

HRB Meeting Minutes

4/7/2020

I. Call to order

Hobart called to order the regular meeting of the HRB at 4:36 p.m. on 4/7/2020 via Zoom meeting.

II. Present

The following were present via Zoom: Brad Conley (HRB), Hobart Taylor (HRB Chair), Gerald Parham (HRB), Andrea Canfield (HRB Communications Coordinator), Sandrine Biziaux-Scherson (HRB), Susan Pearlman (HRB), Andrew Herndon (ICHA), Kim Encinas (ICHA), Barbara Correa (ICHA), Lindsey Hashim (UCI DFA Senior Planner), Travis Ebbert (Landscape Architect), Bryce Bunker (ICHA)

III. Approval of March 2020 Minutes

The minutes were approved by a quorum. HRB minutes are posted at <https://uhills.org/hrb-minutes/> .

IV. Election of Officers

- a. Hobart Taylor will continue as HRB Chair
- b. Andrea Canfield will continue as HRB Communication Coordinator

V. Committee Reports

a. Entertainment

i) Teen Engagement Subcommittee report

A group of parents of teens from UHills has organized and is requesting a space to be set aside for teens to gather. HRB has requested that ICHA offer space, perhaps in the new buildings, for this use. HRB is in support of this idea. Ideas include having a temporary area in the Community Center, until a new space can be designed. ICHA has some ideas for areas that could be developed in the future. Using outdoor facilities was also offered as a suggestion (for example, volleyball, parkour, climbing). Mariner's Church was offered as a good model for preparing a space for teens. The committee will make some recommendations and continue to pursue possible ideas for using a potentially temporary dedicated space while planning for a future dedicated space. Gerald is willing to be part of this committee and communicate with Mariners Church regarding their space.

ii) Photo Contest

The HRB has approved prizes to be awarded to photos or short videos in the age categories of adult and under 18.

b. Welcoming and Wellness Committee

i) Weekly meetings have been ongoing via Zoom with experts on COVID answering questions that are submitted in advance. They have been successful in attendance and in responding to questions from the community.

ii) Community mapping is more important than ever. Brad has developed a tool that uses Google maps without sharing any information about residents. Its purpose is to help volunteers provide assistance to those with special requests for assistance. There are questions regarding who will access the map and coordinate information when someone is in need of assistance. We are beginning to explore community mapping using only information that residents want to share.

c. PSAC Update

Likely because of COVID isolating, there have been fewer UCIPD and UHills interactions such as traffic stops. There have been domestic disturbance calls during this time.

d. ICHA Board Update

Bryce Bunker presented two project updates: 1) the Area 12 - Las Lomas Redevelopment plan review and 2) the Los Trancos Pool & Park Renewal Concept, including conceptual designs. The Las Lomas Redevelopment will include new housing for faculty and staff: 89 detached homes, 66 guest parking spaces, three 8-foot pedestrian and bike paths, new gathering spaces, and enhanced connections to the preserve, campus, and recreation areas. The first home is scheduled to be delivered in May 2022. A member of HRB will be representative on the Campus Physical and Environmental Committee (CPEC) and will present HRB and community feedback to CPEC at the meeting in late May 2020. The project will go before the Space and Budget Committee at UCI for approval in June 2020. The Los Trancos pool and restrooms will be renovated and the adjacent park will be redesigned. This will be completed by Fall 2022 (estimated). The pool upgrades will include decking, fencing, and renovated bathroom. The park areas could be reconfigured. Changes could include adding and updating facilities and possibly adding an amphitheater, lounge, etc. Community input would be sought before final plans are made.

The first information would be presented to adjacent UHills neighbors later this month, in the third week of April. HRB asked whether trees will be retained. New building standards, and ailing trees, may require trees to be removed, but efforts will be made to retain healthy trees that can be kept, as well as planting many new trees. Sandrine noted that this would be a good area to have a gathering area for teens. A question was, why are there single-family homes rather than high rises? The response was that single-family homes are more attractive as a recruitment tool, the cost of construction for larger buildings is higher, thus raising the cost tenants/owners would have to pay to live there, and that type of home would not have as much outdoor space. Ideas for the outdoor areas included natural play area, adventure playground,

demonstration garden. An indoor and/or outdoor area for teens was suggested, and it was also suggested that the area could be used by homeschool students during the day.

VI. Communications and IT Report

a. Virtual Classes and Zoom Meetings

Barbara Correa has been working with HRB to convert classes and resources to Zoom meetings, with preregistration.

b. Uhills.org update

ICHA has been working on updating the website with information useful and interesting to residents, and requests that HRB help identify content, as well as posting on the UHills Facebook page.

VII. New Business

a. Property Improvement Request

A resident is requesting that ICHA remove a small Alverica pine tree from the common area landscaping due to allergies to tree debris in the back and side yards. The tree was pruned previously to reduce growth of the tree, and the homeowner is now requesting removal of the tree. ICHA notes that trees throughout UHills do impact private property, and removing a tree along Anteater could impact road noise. HRB has asked ICHA to heavily prune the tree to reduce the impact on the home.

VIII. ICHA Announcements

a. ICHA Green Business Certification

HRB congratulates ICHA on the Green Business Certification, based on resource use and support of composting, solar program, and other green choices made by businesses.

b. Miramonte Dog Park Addition

A small dog park is planned for Gateway park.

IX. Summary statement

Agenda items included a presentation on the Los Trancos redevelopment, a new dog park planned for Miramonte, committee reports including Welcoming and Wellness community mapping and COVID conversation update, an upcoming photo contest, a request to remove a tree, and other agenda items. The minutes, which will be posted once approved, will include more information on these and other matters.

X. Adjourn

Hobart adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Andrea Canfield

Minutes approved by: Hobart Taylor, Brad Conley, Gerald Parham, Susan Pearlman