

HRB Meeting Minutes

9/1/2020

I. Call to order

Hobart called to order the regular meeting of the HRB at 4:02 p.m. on 9/1/2020 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 Bizaux-Scherson (HRB), Susan Pearlman (HRB), Zach Nelson (HRB), Andrew Herndon (ICHA), Kim Encinas (ICHA), Barbara Correa (ICHA), Bryce Bunker (ICHA)

III. Approval of August 2020 Minutes

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

IV. The Village Project of Welcoming and Wellness Committee

a. Goals

The Village Project aims to provide safety for the Uhills community, is opt-in, secure, and will map aspects of the community as well as neighborly information. There will be beta testing with a small group before opening the system to the wider community. An interactive map/directory/database will allow residents to prepare for emergencies, coordinate community functions, etc. Privacy will be key and those who have joined would need to adhere to community safety guidelines and would be able to opt out at any time.

b. Demonstration

An interactive demonstration of the database was given with examples of possible use, such as if a resident left their garage door open, they could seek a phone number for a neighbor nearby who could close the garage door. The committee's priorities are in protecting privacy, preparing for emergencies and building community.

c. Budget Approval

The budget for the Village Project for 2019-2020 was unanimously approved.

V. Update on Community Art Installations

Bryce Bunker from ICHA presented a summary of Vista park art installations for the Area 11 park. A pillar and sundial would be installed as well as a wind sculpture concept developed in coordination with Native American groups who previously inhabited the area.

VI. Sustainability Committee Gardening Report Request

The Sustainability Committee has requested information from ICHA regarding the oversight between ICHA and O'Connell, as well as information regarding types and safety of herbicides.

ICHA noted that it currently uses organic herbicides and makes efforts to ensure safety for residents.

The Sustainability Committee has made recommendations for possible changes and future community outreach:

1. The Committee recommends distributing information about the benefits of non-toxic pest management/gardening and about the work of the Sustainability Committee (including the meeting time & contact info) to the gardeners to raise their awareness about the topic.
2. The Committee recommends having a written policy/commitment about non-toxic pest and weed management in University Hills to affirm the commitment and raise residents' awareness.
3. The Committee recommends going organic, including with fertilizers. Resources about Neighborhood Non-Toxic Management practices inside neighborhoods (including fertilizing) can be found here: <https://nontoxicneighborhoods.org/organic-hoas>

VI. Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee recognizes that there are issues with traffic flow and speeding in Area 11. ICHA will replace cones in the street and attempt to stem the traffic flow. The committee will respond to residents.

VIII. ICHA Report

ICHA reminds residents to remain safe when walking through the community and keep a safe distance from other pedestrians. Wear masks in areas and situations were required.

The Area 12 Project has reached some uncertainty that has delayed the community input into the Los Trancos park refresh project. When the projects are ready to proceed, community input will be solicited.

A new bus stop is underway and creative aspects are also planned for the bus stop.

There will be a polling place at the Community Center.

IX. Entertainment Committee

a. Leadership

Sandrine announced she is stepping down from being UHills Entertainment Chair after several years. She will continue to help in any capacity. Lilli LaBuen Gillen has joined the Entertainment Committee and will coordinate until a new chair has been found. Lilli is involved with the Community Safety and Diversity Working Group (CSDWG), PTA and IUSD.

b. Event Calendar 2020

There was no fall fiesta held this year. A calendar of events was submitted for the year, including modified Halloween, a virtual Holiday Bazaar and virtual Christmas Caroling.

c. Event Planning 2021

A new series, “**I Had No Idea**” spotlighting a neighbor and their special area of expertise. A number of guests were recommended and will begin in March 2021. A tile art installation project, easter egg hunt, and June Pride festival are also being planned.

X. Summary Statement

Agenda items included committee reports, a demonstration of the prototype for the Village Project, a discussion of traffic in Area 11, details regarding UHills groundskeeping, a proposal for artistic elements for the park of Area 11, and a discussion of HRB’s relationship with the ICHA Board. Other agenda items were presented and more details will be included in the minutes once they are approved. Minutes are posted online at <https://uhills.org/hrb-minutes/> .

XI. Adjourn

Hobart adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrea Canfield.

Minutes approved by a quorum.