

VRC Meeting Minutes

Attending: Tia Peterson, Ashlie Taggart, Raphaelle Rabanes, Andrew Hatch

1. Raphaelle informed us about the project program regarding unit IV demolition and reconstruction. As of May 5th, the project program was still only in draft mode and selection of bids could not be completed until after it is finalized. The earliest this is likely to be completed and information known about which section of buildings will be demolished is May 28th according to the best guess of housing office staff.
2. The VRC discussed options to have a voice in the design build review and selection process. One VRC member is planning to attend the meetings assuming the campus design team will permit it and that a member can commit to the time required.
3. Cat Ban Policy: We disagree with the resolution but at this point housing and campus administration has chosen to ignore the voice of the residents and the petitions the VRC has filed with them so we feel there is not much more to pursue at this time aside with re-emphasizing our discontent with the decision.
4. It has come to the VRC's attention that \$1000 dollars from the housing budgeted funds have recently been donated to support the event "B.L.A.C.'s "Night of the Stars" Scholarship Gala on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Irvine, CA" without student input. The VRC proposes that we bring up the issue for discussion at the next coordinated governance group (CGG) .
5. Discussed idea's for funding, possible ideas include new grills for the BBQ which have gone missing, décor and improvements for the commons areas including a new amplifier to accommodate the surround sound system or artwork to improve the quality of the facilities. Will look at Costco for ideas on artwork or other items.
6. Playground upgrades and improvements: The VRC discussed playground improvements with the housing staff. Currently the housing staff is in the process of evaluating the condition of the playgrounds and submitting a proposal for funds to repair and upgrade the playground facilities
7. The Housing office informed the VRC of a volunteer service to provide food to Verano and Palo Verde residents provided by some local volunteer groups. We were asked to think of ways to help organize the volunteer services and find ways to involve residents to participate in collecting and dispersing the funds to residents.
8. Discussed Accomplishments list to update VRC website as our term is coming to a close. Items to update, cat ban policy advocacy, events funded, posting budget to website, these will be discussed in further detail at the next VRC meeting.
9. Meeting schedule for June, will plan on meeting June 10th and possibly the 24th if viewed necessary to finalize budget details and transfer information to the incoming 2010/2011 VRC council.
10. Agenda items for next week with VHO.
 - a. Inquire about BBQ grills and possible replacement ideas
 - b. Followup on unit IV construction project,
 - c. Confirm budget items with Gail Roy