

## Verano Residents Council Meeting 10/14/08

Attending: Anna (Chair), Ling (Secretary), Carrie, Suzanne, Yang.

### Academic Senate, AGS & CGG update

- Problems with the guarantee policy were discussed (such as mid-year vacancies in housing are hard to be filled which leads to loss of revenue and rent increases; all requests on the housing waitlist have been fulfilled but there are more vacancies than requests; students complain of rigid leases).
- AGS has proposed and passed a resolution that current graduate students need to be included in the development and implementation of all future housing policies and future communities by including AGS and representatives from the housing councils in any and all discussions of housing policy formation and implementation. The AGS resolution is forwarded to VRC and PVRC, in the hope that a formal resolution will give a stronger voice to those grad students who sit on housing committees and councils when negotiating with housing administration.
  - Residents in Verano are encouraged to send your opinions to VRC on ways to improve housing, so that as VRC try to re-negotiate the housing policy, you may actually have a voice on your behalf.

### VHO update

- Items to be discussed at the next meeting with VHO:
  - Landscaping issues – Residents' reports on Saturday morning mowing activities outside the Child Care Center.
  - Laundry machine issue – per resident's request, is it possible to change the upper limit on the add-value machines?
  - Fire alarm installation in Unit 6 buildings (apt 6xxx) in November – VRC will discuss with VHO on ways to give ample notice to residents and to minimize disturbance to residents' lives during their scheduled two week's work.
  - Apartment consolidation – based on a recent incident in Palo Verde, it seems that housing policy makes it possible that any apartment can be consolidated if needed. We will discuss with VHO to see if there is such case in Verano and if so how to minimize resident grievances.

### Quarterly VRC 'Open House'

- It is proposed that we will establish a quarterly VRC 'Open House' event/meeting:
  - Date/location – **Nov 11, Tuesday 7:30 – 8:30 PM at Verano Commons.**
  - Format – Come and meet your VRC representatives! VRC will be there to answer questions, hear comments or requests, and report recent progresses. Plus, you will meet other fellow residents as well!
  - Incentive – fresh desserts and soft drinks will be provided.
  - Special – A kick-off for Intentional Verano co-op project. People interested should come and meet each other.
  - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!