

HRB Meeting Minutes

3/3/2020

I. Call to order

Hobart called to order the regular meeting of the HRB at 4:08 p.m. on 3/3/2020 at the University Hills Community Center Conference Room.

II. Present

The following were present: Brad Conley (HRB), Hobart Taylor (HRB Chair), Gerald Parham (HRB), Andrea Canfield (HRB), Sandrine Bizaux-Scherson (HRB), Susan Pearlman (HRB, via phone), Andrew Herndon (ICHA), Kim Encinas (ICHA), Barbara Correa (ICHA)

III. Approval of February 2020 Minutes

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

IV. Results of HRB Elections

Congratulations to newly elected HRB members Susan Pearlman, Andrea Canfield , Brad Conley, and Gerald Parham. This year marks historic participation, with 239 eligible households (20%) submitting ballots by the election deadline of February 28. Thank you to those residents who took the time to vote.

V. Meet the HRB

Meet the HRB is tentatively scheduled for 9:00-11:00 am on March 14, the same day as Narwhals sign-ups. The HRB requested that ICHA's maps be displayed.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Entertainment

Trivia Night was successful, and foreign film night was well-attended (around 20 people). The food truck was well patronized. Upcoming events include karaoke night on March 7, and foreign film and food truck on March 29.

b. Welcoming and Wellness Committee

The committee will be meeting soon to discuss further community outreach and events. There is a series of talks underway and they have been successful. March 4, 6-8, is an upcoming talk on using apps for healthcare. The committee is considering being present at upcoming community events to spread awareness of opportunities for involvement. A new portion of the UHills.org website is being developed to assist new residents by providing important resource information, general history and community information. It will also highlight community events and feature ways to be involved. A link to the site would be provided to all residents and effective ways of reaching out to new residents is still being explored. The emergency preparedness and neighborhood community-building aspects of the committee are still being developed.

c. Traffic Committee

Recently, residents of several streets in UHills that have young children who play outdoors requested that ICHA, UCIPD, and HRB Traffic Committee make changes to their streets for safety reasons. On Turing, the speed limit has been reduced from 25 to 13 MPH, which is indicated on the street. UCIPD has notified ICHA that it cannot enforce arbitrary speed limit postings. ICHA and the HRB Transportation Committee will discuss what steps are required to make the new limit enforceable (nonarbitrary). The crosswalks were repainted and are more visible. There are now reflective pylons in the street. The next step will be to make recommendations to residents regarding safety, and to consider lowering the speed limit on other streets with similar issues. The conversations are ongoing regarding what the best practices are. Soon, parks will be open nearby that may provide safer play areas. Also, there may be ideal safe ways to locate pylons and other traffic calming measures that are provided by residents. The Committee and all involved are focusing on the “3 Es” of Engineering, Enforcement, and Education. Regarding the Education component: The traffic committee understands that the education component must be carefully thought out over time and effectively communicated to residents. ICHA noted that on some streets, it may be useful to have volunteer crossing guards during busy commute times for kids.

d. CSD

The Community Safety and Diversity monthly book club continues and the most recent meeting was well attended. The CSD ushers will be meeting March 8 to discuss job duties of the coordinator, and a retreat will be held in April to discuss future goals of the group.

e. PSAC Update

The recent town hall meeting on campus had a focus on an incident that had happened that same day. Overall it was well attended and there was an active discussion. Several residents of UHills attended and raised concerns regarding enforcement in UHills.

f. ICHA Board

A joint board meeting has been proposed for August. This would bring ICHA board members and HRB board together to discuss shared goals and communication. The ICHA board is aware that issues of renter representation have been raised and will be coming to their specific attention in the near future. HRB also requested that some

time be set aside at each ICHA board meeting for a brief HRB report to keep the ICHA board aware of active issues.

VII. Continued Business

a. Yoga of the Heart

Yoga of the Heart, Monday evenings, has been attended by about 20 participants each time, all affiliated with UHills and UCI. The class has received positive feedback. The instructor accepts donations and will provide 20% of donations to ICHA to offset costs of using the Community Center. HRB moved and carried to continue the class for 6 months as long as there is community support.

b. Financial seminar

A financial seminar was proposed at the February meeting. HRB (Gerald) will contact UCI HR/Fidelity to coordinate a possible talk or seminar revolving around retirement and financial matters. Proposals from community members who have specific future financial seminar ideas would also be considered by the HRB.

c. Anti-bird-strike material installation request

ICHA has installed material on some glass walls to prevent bird collisions. HRB requests that more reflective anti-bird-strike material be installed at the end of Coltrane, Cervantes, Wheatly, Kahlo, Hypatia, Ochoa, and Roland. A motion was put forth and approved. It was requested that the community be informed regarding the reason for the reflective anti-bird-strike material, and homeowners given the opportunity to purchase them to use on their own glass walls.

VIII. ICHA Report/Action Items

a. Lockable mailboxes

Various streets have requested lockable CBU mailboxes, but not all residents of those streets have come to an agreement on mailbox types.

b. Proposed summer camp

A resident has requested to hold a summer camp in Gabrielino Park. HRB requests a proposal from the summer camp specifying maximum number of children, and percentage of the field to be used. A minimum of 50% attendees would need to be residents, with 20% of funds given back to ICHA. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

c. Dog park liaison

ICHA will request dog park patrons identify a liaison to bring concerns to the attention of the HRB.

d. Room fee waiver request

A community choir is requesting free use of the rooms for their rehearsals, and they will give free community performances, for example at the Earth Day event at the Community Center. The fee waiver was approved. The choir will relocate if the room is reserved.

e. EV charger concerns

HRB has approved ICHA to enforce that residents position their EV chargers inside of garages, hold proper permits, and have electrical work done in a safe manner. This is a legal city code and an electrical safety issue.

f. HOOT group rat control request

The HOOT Group is requesting funding to purchase rat traps to be installed in lieu of bait boxes with vitamin D overdose bait. ICHA notes that the cost of maintenance for snap traps as compared to bait stations is prohibitive. This request will be further discussed at a future meeting.

IX. Tabled for Future Meeting

a. Renters' Representation

b. Meeting Review and Goal Setting for New HRB with special focus on communication

c. Hoot group request for snap trap and bait station data

d. Tennis Vendors

X. Summary statement

Agenda items included a discussion of EV chargers, a proposed summer camp in Gabrielino Park, waiving Community Center fees for a community choir, ICHA report, committee reports including transportation committee discussing traffic on Turing, the HRB election results, and other agenda items. The minutes, which will be posted once approved, will include more information on these and other matters.

XI. Adjourn

Hobart adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Andrea Canfield

Minutes approved by: Gerald Parham, Sandrine Bizaux-Scherson, Brad Conley, Andrea Canfield, Hobart Taylor