

HRB

Meeting Minutes

4/9/19

I. Call to order

Hobart called to order the regular meeting of the HRB at 4:09 p.m. on 4/9/19 at UHills Community Center Conference Room.

II. Present

The following were present: Brad Conley, Barbara Correa, Hobart Taylor, Sandrine Biziaux Scherson, Kim Encinas, Andrea Canfield, Zach Nelson, Andrew Herndon, Michele Guindani, Victor Van Zandt

Michele arrived at 4:45; Zach arrived at 5:19; Victor joined the meeting at 5:30

III. New business

a) **HRB designee to work with Sustainability Committee to encourage participation in Cool Campus Challenge.**

Brad indicated interest in this role and the group unanimously supported this. Andrew proposes that in addition to ICHA creating a Cool Campus Challenge, each individual on the HRB and in UHills can sign up individually to indicate their environmentally friendly activities.

b) **Sustainability Committee had emailed a request for HRB support for a butterfly garden to be created by the Girl Scouts.**

The site would need oak trees to be a viable environment for the butterflies. The proposed site is at Coltrane and Pauling for this reason. The Girl Scouts would be planting and maintaining greenery accommodating to the butterflies at a remove from the homes. This was unanimously supported by the group. It was noted that the butterfly park would be an excellent exercise in environmentalism, community, and sustainability. Residents will

have access to the site. The park will be periodically reviewed by ICHA for continuity and compatibility with the surrounding landscape.

c) Name the New Little Dog Park.

Ancillary to the topic, it was discussed that the slope of the park can be difficult to traverse for older residents and that the round toys go through the lower fence. This point was tabled for further discussion if necessary.

Several potential names were presented that were collected at the dog park opening. The group voted on names, and the winning name was: Petite Paws Park.

Andrew reported that the opening of the small dog park went well and that many community members should be thanked for their efforts, including Debra Shaka and other small dog park supporters.

In the future, rules will be posted and a lock may be added. The use hours may be changed, after discussions with nearby neighbors and the HRB.

d) Narwhals Request for Meets

Narwhals, the UHills swim team, has requested 2 meets at the Coltrane pool in 2019 rather than 1 meet as in the previous year. Proposed meets are June 29 and July 13.

It was noted that the Narwhals should announce meets substantially in advance, at least at 4 weeks before the meet date with a reminder 2 weeks before each meet date, so that residents can be aware of traffic and parking considerations ahead of time. In addition, the community should be invited to attend events. Announcements should be made in the HRB newsletter, on the UHills listservs, and on A Frames in advance. The benefits of swimming and community sports teams were discussed. The group unanimously approved these meets for 2019.

e) Storytime in Spanish Funding

“Storytime in Spanish” is every Wednesday in the Community Center supported by the Entertainment Committee. The cost is \$50 a week through the end of June 2019. The group unanimously approved this expenditure.

IV. Committee Updates

a) Entertainment Committee

- i) The 70s dance was a success in terms of attendance and positive feedback. Winners of the costume contest were Stephane Mueller and Jill Garland.
- ii) The foreign movie night showing "Traffic" was attended by about 35 people.
It was noted that any time there is a food truck present, it would be a good idea to have the collection bin for food donations for the food pantry.
- iii) Spring Egg Hunt will be held April 20, 11 a.m. in Gabrielino Park featuring 2,600 eggs.
- iv) April 26 will be the next Trivia Night. Details are pending.
- v) April 28 will be the next foreign film and food truck.
- vi) Photo Contest deadline will be extended from April 15 to encourage more submissions.
- vii) Movie night movies have been decided. Movie dates will be 5/31, 6/29, 7/26, 8/24 (Campout and movie) and 9/27.
- viii) Twice weekly Chinese healing exercises have been very well attended and successful.

b) Sustainability Committee

Sustainability Committee emailed a request for a budget of \$300 for the Repair Café, 4/27. This was unanimously approved by the group.

Also present during the repair café: Salvation Army collection truck, recycling and composting discussions, drug take-back with UCIPD, free document shredding, electronic waste collection, display and rally of electronic vehicles, display of updated community map.

c) Welcoming Committee

Michele noted that the welcoming committee is considering developing a network of volunteers and community assistance. HRB was supportive of this direction.

V. Transportation Update

Brad reported that the removal of bike lanes on Gabrielino was met with some negative resident feedback. A committee was founded to consider safety, codes, and the feedback, and to suggest solutions. It was determined that connecting UHills to UCI campus would be simpler with increased communication with the campus. On April 2, the HRB Transportation Committee met to continue discussions about bike lanes on Gabrielino and multi-modal accessibility to the UCI campus. The Committee made two unanimous recommendations to HRB: 1. Restore the Class 2 bike lanes on Gabrielino between California and East Peltason in a 7-11-11-7 alignment (7 foot bike lanes on each side with two 11 foot travel lanes to be separated with a single yellow line). [See the cross-section diagram.] The cost of this option was more reasonable than expected. 2. Task the Transportation Committee, with input from the Sustainability Committee, to develop a “UHills Community Sustainable Transportation Policy” to address all modes of travel within the community and with the UCI campus.

An effort was made by the committee to consider community values such as sustainability, health, and fit with the goals of UCI. The committee was comprised of Mike McNally (Chair), David Reinkensmeyer, Mathieu Morlighem, Brad Conley (HRB); Victor Van Zandt, Andrew Herndon, Bryce Bunker (ICHA).

HRB unanimously accepted both recommendation and thanked the committee for its valuable service to UHills. The changes are expected to begin within months.

- a) Victor noted that the Transportation Committee is willing to be utilized in the future to assist in developing improved long-term ideas for commuting to and from the UCI campus as well as through connected points in UHills.

VI. Solar Inclusion in Area 11 Homes

Victor delivered a response to the Sustainability Committee’s request for solar panels to be standard in new developments in UCI. The ICHA Board discussed this idea and its fit with the goals and values of UHills and UCI. It was determined by the ICHA Board that new construction will not have standard solar panels, in part because of building codes and the relatively higher cost of installing solar panels versus installing other energy-saving features in the homes. All construction in UHills is equivalent to LEED silver certification. Solar may be installed as an improvement by any resident electing to do so, rather than as a purchased option/upgrade in a new UHills home through 2020, subject to changing building codes.

VII. Updates on Mailbox Options

The concern regarding safety of mail delivery is ongoing. ICHA Board of Directors has become involved in seeking information from the Irvine Postmaster and the local post office contact.

Currently, if approved by the Postmaster and the HRB, individual locking mailboxes can be installed, as per current architectural guidelines.

A survey will be undertaken in April to determine if there is interest in locking cluster mailboxes or in maintaining the status quo. If the survey shows that homeowners would like to switch to cluster mailboxes, an election will be held in September in which 51% or more must vote “yes” on cluster mailboxes to change from the status quo to locking cluster mailboxes.

More information will be provided by the ICHA Board of Directors outlining the costs and features of boxes available and costs to households, to ICHA, and to USPS. Cluster versus individual mailboxes will have different costs to the different entities. Broadly, the cost per household is less to install cluster boxes – in this option, no individual boxes may be retained for mail delivery. A map will be provided to residents showing locations for the mailboxes as determined by the Postmaster.

Various concerns were voiced because of the majority vote needed. It was explained that a majority is needed for legal reasons.

It was noted that the resident opinions are very important and valued and this will give all a vote. Ways to inform residents of the survey and to facilitate voting were discussed.

HRB, separate from the ICHA Board, discussed making a recommendation to homeowners.

HRB members had differing opinions. Overall, for reasons of consistency, security, and current building codes, the HRB recommends cluster mailboxes as being best suited to the growth and safety of the general community, though there are concerns involved as well. HRB will issue a statement regarding this complex matter via email.

VIII. Approval of Dispute Resolution Policy

This was unanimously approved and will be posted online.

IX. Architectural Review of Property Improvement Application

This application was denied pending submission of a new form including Attachment A and B with “dimensions from the lot line” and “dimensions of improvements in relationship to home and lot line,” to determine adherence to Setback Requirements outlined in Architectural Guidelines Section E. 1.

X. Adjournment

Hobart adjourned the meeting at 8:06.

Minutes submitted by: Andrea Canfield

Minutes approved by: *Brad Conley, Hobart Taylor, Sandrine Biziaux Scherson, Andrea Canfield, Zach Nelson, Michele Guindani.*