In case these details don't come through on the listserv, I have asked that they be posted on the UHills website.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Aileen Anderson, HRB co-chair / CEP committee chair

### **Undergraduate Student Parking in UHills**

With the start of Fall quarter and increase in parking fees on campus, undergraduate parking in UHills has been high. The procedures for contacting campus parking regarding illegal and student parking have been added to the back of the newsletter and 'other issues' section of the website.

### **Community Center Plans**

The HRB learned at the ICHA Board meeting, and through the community management update (appended below), that the ICHA Board has directed ICHA Management to pursue design of the office portion of the community building alone at this juncture, based on preliminary cost estimates. The HRB notified the Community Center Committee immediately, and has requested that ICHA Management formally notify the community of the status of this project.

### **Road Naming in Area 9**

The HRB suggested a naming contest for the two streets to be added as a part of Phase 9. Should we expand on this and launch it? Or does it need ICHA Board or Management blessing?

### **Montessori Parking**

The HRB requested ICHA management attempt again to establish an arrangement with Montessori parents arriving for special events during or at the end of the day such that traffic along Russell and community parking along Murasaki and in Schubert court are less impacted by these events.

### **HRB Recreation Fund**

The HRB has asked management to support an increase in the HRB recreation fund to support an annual fiesta event and several small additional community events (e.g. Halloween party, park opening, ice cream social). The HRB is attempting to find community volunteers to continue the tradition of a UHills Halloween party for this year.

### **Architecture Review**

A request to repaint a home was received in which the neighbors had approved the requested colors. The HRB Architectural subcommittee brought the request to full review. The homeowner was requested to return with a modified palate toning down the intensity of the colors proposed for the main walls.

---Aileen Anderson, HRB Co-Chair

## **ICHA MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

### **October 2006 Community Management Update Community Development**

*Campus Design and Construction Services has completed the roadway surface renovation on East Peltason Dr. from Bison to Anteater Drive. Management has received several calls from homeowners noting a decrease in noise from car traffic. This is in part due to the use of a latex additive that was lobbied for by Management and the HRB for the benefit of the community.*

*The right-turn lane project on East Peltason at Anteater is paved and striped. Curb details and signage will be completed by mid month if not sooner.*

*The Santiago Apartments are progressing on schedule and framing is moving forward at a very good clip. Management is working with the existing landscaping along Gabrielino Dr. in conjunction with resident request for more privacy. Sidewalks have been added along the Russell Court frontage of the project. A temporary lumber lay-down yard has been established at Gabrielino and CA Avenue due to the tight constraints on site.*

*At the September ICHA Board meeting, the ICHA Board discussed the preliminary cost estimates for the Community Building design. The Board remains concerned about the uncertainty of construction costs and will not authorize the project to move forward. However, due to the continuing deterioration of the ICHA offices, the Board authorized Management to work with the architect to continue with the design of the office portion of the building. If the project is built, it is likely that it will be built in phases with the office being constructed first.*

*Area 9 planning is progressing with ICHA and California Pacific Home Builders holding weekly project meetings to coordinate with the various design consultants. Grading and infrastructure are foremost at this stage with construction value engineering occurring between the architect and builder. Grading is tentatively set for the early part of 2007. Site plotting adjustments has afforded the addition of five more homes bringing the total to 90 units since the HRB viewed the earlier concept plan.*

*Area 9-2 has received preliminary clearance for ICHA to begin concept planning to include up to 100 homes ranging in size from 1,200 to 2,000 square feet for completion tentatively 2009.*

*The Anteater Drive median improvements at the entrance to Palo Verde Graduate Apartments began approximately mid September and are anticipated to be completed by mid October. A new walkway on the East side of Anteater has also been added as part of the same project.*

### **Architectural Review**

*Approximately four new architectural applications were received in August and early October with no issues.*

*The HRB had asked Management to contact all Area 8 homeowners who have not yet landscaped their rear yards and a few who have fallen off with maintenance of their front yards. Of approximately five contacted, four have provided*

assurance that plans or work will be submitted or under way in the month of October. Management will monitor their progress and report back as needed.

A painting application for a Whistler residence will be presented to the Board for consideration and discussion. The pallet proposed is inconsistent with the Architectural Guidelines.

### **Community Maintenance**

#### **On Going and Completed Community Improvements and Repair Work**

##### **Work in Process:**

Management has renegotiated the Campus Service contracts to include park mowing, street sweeping and billing for water and sewer services.

Select specimen trees are being pruned in October with a number having been completed in September.

##### **Work Completed:**

Townhome Garage Door replacements are complete (the last unit was finished 9/26). The replacement program concluded in a very positive light.

A new children's water fountain was installed adjacent to the tot lot at the upper pool in early September.

A plumbing leak at the Gabrielino pool was detected and repaired. New jet motors were installed at the Urey spa in September.

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA V.P. Community Development

### **R.A.D. CLASS**

The UC Irvine Police Department, in conjunction with the UC Irvine Campus Recreation, is offering another R.A.D. class! This course is open to students, faculty, staff and residents from the surrounding communities. This course will be held at the Anteater Recreation Center on the UC Irvine campus on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Cost of the course is: Students - \$15.00, Non-Students - \$20.00, Returning R.A.D. Graduates - Free! To reserve a position in the course, please register on line at [www.police.uci.edu](http://www.police.uci.edu) or call (949) 824-2648 or email [calta@uci.edu](mailto:calta@uci.edu). Pass the word to your family and friends. Space is limited!

#### **R.A.D. Profile:**

R.A.D. is internationally recognized for programming quality and organizational commitment to excellence. R.A.D. Systems balances the needs of women to acquire self-defense education in a relatively short period of time, with the life long commitment required for physical skill mastery. How? By providing short term training opportunities in a progressive building block format, and combining each with R.A.D.'s trademark Lifetime Return and Practice Policy honored throughout both the US and Canada!

#### **Objective:**

"To develop and enhance the options of self defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked."

---Detective Caroline Altamirano, University of California, Irvine Police Department  
Cell: (949)337-5835, Desk: (949)824-2648, Fax: (949)824-8055, [www.police.uci.edu](http://www.police.uci.edu)

### **UCI FILM AND VIDEO CENTER FALL 2006 FILM SCREENINGS**

<http://www.humanities.uci.edu/fvc/>, (949) 824-7418

The Film and Video Center is UCI and Orange County's premiere art house cinema, screening new, independent, experimental and groundbreaking films and videos. FVC also co-sponsors film festivals representing a diverse range of international and multicultural themes each year. **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 p.m. in Humanities Instructional Building 100.

**November 2:** The Films of Elisabeth Subrin - *Shulie*, 1997, USA, 36 min., Mini DV; *Swallow*, 1995, USA, 28 min., Mini DV; Preview of her latest film. Reception: 6:30 p.m. Screening: 7 p.m. Director Elisabeth Subrin to appear in

person. This program co-sponsored by the UC Irvine Departments of Art History, Film and Media Studies, and Studio Art.

**November 9:** CONTEMPORARY ASIAN AMERICAN CINEMA SERIES – *Undoing*, 2006, USA, 90 min., DVD, Directed by Chris Chan Lee, Reception: 6:30p.m, Screening: 7p.m. Director Chris Chan Lee to appear in person. This program co-sponsored by the Korean Cultural Center of Los Angeles.

**November 16:** LOS ANGELES/EXPERIMENTAL FILM SERIES - “Remember My Forgotten Man” sequence from *Gold Diggers of 1933*, Busby Berkeley, USA, 1933, 12 min, DVD; *Kern County Cotton Strike*, Los Angeles Workers Film and Photo League, USA, 1935, 14min, 16mm; *THX1138: 4EB* (student version), George Lucas, USA, 1967, 15min, 35mm; *Now That the Buffalo's Gone*, Burton Gershfield, USA, 1968, 8min, 16mm; *Aleph*, Wallace Berman, USA, 1976, 10min, 16mm; *Rock 'n' Roll Movie*, Thom Anderson, USA, 1966, 11min, 16mm; *Tanka*, David LeBrun, USA, 1976, 9min, 16mm; *Repression*, Los Angeles News Reel, USA, 1970, 10min VHS; *FilmForum Film*, Craig Rice, USA, 1980, 8min, 16mm; Introduction and Discussion with David E. James, Professor of Critical Studies, Cinema-Television, USC

**November 30:** *The President's Last Bang*, 2005, South Korea, 102 min., 35mm, Directed by Sang-soo Im. This program co-sponsored by the Korean Cultural Center of Los Angeles.