

# HRB Meeting Minutes

2/2/2021

## I. Call to order

Hobart called to order the regular meeting of the HRB at 4:03 p.m. on 2/2/2021 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), Jesse Wolfson (resident), Lilli LaBuen Gillen (Entertainment Committee Chair)

## III. Approval of January 2021 Minutes

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

## IV. New Business

### a. Approval of Renter Representation Survey

A draft survey for renters was finalized. The survey requests from rental residents whether they would prefer to have formal options for representation, such as through HRB or through a separate board. ICHA will distribute the survey to all rental residents.

Dear Rental Resident,

University Hills is a growing and thriving community. As it continues to develop, there is a strong focus on building community. Your opinion matters and we would appreciate your input by completing the following short survey.

1. Do you think renters should have formal representation?

If yes, select one of the following:

Renters should:

- a. Elect representatives to a new Rental Representative Board?
- b. Elect representatives to the existing HRB (Homeowners Representative Board)?

If no, thank you for your time.

Thank you for your time and support.

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A and B should be randomized. Three weeks should be allowed for responses.

## b. Subcommittee for Proposed Residential Life Coordinator

Susan, Gerald, and Andrea will serve on this committee to develop a job description for a potential residence life coordinator position in ICHA office.

## c. HRB Budget Requests

Ideas for future projects include welcome baskets for new residents, installing Little Free Library kiosks, ping pong table(s), items to be used in a future Teen Hangout area, and organized community programming.

## V. Committee Reports

### a. Entertainment Committee Report

The Entertainment Committee carries on in creating fun programming that engages UHills residents of all ages through the lens of intersectionality and inclusion. All programming abides by public health guidelines and continues to be held through a virtual platform, specifically through Zoom, until we are able to hold events in person. The new series, I HAD NO IDEA!, continues on a monthly basis, highlighting fun, random ideas and projects involving people who live in UHills. The Annual UHills Photography Contest will commence early spring. We are currently working on a couple of proposals: *Story Walk in the Park*, a community-wide virtual talent show: *UHills Got Talent!*, additional *UHills Trivia Nights* (kids, themed in Summer and Fall), collaborate with other groups for events including community art projects and *Move and Groove UHills*, a wellness workshop that includes mamba-dancing and mindfulness and the *UHills Holiday Bazaar organizers*. We continue to look into creative options for summer programming including movies in the park, live music, and a literary event. We have created an Instagram and Twitter account on top of the Facebook group page, and possibly TikTok in order to maximize, diversity, and expand our audience within University Hills.

HRB supports the participation of residents in the Black History Month community-wide coloring project:

1. Participants will print out their page and color it. Please write names, ages (optional), and an email address on the back of the page.
2. Turn completed coloring pages to Lilli at 56 Murasaki. You can leave it in a box on her porch.

3. We will display your coloring pages throughout the community throughout the month of February (location tbd)

These coloring pages serve as an informal conversation starter about the contributions of brilliant Black engineers, physicians, and scientists that are often left out of school textbooks.

Choose and print coloring pages here. <https://www.colormephd.org/coloring-pages/history-making-scientists>

## b. Sustainability Committee

The committee continues to support electric property maintenance equipment as a priority. Members are working on publicizing small steps to “go green,” installing owl boxes, increasing awareness of the community composter, and supporting recycling.

Current requests with ICHA are to identify appropriate trees for installing owl boxes, installing animal-proof trash can lids, investigating the possibility of snap traps rather than rodenticides, and reducing harborage for rats in common areas.

## c. Transportation Committee

The HRB Transportation Committee, affected residents of area 11, and ICHA will be meeting this month to discuss the results of the traffic study ICHA commissioned. Resident Jesse Wolfson was present to give a resident perspective on the Area 11 traffic situation. The area has many children playing in front of houses and residents are in favor of traffic calming measures such as speed cushions, and they have canvassed the neighborhood and found broad support.

## d. W2 (Welcoming and Wellness) Committee

The Village project database/map will be beta tested with HRB members before being launched to the broader community. W2 and the Entertainment Committee are jointly proposing a three part workshop beginning in March, called “Movement Matters.” It will be held in person when possible, and offered virtually for now. The proposed budget of \$1,000 to be paid to workshop leader Sakina Ibrahim was approved via email by 5 members of the HRB.

## e. PSAC and CSD updates

PSAC is finalizing a report that will be presented to campus.

CSD's ongoing book club is continuing, and CSD is also providing anti-racism resources as well as partnering with other groups. <https://uhills.org/safety-and-diversity/>, while meeting to continue discussions of the executive committee, coordinator position, and mission statements for the group.

## VI. Proposal for Celebrating Diversity through Art in Uhills

A group of residents would like to create University Hills “Celebrating Diversity Through Art” Street Murals. They state: “Given the excellent turnout at the Uni Hills Black Lives Matter march in June 2020, we hope this new art activism project would be seen as another important opportunity for our families and students to come together and show our support for our diverse community and our commitment to social change. Our activism for racial justice can’t stop. We feel these street murals in multiple parts of University Hills’ public spaces will keep the community energized, focused, inspired, and committed to this vital movement.” The group requests that HRB, ICHA, CSD and community members will support and participate in the public art project.

The HRB unanimously supported that a committee be formed including HRB, ICHA, CSD and community members, to determine an initial art project and specific location within University Hills, and to present a specific proposal and budget to HRB.

The HRB unanimously supported forming an equitable committee including representatives of the HRB, ICHA, CSD and community members to review the initial proposal and logistics within University Hills, and present a proposal and budget to HRB.

## VII. Review of New Architectural Review Process

A Google Sheet was created for ICHA and HRB to process submitted Property Improvement Applications. HRB and ICHA will begin using this form in February for incoming Property Improvement Applications beginning February 5.

## VIII. Proposal from HRB to ICHA for Home Maintenance Plans

HRB and ICHA discussed home maintenance plans, schedules, incentives, to incentivize homeowners to perform routine maintenance on their homes. Zach will serve on a future committee to brainstorm ideas.

## IX. ICHA Report

### a. HRB Election Update

Voting to allow one vote per household will be distributed on 2/16/21. Voting will be electronic and closes on the 26th. Two reminders will be sent out. Results will be distributed on March 1. There are 4 candidates for 4 available seats.

### b. Area 12 Updates

There will be a future presentation from ICHA regarding the updates in this area, including community meetings.

**c. Vista Park Update**

The park is almost complete and is pending some changes to the landscaping and other minor considerations.

**d. Mail and Parcel Locker Update**

The blue USPS box will be relocated to the Community Center. A parcel locker with lighting and camera is being considered for the Community Center parking lot.

**e. Electric Landscape Equipment Conversion**

A new electric ride-on mower is being used, as well as alternative blowers and other equipment. It is estimated that more than half of the mowed turf in common areas is now serviced with the electric mower.

## **X. Summary Statement**

Agenda items included reports from the Sustainability, Entertainment, Transportation, and Welcoming and Wellness Committees; approval of a proposal for a community Celebrating Diversity through Art in UHills committee; finalizing a survey of rental residents regarding representation; introducing the new system for HRB/ICHA processing Architectural Improvement Applications, updates from ICHA regarding a new ride-on electric mower, Vista Park update, HRB election timing; 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/> .

## **XI. Adjourn**

Hobart adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrea Canfield

Minutes approved by G. Parham, Hobart Taylor, Sandrine Biziaux-Scherson, Chrissy McCormick, Susan Pearlman, Brad Conley

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Attention:**

University Hills Homeowners Representative Board Members  
1085 California Ave., Irvine, CA 92617

**Date of Proposal:** February 2, 2021

**Proposal:** Community Art Activism Project

University Hills “Celebrating Diversity Through Art” Street Murals

### **Proposed Locations for the Street Murals:**

1. California and Gabrielino four way crosswalk
2. Truth and Angelou crosswalk (connects Playground Park to Vista Park)
3. Vista Bonita crosswalk

**Budget:** TBD upon approval

### **Proposed Vision for the Street Murals:**

1. California and Gabrielino four way crosswalk: Intersectional (Pride, Latinx, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Kizh Nation)
2. Truth and Angelou crosswalk (connects Playground Park to Vista Park): BLM/Civil Rights-related & a plaque of a Maya Angelou quote)
3. Vista Bonita crosswalk (Celebration of Women's suffrage, struggles, accomplishments)

### **Background:**

In the summer of 2020, Anne Marie Grill and Lilli LaBuen Gillen started a [Petition](#) to the UCI community and ICHA to allow a Black Lives Matter street mural to be painted on streets

bordering the UCI campus and University Hills. The petition was signed by over 1000 UCI faculty, staff, and University Hills residents and garnered support from all parts of the UCI community, including members of the [Community Safety and Diversity Working Group](#), [Black Faculty and Staff Association](#) and the [Center for Black Cultures, Resources and Research](#), and members of the [UCI End Racism Working Groups](#).

In addition to the enthusiasm of the community, we also received strong support from ICHA. Victor Van Zandt, President and CEO of ICHA, promised logistical and operational support including design work, survey crews, paint and materials, and cleanup services.

Unfortunately, despite the expressed need of the community for this kind of demonstration for racial justice and equality, we were not able to get UCI's final approval for the project. However, Vice Chancellor Doug Haynes strongly encouraged us to pursue a version of this project within the boundaries of University Hills.

We are now proposing the execution of one, potentially up to three, street murals to be located in the three street junctures listed above. Our vision is for street murals that go beyond our original Black Lives Matter message and embrace the broader sense of cultural and racial diversity that is represented in University Hills.

Given the excellent turnout at the Uni Hills Black Lives Matter march in June 2020, we hope this new art activism project would be seen as another important opportunity for our families and students to come together and show our support for our diverse community and our commitment to social change. Our activism for racial justice can't stop. We feel these street murals in multiple parts of University Hills' public spaces will keep the community energized, focused, inspired, and committed to this vital movement.

#### Additional Notes:

##### Logistics

1. Appoint a member of CSD, HRB, ICHA to join us in a committee to oversee artistic direction and execution of the painting project.
2. Hire an artist that is representative of each community to create artwork.
3. Make a commitment that the Uhills community will be able to partake in the painting of all or some parts of the mural projects.