

Verano Resident's Council Meeting 3/14/08

Present at the meeting:

1. Suzanne Kaasa
2. Sameer Patil
3. Donna Willis
4. Carrie Carmody
5. Verano resident with concerns

Resident Concerns:

- One resident attended our meeting this week. The present VRC representatives took the time to introduce ourselves and to explain what our duties include. The resident specifically attended the meeting to express two issues:
 - 1) She was primarily concerned with the upcoming rent rate increase, and she was informed that the *projected* increase is yet to be decided.
 - 2) The resident is also would like with the striping situation in the lower area of Parking Lot 35 to be addressed. Many of the stripes are hard to distinguish, which causes problems.

CGG Update (Suzanne):

- 33 students will receive maximum time-to-degree letters.
- VDC is up for considering housing students with domestic partners without children *if* both residents are UCI students. This issue will be further discussed.
- Childcare subsidies for Verano were discussed and it has been decided that the cost for the subsidies will be split between VP and PV. Later discussions will decide whether the subsidies will be shared among all of housing.
- The Graduate Housing Guarantee will be addressed at the next CGG meeting; however, there has already been a request to for the guarantee to include law students. There is also a request to increase the current 20 guaranteed slots for med students to 50 slots.
- A *projected* budget increase was discussed; yet, no figure has been approved.
- There is, indeed, a drop-box for rent payments at the UCI Police Department.
 - Rent payments can also be mailed using the UCI mailboxes on and around the campus, but the envelopes must be properly addressed, using the appropriate ZOT codes, etc.
- The fire marshal is requesting an annual inspection and fire drills under Title 19. VRC is opposed to these policies and will work to minimize their impact on Verano residents.

Meeting with Verano Place Housing Update (Carrie, Suzanne):

- There have been issues with the VHO budget and lease program due to mid-term vacancies.
- Landscaping continues to be an issue.

VRC Website and Newsletter (Sameer):

- The Website will include VRC duties and council member profiles, and an archive of the VRC newsletter. VRC will request more residents to sign up for the mailing list in order to receive unfiltered agendas.

- A link to the Website will be included in the Verano Gazette. Like the rotating HA blurbs included in the Gazette, VRC would like the same for the council members. Each council member needs to write a 4-7 sentence blurb detailing their specific duties and may include a photo.
- The newsletter will be drafted monthly on the 1st of each month and will contain the information from the previous month's meeting.

VP/PV Joint Event:

- Event duties consist of any necessary set-up and clean-up, and running the entrance tables. Because we are not contributing as much funds as PV, it is imperative for VRC to work as much as possible.
- Discounts will actually be available for everyone in the pub, but food vouchers and raffle tickets will be given to those who can prove they are VP or PV residents.
- Tia will be away at a conference, but Suzanne and Donna are available to open the event. Carrie and Sameer will be available later in the evening to help close the event.

Upcoming VRC election for the 2008-2009 year:

- Desirable qualities for an elections commissioner were discussed, and it is preferred that the elections commissioner is *not* a VP resident. Candidates will be presented at the next VRC meeting, when a vote will finalize the appointment of the elections commissioner.