

HRB

Meeting Minutes

8/6/2019

I. Call to order

Hobart called to order the regular meeting of the HRB at 4:05 p.m. on 8/6/19 at UHills Community Center Conference Room.

II. Present

The following were present:

Stephane Muller, Brad Conley, Hobart Taylor (Chair), Andrea Canfield (Communications Coordinator), Zach Nelson (Timekeeper), Sandrine Bizaux-Scherson, Andrew Herndon (ICHA), Kim Encinas (ICHA), Barbara Correa (ICHA)

III. Approval of July 2019 Minutes

- a) The minutes were approved prior to the meeting via email. The minutes are posted at <https://uhills.org/hrb-minutes/> .
- b) Corrections were suggested and the board will each email Communications Coordinator with their acceptance or disapproval of the changes by section. Approved corrections will be noted as revisions online.
- c) For future meetings, Communications Coordinator will use a Google doc and circulate to board members and ICHA representative for revisions for accuracy. The final version will be circulated for final approval. Edits made after approval will be noted as corrections.

IV. Committee Reports

a) Entertainment Committee

- i) Entertainment Committee met 8/6/19 to plan the following events: August 17: Trivia Night with 10 teams; August 24: Movie Night, Camp Out, BBQ by UCIPD, Telescopes by the physics department, ice cream truck with a portion of the proceeds going to charity; August 25: Foreign Film "Like Water for Chocolate" and food truck "Original Herbivore;" September 2: Pool Party at Coltrane pool; September 13: Moon Cake Festival; September 27: Movie Night "Inside Out" and

popcorn; September 29: Foreign Film and food truck "Tres Compas;" October 11: Karaoke Night; October 13: Fall Fiesta; October 18: Salsa Night; October 25: Halloween movie, kids' Trivia Night with Harry Potter theme; October 27: Foreign Film "The Red Violin," food truck; November 8 or 9: Trivia Night; December 14: Holiday Bazaar.

ii) Story Time: Continues in Farsi (every other Tuesday) and in Spanish (every Wednesday) story time reader needed for Chinese and/or English. HRB will revisit attendance and cost at the end of December to determine the status of the future storytimes.

iii) Update on past events: "Free Solo" movie had 100 or so attendees with a range of ages. Foreign film night was well-attended as well.

b) Sustainability Committee

i) The talk on 7/22 about Recycling & Composting was a big success with about 40 attendees and a zero-waste dinner thanks to the items that are now stocked in the kitchen.

ii) The next event will be "UpCycling" on September 8. HRB approved a request for \$75 for this event.

c) Welcoming Committee

Welcoming committee is meeting this month to brainstorm next steps.

d) Transportation Committee

i) Gabrielino restriping is expected to be completed by September 15.

ii) New engineering pathway and signals are almost complete.

e) Community Safety and Diversity Working Group

i) The Community Book Club continues to thrive, with new faces every time, averaging about 16 participants (sometimes 12 and up to 20). Next book club meeting is September 8, in the home of Kanga and Tim Morgan. Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond.

ii) the next 3rd Sunday meeting will be August 18.

iii) November 17 the group is sponsoring Pure Praxis, a theater group that interviews community members and stage scenarios to show underlying aspects of community relationships with audience participation.

f) Core Values

HRB will be forming a group consisting so far of Hobart, Sabine, Mike McNally, and Andrea, chaired by Brad Conley. The subcommittee will contact heads of the Sustainability, Entertainment, and Welcoming committees as well as CSD to gather ideas to present at Fall Fiesta for resident input.

g) Garden mentoring

It was suggested that a garden club be formed, perhaps with mentors from the community garden or older neighborhoods to aid in landscaping or forming gardens for current or incoming residents. Andrew will reach out to community members who have expressed an interest in this topic. Ideas expressed included creating a garden tour, model garden, scale model gardens, and/or exchanging succulents in the neighborhood. Andrea will assist Andrew in coordinating ideas if needed.

V. ICHA Report on ongoing projects

a) Mailbox update

ICHA has been coordinating with residents who are converting to locking mailboxes and assisting in determining what posts and boxes meet the previously stated Post Office requirements. The residents will submit their request to the Post Office. The UCIPD has created a web site for reporting package theft and mail theft. This UHills mail and package theft information is also available in DFA's [With U • For U mobile app](#). Download the mobile app from the [App Store](#) (iOS) or [Google Play](#) (Android).

b) Lockers in pool areas update

ICHA has been researching different locker options.

c) New area landscape update

ICHA has been making improvements including mulching and weeding in the newer areas. They are maintaining drought-tolerance plants and being mindful of not using plants that might promote the rat population.

d) Gabrielino Park playground update

Gabrielino Park is undergoing minor repairs and improvements including adding engineered wood fiber and inspecting for safety. ICHA just completed a tree-planting program replacing diseased trees with new trees that will create substantial shade within two years. The tree planting was done using a method allowing for deeper root formation to avoid trip hazard and injury in the heavily watered turf zones.

e) Update on representation for renters

HRB would like ICHA to clarify ways in which renters can be formally represented and have a voice in community development in accord with the current guiding HRB documents. Hobart suggested that the ICHA Board could discuss and provide clarification of ways renters can be represented in University Hills. Andrew suggests that the HRB create a letter specifying the requests for the ICHA Board to consider at the meeting.

VI. New Business

a) Property Improvement Application

A resident had agreed on a previous Property Improvement Application, submitted to the previous HRB board, to paint the residence in its entirety after construction of an approved home addition. The current Property Improvement Application is a request to fog-coat stucco of the home and new home addition rather than to repaint. HRB determined that the agreed-upon condition to paint should be upheld. The HRB was advised by ICHA that their consultant, the chief building engineer for new construction at Cal Pacific Homes, that paint is the best industry standard for older homes and will last significantly longer. HRB notes that the homeowner, in conjunction with the Property Use and Maintenance Regulations, has the right to file an appeal with the Secretary of the ICHA Board of Directors within 10 days after the applicant's receipt of notice of such decision of the HRB.

b) Request for change to community area

Resident requests tree removal in order to place solar panels. The HRB determined that measures such as trimming the tree should be undertaken to maximize the solar energy production without removing the tree for reasons including the net positive environmental impact of mature trees that are in good condition, and the high cost of replacing mature trees.

c) Resident request for mat class for those with hip/back/knee problems

HRB supports a trial basis of this class to determine if it is supported by the community.

d) Year-round swimming group for UHills youth

It was proposed that a swimming club be formed for youth swimmers in the community. This would entail using lanes in the pools at certain times. HRB supports this idea and will consider this proposal: "The proposal is for the use of three lanes of the Coltrane Pool for 1.5 hours on weekdays for weekdays from 5:00 to 6:30 during the Irvine Swim League off-season. While it's anticipated that most participants will swim for Narwhals, the pool and lanes could be reserved by organized groups of University Hills children and teens regardless of whether they swim for Narwhals."

e) Whitman Parking Signage Update

The Whitman board will discuss how to best inform residents and guests of the current parking rules.

VII. Tabled Until Next Meeting

- a) Architectural Improvement Philosophy – A General Discussion
- b) Statement for residents outlining requirements for following architectural standards.
- c) Continued Assessment of Communication to Residents From HRB and ICHA

IX. Summary Statement

Agenda items included updates from ICHA, including a mailbox update; reports from the Entertainment Committee, Sustainability Committee, Transportation Committee, and the Community Safety and Diversity Working Group; a proposal for a year-round UHills swimming group; formation of a subcommittee on landscape gardening mentoring; two architectural review applications; continuation of the Farsi and Spanish story time; forming a mat class for those with hip and knee problems; and other business. The minutes, which will be posted once approved, include more information on these and additional items.

X. Adjournment

Hobart adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Andrea Canfield

Minutes approved by: Andrea Canfield, Stephane Muller, Sandrine Biziaux-Scherson, Zach Nelson, Hobart Taylor, Brad Conley