

**• Agenda**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**HRB**

April 5, 2022

4-6 PM

HRB Meeting Zoom link:

<https://uci.zoom.us/j/99260206644>

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HYBRID

ICHA BOARDROOM

**April 5, 2022**

**Primary Location: Zoom Meeting**

**PRESENTATIONS TO HRB BY RESIDENTS AND GROUPS**

HRB welcomes participation at the Board meetings. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

- If you wish to speak on any agenda item or other matter, you can request to be placed on the agenda under the resident communication heading.
- The “resident communications” portion of the HRB meeting is set aside for residents or groups to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. To ensure time to hear all residents and address old and new business, the HRB will listen to your presentation, but not vote on any matters until further discussion in Executive Session. Each presentation is limited to 5 minutes with 5 minutes for questions and answers. Total time allotted to non-agenda items will be limited to 20 minutes. The Board may use Executive Session to discuss and vote if a vote is needed; or the Board may: request further information from the resident and group to be provided at the next meeting; request that ICHA staff contact the resident if it is an ICHA matter; refer the issue to the ICHA Board; or refer the matter to the relevant subcommittee.
- Regarding items that are on the agenda, residents will be given an opportunity to speak for up to 5 minutes when the Board discusses that item.
- Residents attending meetings over Zoom should type their name into the chat and note whether they are there for an agenda item or for “resident communications.”

## **I. PRELIMINARY**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

### **B. ATTENDANCE (5 Minutes)**

### **C. HRB Board Member replacement (25 Minutes)**

Recently elected board member Jan Breucker has resigned. Previously, when a board member has resigned the HRB has followed various procedures. Most recently, when there has been a vacancy on the board, the candidate who had the most votes in the last HRB election but had not been elected moves up. The board has also opted to appoint someone to fill the vacancy, or to leave the position unfilled.

The Chair formally requests that we establish a policy. In the event that the policy is approved in this meeting, the Chair also requests that the HRB implement that policy immediately.

The HRB decided that without a formal written policy, the HRB will continue with the tradition of appointing a member to a vacant seat on the HRB.

Motion: In the event of a vacancy, during the HRB term, the candidate who received the highest number of votes, not having been elected, will have the opportunity to be appointed. Since Brad Conley was the next highest vote getter, the HRB appointed him to fill the vacant seat.

Seconded: Mack

Unanimous favor

## **II. COMMUNICATIONS**

Susan- Communications Policy- developed one year ago

- Messaging to be evaluated by the HRB in response to resident inquiries
  - o Importance of a unified voice
  - o Hobart- a question of fact is easy to deliver
    - PUMR, policies
    - If it is an inquiry regarding ICHA or other matters, the HRB will develop messaging together.

**A. RESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS:** Any residents in attendance may present non-agenda items for 5 minutes with 5 minutes for questions and answers. The total time for this purpose should not exceed 20 minutes.

There **were** no residents requesting resident communications for this meeting.

**B. Approval of previous board meeting minutes**

Minutes have not been submitted yet. Issues with formatting- Hobart and Susan to work on it together.

**C. Election of Officers: (10 Minutes)**

The HRB appointed the following officers:

Chair – Hobart Taylor

Co-Chair – Mack McCoy

Secretary – Chrissy McCormick for May, June & July and see if another HRB member would like to then take minutes for the next quarter – try to audio record meetings for General Session only

Treasurer – Susan Pearlman

**III. ICHA Updates (30 Minutes)**

- **Andrew suggests to streamline ICHA Updates by sharing** the notes that are placed in the ICHA Board report monthly
- **Occupancy/Rental Issues-** ICHA has connected with Karlie George, Director of Sales/Marketing, regarding primary residency rules.
  - o Karlie will attend the May 3<sup>rd</sup> HRB meeting
  - o HRB members to prepare questions so that Karlie may address them
  - o Andrew- current situations are kept confidential, however, if any members know of incidences personally, they may work with ICHA to address the matter
- **OIT-** standalone e-blast sent
  - o Verizon tower/antenna to be installed to improve reception to users
    - Antennas across the campus and in U Hills have not been installed yet
    - Homeowners have been notified of installation via e-Blast
- **Paws Fur Fun** – new name that homeowners voted to name the Gateway Dog Park (Michal Krawczyk)
- **Smart Irrigation Controllers** - updating current and plan to purchase 5 more
- **ICHA Community Satisfaction Survey-** please take!
  - o Advise residents to NOT forward link. Each resident vote has a unique ID code so that they can be counted accordingly. If residents need a new link in order to take the survey, they should contact Barbara Correa

- So far 300 homeowners have participated
  - So far 100 renters have participated
  - Will Run until the end of April
- **StoryWalk** - approved by ICHA
  - Walkthrough/installation planning on 4/12
- **Emergency Preparedness**
  - ICHA to take on series
  - **Randy Styner to present at May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting**
    - May/June Campus Fire Evacuation Exercise
    - Earthquake in last quarter of the year
- **Hoot** - 4<sup>th</sup> Owl Box installed by ICHA
- **Orange County Power Authority (OCPA)** - automatically raising energy bills to utilize green energy production
  - Could be \$6-\$10 increase per homeowner
  - Option to stay at SCE rate
    - ICHA to work with community on this so that residents are not surprised
- **Sustainability** - Recycling From Home Program
  - Initial launch to be on 4/30 Earth Day
- **Architectural** - 10 approved applications and 13 pending
  - **TOPSOne** - currently working on the architectural application platform
- **UCI Nature event** - May 19<sup>th</sup> event for UCI Nature to talk to community about the changes that will happen at Aldrich Park
  - Use of Community Room request, Sandrine as contact
  - **APPROVED by HRB**
- **National Night Out**
  - Community Engagement and Building
    - Typically, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of August
  - Allow discussion for representatives from UCIPD to attend June meeting
  - Cami to hold preliminary meeting with UCI PD and to report at May HRB meeting

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report and Budget Committee (15 Minutes)**

##### **Proposed Funding Level 2022/2023**

- Proposed funding levels for the following year
  - Management has requested a list of events and projects for the 22-23 year that would support the Boards request for funds
  - Although there are several events that occur annually, there may be new events and projects from the committees that may arise.
- **Hobart proposes the HRB request that ICHA grants the original budget of \$60k for the 22-23 year**
  - This would be a \$10K increase from the current budget of \$50K

- \$25K approved/ allocated from Feb/March meeting has yet to be drawn down
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#### **V. Black Lives Thriving Mural Art Proposal: FINAL (15 Minutes)**

### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (30 Minutes)**

#### **A. Sustainability Committee:**

- **April 30<sup>th</sup>:** UHills Earth Day
- Now that Cami is on the HRB, Chrissy will now move to be the liaison for the Sustainability Committee.

#### **B. Entertainment Committee:**

- Entertainment Committee has provided a report with proposed events for the upcoming year to allow for the HRB to gauge budgetary needs
  - A request to all committees to provide a 22-23 budget has been made
  - Still waiting for the other committees to provide their budgetary needs
  - A bulk of the budget usage comes from the EC
- Fall Fiesta traditional utilized the half of the budget (\$20-25K)
  - Exploring a greater frequency of smaller events and reducing the amount of funds that go to FF
  - Remove Graduation Event from the \$25K balance unspent
    - Not a lot of interest from teens because UHills doesn't have a channel to communicate with them
    - Andrew suggests connecting with City of Irvine Teen Activities
      - Youth Action Team
  - Mack- pride event in June
    - Lilli is out of town so details and logistics to come at next meeting.

#### **C. Transportation Committee:**

No report

#### **D. Welcoming and Wellness:**

No report

#### **5. CSD/PSAC:**

**PSAC is planning a UCI Community Wide Forum in the spring**

- Currently, the BLThriving Art mural (proposed by an external group, CSDWG) was granted HRB funds for the project.
  - Hobart mentions that this is a one-off project

#### **6. Garden Mentoring**

The HRB thanks Andrea Canfield for her time and efforts put into this committee. A new chair will be requested in the new board. Andrea will continue to work with the Gardeners' Club as needed with the new chair.

## **Volunteer Board Member to attend April ICHA Board Meeting**

- **Cami to attend the ICHA Meeting on 4/14**

**Adjourn**

## **APPENDICES:**

### **Sustainability Committee Report**

## **Meeting, 3/21/2022**

Attending: Cindy Haq, Rebecca Tuhus Dubrow, Sabine Kunrath (notes)

#### **4. Cool Block**

Feedback that we need to work on putting the information on the Uhills.org website. Sabine is working with Shweta from the City Cool Block program management to get a template; Sabine & Lilli LaBuen Gillen will then work with ICHA staff to get the information on the website ASAP. We'll have the signup information ([environmentalprograms@cityofirvine.org](mailto:environmentalprograms@cityofirvine.org)) for new block leaders on the website, also a map of the existing Cool Blocks. Discussion whether leaders/members should be named on the website - this is up to them. Once we have the website we can show it to Cool Blocks and ask leaders/members if they would like to be on. – Once cohort 1 and 2 are done we should have an in-person celebration/celebrating the bounty of our community (all cool blocks!) ... Probably in late July/August.

Consensus that we need lots of opportunities to get together safely and in a safe space as we are all still processing the past couple years - in addition to climate change, war ...

#### **5. "Ecoflix" documentaries**

John Liu, who gave a talk in Uhills last August, will make a documentary series for "Ecoflix" and would like to film some activities and locations in our neighborhood - something like the "COOL BLOCK PARTY" would be a great occasion. – **Ask ICHA if there are any restrictions to filming in the**

neighborhood (permissions from ICHA/homeowners/party attendees etc.) and what the process is to obtain approval.

6. Spring fling - 4/16, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Audrey Kapelinski will be a booth volunteer, along with Sabine; Sherry from entertainment may help, too, and the HOOT group was requested to split the booth with us. Cindy will do story time for kids.

The SC will be located next to the City who will display the Cool Block program. SC will host a planting activity for kids (Sabine will buy soil & provide seeds).

Focus is not on information, more on networking - we'll refer people to our Earthday event (4/30) for more information on composting - update SB1383 etc.

7. Collecting CRVs for the FRESH hub

Danielle Soenen and Edwin Amenta will soon get a message out to the community about expanding the recycling program that benefits the FRESH hub at UCI.

8. Next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 5:30 pm, CC courtyard.

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-ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

- - Clarification- EC not to exceed \$6000. This was approved in the previous meeting.
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- Please see the EC Update for the HRB Meeting on 4/5. FYI, I will be out of the country next week for IUSD Spring Break. I am planning on logging on to the meeting, but in case I encounter any internet issues and I am not there - you know why!

Thanks,

Cami

#### Past Events:

- Paint Party: 18 participants. Wide range of ages. Positive feedback.

#### Current & Upcoming Projects:

- Photography Contest 3/5-5/15
- Requesting \$ to print and frame past and present photo contest winners photographs. Potentially display all past and present photo contest winners' framed prints for a small gallery night display at CC on 6/3 at 5:30pm prior to Open Mic Night.
- Sandrine to submit an estimate costs.
  - Spring Fling on 4/16
    - 2- \$25 gift cards to HS kids to wear Bunny Costume (approved under the \$6000 from the prior meeting)
  - Coffee Cart: Working on Sunday schedule. Will trial Gabrielino Field location.
  - Open Mic Night on 5/6
    - Requesting \$150 to purchase light refreshments (approved under the \$6000 from prior meeting)

- **Summer Movie Nights: Proposal passed following last meeting.**
  
- **UHills Night at the Barclay: Please see attached proposal.**
  - Explore opportunities to gauge interest in the community
  - Determine minimum number of guests committed to attend.
  - For this year, the HRB is comfortable to move forward with the event.
  - Brad suggests piloting the event without a survey and determine if this is something to continue
  - If committee wants to pursue the event, they can decide.
  - Cami suggests to wait until next fiscal year
  
- **Entertainment Interest Space: Please see attached proposal.**
  - **Would like to have this be put on UHills.org**
  
- **StoryWalk: Please see the proposed list below for the first year of books for the UHills StoryWalk. These laminated book spreads will be reused in future years. The objective when developing this list was to choose diverse, engaging, meaningful and fun books. They cover a wide range of important topics. Opportunity for residents to submit suggestions for books. HRB approves book list. **APPROVED****

**June: Last Stop On Market Street by Matt de la Pena**

**July: The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson**

**August: Chalk by Bill Thomson**

**September: How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman**

**October: The Monsters' Monster by Patrick McDonnell**

**November: The Masterpiece by Jay Miletsky**

**December: Our Favorite Day of the Year by A.E. Ali**

**January: The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats**

**February: Worm Loves Worm by J.J. Austrian**

**March: The Curious Garden by Peter Brown**

**April: The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld**

**May: Super Manny Stands Up! by Kelly DiPucchio**

- From: University Hills Entertainment Committee
- Date of Proposal: April 1, 2022
- Proposal: UHills Night Out at the Barclay Description:  
UHills Entertainment Committee will host a social hour at the Barclay theater before the **Friday, June 9th concert:** John Beasley's MONK'estra. This show features Grammys-nominated pianist and composer John Beasley, leading his 15-piece band in new arrangements of jazz legend Thelonious Monk's music. Residents will purchase their own tickets to the performance. A 20% UHills discount code will be provided. UHills will rent out a reception area at the Barclay to host a social hour from 6:30pm-7:30pm prior to the 8pm show. UCI catering will provide light refreshments and beverages. Residents can come and enjoy a social gathering with neighbors prior to the 8pm show. \*This event can be scheduled for a different show/date, including Friday May 27th, for the UCI Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert. Both of these dates allow us to use funding from the current fiscal year. We can also postpone this idea and hold it in the next fiscal year. Budget: Rent Reception Room: \$350 Bartender: \$25 UCI Catering: \$500-\$1000 depending on selections
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Attention: University Hills Homeowners Representative  
Board Members 1085 California Ave., Irvine, CA 92617

▪ **No objections to post on UHills website.**

▪ From: Entertainment Committee - Chris Chin  
([cchin0021@gmail.com](mailto:cchin0021@gmail.com))

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▪ Date of Proposal: 2/6/2022

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▪ Proposal: Create a "live" database for UHills of resident-created interest groups, crowd-sourced to/ by residents. "One stop shop" for residents to find/promote/join/organize other likeminded people. There are many groups in the community, but people aren't aware, so hopefully the Entertainment committee (EC) can provide a way for groups to advertise themselves, for people to find groups, and encourage others to start their own/find like-minded people.

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▪ Description: Primary Objective • "One stop shop" for residents to find/promote/join/organize with other like-minded people • Crowd Source: Have a standardized form via Google Forms. Residents add their group information and let us know what information they want to make public • Centrally located database: View only spreadsheet via Google Forms with a centralized link location (perhaps the UHills.org "GROUPS" tab) that get updated regularly •

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▪ Moderator/Librarian: Information submitted via the above mentioned form, will not be automatically/immediately published. An Entertainment Committee (EC) member, currently Chris Chin, will review and format entries and notify the rest of the EC members before posting to the above mentioned database/spreadsheet. ◦ We will not add groups unless they complete the form. We want to be discrete, and be sure a group/person/info does not become public unless they want it to. ◦ Any resident who has submitted data can request to have any or all data edited or taken down at any time, and we must respect that and comply.

- **MURAL PROPOSAL FINAL**

- Cami- concern for noise and light pollution during the evening hours
  - They are not painting during this time, but stenciling the mural
  - Look into altering the time frame for late night stenciling
- Addition to new proposal
  - Maintenance for mural
    - Between 5-10 years the mural will need to be touched up.
    - This can be done by members of the community with proper training
- Outreach to homeowners is recommended to do now
  - Mural committee members to notify homeowners

**HRB approved Proposal-** noting that the HRB is requesting that the homeowners be notified immediately

- **Attention:**

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

**Date of Proposal:** April 5, 2022

**Proposals Name:** Community Art Activism Project  
University Hills “Celebrating Black Thriving” (BLM) Mural

**Proposed by:** Mural committee: Lilli LaBuen, Hobart Taylor, Gerald Parham, Jesse C. Jackson (advisor), Anne Marie Grill (Founder of original proposed project and past committee member)

**Proposed Location**

- On wall behind picnic tables in Playground Park at Truth and Angelou



0. Budget: \$ (Originally, HRB approved \$12,400)

Previous Expenditures	QTY	Projected	Actual	
Artists RFP	3	300	\$900.00	Paid
Omar	1	\$875	\$875.00	Paid
James	1	\$875	\$875.00	Paid
Primer, Tape, Measuring Tape		\$294.59	\$294.59	Paid
Andrea Miller:Consultant		\$601.24	\$601.24	Paid
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,545.83</b>	
<b>Artist Pay</b>	\$1502.84 x 2 (each artist)	3005.68	3005.68	
<b>Contingency: Travel Stipend or Lodging</b>	\$7/gallon (2)			For 6 nights
<b>Meal Per Diem</b>	\$40/day for 7 days each artist	\$560	\$560	
<b>June 10th Celebration</b>	Food truck, DJ	1000	\$1,000	
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Price per unit</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
Nova Color Acrylic Paint-Yellow, 1 Gallon	1	\$82.00	\$82.00	<a href="#">Nova Artist Acrylic Paint</a>
Nova Color Acrylic Paint-Red, 1 Gallon	1	\$82.00	\$82.00	<a href="#">Nova Artist Acrylic Paint</a>
Nova Color Acrylic Paint-Green, 1 qt.	1	\$26.50	\$26.50	<a href="#">Nova Artist Acrylic Paint</a>
Paint Quart	15-30	\$16.98	\$509.40	Home Depot
Paint Gallon	3-5	\$36.98	\$184.90	Home Depot
<a href="#">4 in. x 11 in. Mini Paint Roller Frame</a>	3	\$3.27	\$9.81	Home Depot

High Density Knit Fabric Mini Roller	3	\$9.98	\$29.94	Home Depot
Plastic Mini Roller Tray	6	\$1.87	\$11.22	Home Depot
Blue Painters Tape	1	\$38.48	\$38.48	Home Depot
Latex Gloves	2	\$14.98	\$29.96	Home Depot
1-Gal. White Plastic Pail (Pack of 3)	1	\$11.54	\$11.54	Home Depot
White Rags	1	\$11.98	\$11.98	Home Depot
Clear Sealer	2	\$19.98	\$39.96	Home Depot
Richeson Utility Brush Assortment of 48	1	\$42.19	\$42.19	Blick
Richeson White Bristle Brush Assortment of 24	2	\$26.23	\$52.46	Blick
Package of cups	1	\$3.19	\$3.19	Various stores
<b>Previous Expenditures</b>	see above		<b>\$3,545.83</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$10,017</b>	

#### **Integrating Interactive and Educational Properties:**

1. The DAP mural committee has created a webpage on the UHills website with the help of Arnie Bengo, Community Liaison. The webpage includes an image of each person on the mural that will directly link the observer to a website where they can learn more about each historical figure.
2. Placing a QR code somewhere on the mural will be a great way to create an interactive experience with the mural content.

#### **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 1200 UCI faculty, staff, students, 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 September of 2020, UHills Homeowner Representative Board (HRB) unanimously approved locating the project within the University Hills community. The Irvine Campus Housing Authority offered their endorsement and support. Artists were hired and a mockup of the mural was shared at the Community Safety and Diversity Working Group (CSD) Juneteenth event in 2020. Feedback of the project was received from the participants at the event and incorporated by the

artists, [Omar Martinez](#) and [James Brooks](#). The theme of the mural is a celebration of Black Lives Thriving and contributions made by trailblazing African-American people who broke barriers and changed history forever.

It is our goal that this is seen as an important opportunity for our University Hills communities to come together and show support for our diversity and our commitment to social change. Our activism for diversity, inclusion, equity should not stop. These murals, in multiple parts of University Hills' public spaces, will keep the community energized, focused, inspired, and committed to this vital movement.

#### **Installation:**

After in-depth conversations and research, the artists recommend painting directly onto the brick wall. The artists successfully tested the primer and paint on the cement blocks which held under inclement weather. They recommend the use of Nova paint, which is a paint used by muralists that results in a vibrant and longer-lasting image. The entire painting process will take about a week.

#### *ICHA Requests:*

The committee requests for ICHA to support with:

- Power wash of wall on 5/10 to prepare for primer
- Landscape- removal of trees in front of wall
  - Pause of irrigation for May 12-20
- Power source for spray gun (location of outlets)
  - Outdoor extension cords

#### **Logistics**

0. Installation timeline: May 9-20

1. Mural Process:

- **May 9:** Removal of trees
- **May 12:** Power wash wall
- **May 14-15** (Saturday and Sunday):

Prep area including tarps and any tools needed

Roll on primer and let dry (half day?)

Spray-gun background color (ensuring neighbor's yard is protected)

Paint ripple effect

Transfer letters, (projector)

- **May 15th/16th 9pm-12am** Transfer letters and images of people; must be done at night with projector, need power and all street lights turned off

- **May 16th-20th:** Paint letters, people, and touch up.

#### **Additional Support:**

Jesse C. Jackson asked if UCI students could observe the process.

#### **Maintenance:**

The UHills HRB will agree to cover expenses for maintenance until an alternative source for funding is determined. The mural art committee is in the process of research and development of a maintenance plan. Irvine Campus Housing Authority will provide maintenance for irrigation and landscape surrounding the mural.

#### **Communications:**

2. The committee will send an email to stakeholders in the following order:
  - 📧 ASAP: homeowners who live behind the wall (two options: committee will reach out directly to the homeowners in person OR committee will ask ICHA to send communication through a formal message)
  - 📧 After HRB/ICHA approval of most recent proposal: All UHills group leaders, CSD members, and Juneteenth invitees/participants (**See Appendix A**)
  - 📧 The community at large (**See Appendix B**)
3. A web page has been drafted. View here:
4. Contact for this project will be: Lilli LaBuen Gillen, Hobart Taylor, Gerald Parham, Arnie Bengo (ICHA). Barbara Correa will create an alias: [communityart@uhills.org](mailto:communityart@uhills.org)

#### **Additional Notes:**

5. **Public response:** We anticipate the mural will be a center point for future conversations and events. Use of the area for such events are subject to special approval by HRB and ICHA.
0. **Revised Budget:** Original budget was \$12,400 and revised budget is \$9500
1. **Lodging for Artists:** Omar Martinez and James Brooks can start painting in mid-May. It will take a week to prepare and the artists will need to find lodging nearby. We plan to ask for lodging on listserv.
2. **Per diem:** A request of a per diem for food per artist of \$40/day in Visa Gift Card.
3. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** June 10th Production schedule: Including setup and breakdown: 4-8pm (event 5-7pm)

- hire food truck, secure speakers, invite artists, music playlist
- 4. **Uhills Community Public Arts Council:** We hope to create a Uhills Community Public Art Group and start a conversation on the next piece of public art.

## APPENDIX A

### Message to Stakeholders:

#### Announcement to Uhills Stakeholders

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Beginning in August of 2020, voices in the community requested that we initiate a conversation on systemic injustice through the lens of art activism that will speak to all: children, youths, and adults. It started with a petition built upon an outpouring of support for George Floyd and others who bore the brunt of that injustice by initiating community art projects. A proposal was brought to the University Hills Homeowners Representative Board, who approved it unanimously. After several meetings with Irvine Campus Housing Authority, a committee was formed, a call for artists was initiated, and after reviewing submissions, an artist was selected.

The initial mural mockup was shared with a focus group at the CSD's Juneteenth celebration last summer. Concerns shared by members of that group were appropriate locations, and the reflection of themes that promote Black Thriving.

The artists redesigned the original mural and it went from being a timeline of the struggle to a celebration of Black people who were trailblazers and changed history by breaking barriers due to the confines of racism.

We are proud to announce the final concept! The mural will be painted on the wall behind the picnic tables at Playground Park off Truth and Angelou during the month of May. The artists will be prepping and painting mid-May and the ribbon cutting and celebration will occur on June 10th between 5-7pm.



We are in the process of creating a webpage that includes information about the mural, the artists behind the image, the timeline, and access to resources to learn about each person in the mural. Families will be able to print out coloring pages, and the CSD will hold activities focusing on anti-racism education.

We are extremely grateful to ICHA for the opportunity to install this first piece of public art in the neighborhood and we hope to continue creating meaningful art that reflects the spirit and embodiment of the diverse peoples of University Hills.

If you are interested in the creation of a Uhills Community Art council or group, please fill out this form. If you have any questions regarding the mural project, please contact us at [communityart@uhills.org](mailto:communityart@uhills.org).

In the spirit of community,

The Uhills mural committee:

Hobart Taylor, Gerald Parham, Lilli LaBuen, Anne Marie Grill, Jessie C. Jackson

## APPENDIX B

### Message to Community at Large

April 4, 2022

Subject line: Public Art in University Hills: Celebrating Black Lives and Black Thriving!

Dear Residents,

In the past few years, our lives were heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, and civil injustices. As we work to navigate through a new normal, we are still confronted by the realities of social injustices. Thankfully, we live in a neighborhood rich in cultural and social diversity, with residents who truly care about these issues. We see signs throughout the streets and in windows. In June 2020, our hearts were full to witness over 270 residents in University Hills participate in a march to protest the continuing injustices confronted by people of color on campus and beyond. In the spirit of UCI's Black Thriving Initiative, UHills residents, with support from the Community Safety and Diversity Working Group, proposed installing public art in support of Black Thriving somewhere on campus or in our community.

After several meetings with University and Community representatives, the University Hills Homeowners Representative Board (HRB), and the Irvine Campus Housing Authority (ICHA), it was decided to install a mural in University Hills. In June 2021, an early iteration of a proposed mural was shown at the CSD Juneteenth Celebration at Coltrane Kitchen. Following that event, participants focus groups commented on both proposed locations and design of the mural.

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We are in the process of creating a webpage that includes information about the mural, the artists behind the image, the timeline, and access to resources to learn about each person in the mural. Families will be able to print out coloring pages, and the CSD will hold activities focusing on anti-racism education.

We'd like to thank the Uhills HRB, ICHA, and the CSD for their continued support and collaboration and we hope you can join us as we create our very first work of public art.

If you are interested in the creation of a Uhills Community Art council or group, please fill out this form. If you have any questions regarding the mural project, please contact us at [communityart@uhills.org](mailto:communityart@uhills.org).

In the spirit of community,

The Uhills mural committee:

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Timeline:

To view the full timeline of the project, please visit: [uhills.org/.....](http://uhills.org/.....)

Protest: Uhills "Walk with Us, Stand Together" march to UCI PD June 2020

Petition: August 2020

Proposal to HRB: Feb 2021

Mockup and Presentation: June 2021 (CSD Juneteenth)