

HRB Meeting Minutes

12/1/2020

I. Call to order

Hobart called to order the regular meeting of the HRB at 4:03 p.m. on 12/1/2020 via Zoom meeting.

II. Present

The following were present via Zoom: Brad Conley (HRB), Hobart Taylor (HRB Chair), Gerald Parham (HRB), Andrea Canfield (HRB), Sandrine Biziaux-Scherson (HRB), Susan Pearlman (HRB), Zach Nelson (HRB), Andrew Herndon (ICHA), Kim Encinas (ICHA), Barbara Correa (ICHA), Victor Van Zandt (ICHA)

III. Approval of November 2020 Minutes

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

IV. Committee Reports

a. Renter Representation Subcommittee

A draft survey has been developed by the subcommittee to go to all rental residents asking whether formal representation is desired and in what format, if so. The subcommittee requested approval from HRB for the survey. All agree that the survey is needed. Wording for the introduction will be revised and the survey will be revisited by HRB at the January 2021 meeting.

b. Sustainability Committee

i. HRB motioned that ICHA request from O'Connell, the landscaping maintenance contractor, the feasibility and financial implications of switching any or all maintenance machinery and equipment to electric power; and, a timeline for implementation if applicable. The motion was carried.

- ii. The Sustainability Committee and HOOT group support placing an optional pledge on the UHills website. HRB approves of adding the optional pledge to the website. See Appendix A for the pledge.
- iii. The HRB requests that ICHA provide the feasibility and financial implications of switching from rodenticide use to snap traps for rodent control.
- iv. The HRB requests that ICHA provide the feasibility and financial implications of upgrading/switching current trash cans to animal-proof trash receptacles.
- v. The HRB requests that ICHA provide the feasibility and financial implications of phasing out rodenticides throughout UHills Rentals, townhomes, and common areas.
- vi. Reducing harborage may reduce the rat population. HRB requests that ICHA provide details about plans to reduce harborage in ongoing and future construction.
- vii. The HOOT group requests \$416 to build 8 owl boxes that have been researched with input from ecologists. This was approved.

c. Entertainment Committee

- i. Holiday Bazaar: The Entertainment Committee has kicked off the first official Virtual Holiday Bazaar, advertised on UHills.org, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the listserv. Posters are up throughout the neighborhood. Many thanks to Barbara, who created a page for Holiday Bazaar vendors.
- ii. "I Had No Idea #2" December 13th, 5-6 pm: Meet the Holiday Bazaar Vendors.
- iii. Cantate Community Choir of University Hills: Denise Chicolte and Jakob Swetland will share a recording of 5 holiday songs with UHills. The choir is made up of UHills residents.
- iv. Halloween Contests: Many reached out to thank the committee for holding such fun events. Thank you to HRB and ICHA from the committee for bringing joy to the community!

d. Welcoming and Wellness Committee (W2)

- i. UCI campus has hired an emergency services training coordinator who will aid W2 in training UHills residents in emergency management.

- ii. Residents have requested beginning the Covid Conversations again and W2 will coordinate this.
- iii. EM on campus is looking into a new mass notification system that may enhance our capability for zoned notifications all around campus including UHills, but this is in the very early stages of discussion.
- iv. EM is in the initial assessment stage to explore conducting a full campus Business Impact / Hazard analysis, which will be used later to develop evacuation planning strategies for the entire campus including UHills.
- v. The Village project database continues to be developed.

e. PSAC Update

PSAC is completing interviews of UHills residents and stakeholders in the community to gather information regarding the perception of policing within our community. A report is expected in January 2021.

f. CSD Update

CSD Coordinator position is being rewritten. CSD Book Club will continue with the current selection.

g. Transportation Committee

Area 11 update: Conversations continue regarding safety of pedestrians and residents, especially children, on Area 11 streets. HRB and ICHA continue to work together to address these concerns and gather information, with a focus on improving communication and being advocates for resident safety.

ICHA placed traffic counters in Area 11 to gather data regarding speed, frequency, and number of vehicles. Data will be analyzed as well as taking into account pedestrian crossings, pinch points, parked cars, and stop signs.

ICHA plans to meet with HRB Transportation Committee as soon as data is collected and analyzed, likely mid-January.

V. ICHA Report

ICHA proposed a policy for when community groups or HRB subcommittees have a recommendation for an operational change at ICHA regarding community care, maintenance, management, or programming of UHills amenities and services. Discussion will be continued at the January 2021 meeting.

VI. Architectural Improvement Application

A previously approved application for house painting has a modified color palette and changes are approved.

VII. Tabled for Next Meeting

a. Homeowner Responsibilities to Renters

A group has contacted HRB asking for help clarifying for homeowners their legal obligations if renting out a room or their home.

b. Architectural Improvement Applications

HRB and ICHA continue to discuss how to process these documents.

c. Call for members for a subcommittee on creating a resident life coordinator position in ICHA.

ICHA is considering an HRB request for a res life coordinator position.

VIII. Summary Statement

Agenda items included reports from the Transportation Committee and Welcoming and Wellness Committees, approval of a resident's modified Architectural Improvement Application, approval of funding for owl boxes, discussion of ICHA-proposed rules for community groups communicating with ICHA/HRB, a request to investigate electric landscaping tools, and other agenda items. More details will be included in the minutes once they are approved. Minutes are posted online at <https://uhills.org/hrb-minutes/> .

IX. Adjourn

Hobart adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrea Canfield

Minutes approved by a quorum.

APPENDIX A

The UHills HOOT Group (<https://uhills.org/hoot/>) needs your help!

We are getting ready to start building/installing several barn owl nesting boxes throughout the neighborhood so that we can increase our existing population of barn owls. The native barn owl is an effective predator for rats and mice and since their habitat has been reduced by development, we want to encourage population growth.

Before we can install the nesting boxes, we need to make sure that UHills households are free of rodenticides (poison).

You can help us by taking the HOOT Group Pledge:

Our household will not use rodenticides of any kind. We will do our best to reduce harborage and eliminate outdoor food and water sources that are attractive to rodents. If we choose to use snap traps for rodent control, we pledge to use enclosed traps so that we avoid harming other wildlife.

To agree to the pledge please email Kim Huxman at huxman@hotmail.com with your name, address, and statement that you agree to the HOOT Group Pledge. If you would like a yard sign (image attached) indicating that you support the efforts of The HOOT Group please let Kim know and she will order one for you. Yard signs will cost \$10 each.

Don't forget to check out our web page (<https://uhills.org/hoot/>) to learn more about our efforts to move our neighborhood toward non-toxic methods for controlling the rodent population in UHills.

The HOOT Group