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HRB MEETING MINUTES - Monday March 17th

HRB Members present: Chris Hane, Mike McNally, Mostafa Eldefrawy

Community Center Committee members present: Rachel Gamby, Harry Mangalam

ICHA Staff present: Andrew Herndon, Ron Reid, Victor van Zandt

Community Garden

The UCI community garden will be moved from its current location near the ARC to a location between Palo Verde, Anteater and California adjacent to Palo Verde Apt. parking lot. The lots will be screened with vegetation from Anteater Drive.

Community Center

Leason Pomeroy, architect of the Community Center, presented the latest plan check documents for the Center to the HRB and CC Committee members. Due to the favorable construction market the ICHA Board has approved moving ahead with building all three CC buildings (the ICHA offices, 1-A and 2), and not phasing the construction of the buildings. The final decisions on the exterior improvements (pool, garden, etc.) have not yet been made.

These plan check documents show a level of detail not previously present. These documents show the barrel vaulted ceilings matching the exterior roof lines, the open trusses in the open building (building 2 with the kitchen, large rooms and 2 smaller rooms), accordion-style partitions to allow the most flexibility in room usage as well as opening the large seating room to the outdoors.

The attendees asked Leason to take note that the noisy room should have adequate sound insulation to allow the adjoining room to be used concurrently, that both restrooms needed changing tables and that there should be separate HVAC zones for the different rooms. The HRB also noted that the exterior trusses could pose a problem with nesting birds.

If things go according to plan, then ground should be broken this summer for the CC. Construction should complete in about 12 months.

The plan check docs are at the ICHA office. All are welcome to call the office to arrange to see the plans, 824-7345.

Area 9-2 and Bonita Canyon Road

There have been recent complaints about Saturday morning grading work on the Area 9-2 site. ICHA informed the HRB that this work is necessary to expedite construction in order to meet both the Campus goals for the availability of the new houses and more immediately to accommodate the schedule of the Bonita Canyon Road expansion.

The city will begin adding a second west-bound lane to Bonita Canyon Road in April. This forces ICHA and Cal-Pac (the builder) to finish the Area 9-2 grading before the roadwork begins.

ICHA is also working with Campus to define the pedestrian access from Gabrielino Road to Bonita Canyon. As the area east of Gabrielino at Bonita Canyon is unplanned by the Campus at this time, the exact layout of the pedestrian access is not yet final. We are trying to get the access as close to Turtle Ridge Drive as possible.

Architectural Reviews

The HRB met with the owner of 1 Whistler Court to discuss his request for non-standard exterior home paint colors. The owner had collected approximately 30 emails in favor of his colors and also submitted a series of photos of other non-standard house colors in University Hills.

One aspect of the discussion was the representative nature of the HRB. The owner asked if he had 30 emails in favor of his desire to paint his house, could the HRB reasonably vote against his application. Co-chair Chris Hane argued that yes the HRB could vote against the application because the HRB's role was to judge the application against the Architectural Guidelines which allow for variety but limited to complementary colors, materials and styles.

The HRB could make a recommendation to the ICHA Board to amend the Guidelines. There was no motion to do so at this time.

Andrew Herndon informed the HRB and the owner that ICHA Staff did not feel that the color palette met the definition of complementary colors as set forth in the Guidelines.

The HRB asked the owner to consider less bright tones in order for the HRB to have a unanimous position in support of his colors before recommending them to ICHA.

Pool Schedule

Please see the monthly operations report for notices on pool closures and heating schedule over the Spring Break.

---Chris Hane, HRB

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - APRIL 2008

- *Management, the HRB and Community Center Committee members met with Leason Pomeroy in March to overview the current Community Center construction documents. This opportunity offered the community additional insight into the refined working construction document phase of the program. Management will be coordinating a ground breaking event with the HRB over the next several months.*
- *Reserve Reports for the townhomes, master common areas and both condo communities are being prepared and will be utilized as part of the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget.*
- *Management is working with the Campus to complete the California Avenue parkway landscaping from Twain to Anteater Drive. The Campus will provide partial funding and approximately 2500 cubic yards of soil and the related fine grading to construct an earthen berm to improve the homeowner's privacy and plant enhancement opportunities. Work is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.*

Architectural Review

- *Three architectural submittals have been received and approved. Three new Area 9-4 submittals have come in. One has been returned due to its noncompliant design.*

Community Maintenance

On Going and Completed Community Improvements and Repair Work Work in Process:

- *Mulching of selected landscape areas is in process and will continue into the spring months.*
- *Selected trees are being pruned across the Hill throughout the month of March and into April.*
- *The Los Trancos pool will have the trellis and building and bathrooms painted in April.*
- *New pool furniture is being ordered for the Los Trancos Pool and is anticipated to arrive for the summer.*
- *The Los Trancos pool will be closed for approximately one week in early April to replace the water due to high levels of total dissolved solids. The Gabrielino pool will be open for the summer early to ensure that a lap pool is available while the Los Trancos pool is down for maintenance.*

Work Completed:

- *Gabrielino Community Park fence painting was completed in February along with the light poles and basket ball lights.*
- *The Urey pool building, restrooms, and fence were painted in February and early March.*

---Andrew Herndon, ICHA

WORLDWIDE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

W.I.S.E., the homestay company for international students to UCI, is currently seeking new families to host UCI's English & Certificate International Students for the upcoming summer programs. Worldwide International Student Exchange is a non-profit tax-exempt foundation. WISE is seeking caring families in the area to provide homestay housing and friendship for our summer students. Families are compensated at \$795 to \$870 per month by WISE or students directly. Programs are 2 -10 weeks varying from June thru September. Host as often or as occasionally as you wish. Private furnished room for time of stay & two meals daily required. Please contact: Susan @ 949-206-0496 or orucihomestay@wisefoundation.com to receive an application and further details. Families with/without children, retired, and single women are welcome. Reservations for summer programs begin May 1st. Host interviews being held now by WISE.

UCI CAMPUS RECREATION YOUTH AND FAMILY SUMMER FUN

With summer just around the corner UC Irvine Campus Recreation would like to invite you to check out the exciting programs we have planned for youth and families this summer. We will offer youth learn to swim classes exclusively to University Hills residents at the Upper Urey Pool. The following programs are also available for youth and families this summer: rock climbing, sailing, lacrosse, fencing, volleyball, basketball and tennis. For more information including dates, times and fees please click on the links below. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Adrienne Ratajczak, Summer Programs Coordinator, call 949-824-5774 or email aratajcz@uci.edu.

/aratajcz/youth_outside.pdf: https://webfiles.uci.edu/xythoswfs/webui/xy-5269731_1

/aratajcz/youth_uni_swim.pdf: https://webfiles.uci.edu/xythoswfs/webui/xy-5269732_1

SUMMER SAFETY

The Irvine Police Department would like to remind you to practice basic crime prevention techniques throughout the year; however, summertime often brings a more casual atmosphere, so we offer this reminder.

Summer Target Hardening:

- Even though it is hot, please keep all doors and windows locked, including balcony sliders and second story windows. Most residential burglaries occur through unlocked doors and windows.
- Keep your garage closed and the garage pedestrian door locked.
- Remain aware of your surroundings.
- Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle in plain sight. Take your iPod, GPS unit, laptop, parking permit, and gym bag with you.
- Ensure that all existing outdoor lighting is functioning properly.
- Landscaping should be kept trimmed so as not to provide hiding places.

Be a good witness, all workable leads are investigated by Irvine Police Department detectives. For more info "[What does Suspicious Look Like?](#)" Brochure

This summer let's not forget our crime prevention basics. If you would like more personal safety information, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Theresa Atchley at (949) 724-7149.

UCI ARBORETUM EVENT

The UCI Arboretum will host its annual Spring Perennial Sale on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will feature perennials from California, South Africa, and around the world, including many available only through the Arboretum.

Admission will be \$2 per person, with children under 12 free. There is ample free parking adjacent to the Arboretum. The UCI Arboretum is located just south of the corner of Campus Drive and Jamboree Road on the UCI North Campus. For more information, please call (949) 824-5833.

IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT (IRWD) NEWS

Don't Dump Drugs Down the Drain

If you are cleaning out your medicine cabinet and come across unwanted, unused, or expired medications (also known as pharmaceuticals), do not dispose of them by flushing them down the toilet or a sink.

Even though your physician or pharmacist might have told you in the past that this practice is acceptable, we now know that flushing medications down the toilet or sink can have adverse effects on the environment.

Flushing is no longer the recommended disposal method.

Here's what you can do to help: Take your pharmaceuticals to one of the following household hazardous waste collection centers in Orange County:

- Irvine – 6411 Oak Canyon
- Anaheim – 1071 N. Blue Gum Street
- Huntington Beach – 17121 Nichols St
- San Juan Capistrano – 32250 La Pata Ave

The operating hours of these centers are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Closed on holidays and rainy days.) It is illegal for these centers to accept certain prescription medications known as "controlled substances." These are drugs that have a potential for addiction and/or abuse such as narcotics and tranquilizers. If you need to dispose of controlled substances, contact your local pharmacy for the nearest location to dispose of these items safely.

How Smart Is Your Irrigation Timer?

Until recently, the watering schedules of irrigation systems controlled by automated timers could only be as smart--and efficient--as the homeowners or gardeners who programmed them. Just consider the following list of landscaping conditions that impact the scheduling and water-use efficiency of a homeowner's automated irrigation system:

- * Plant types--trees, grass, flowers or shrubs?
- * Plants' water needs--thirsty or drought-tolerant?
- * Plants' locations--in full sun, partial sun or shade?
- * Soil type--sandy, loamy or clay-like?
- * Soil condition--loose or compacted?
- * Soil protection--bare soil or mulched?
- * Topography--plants at top, middle or bottom of a slope?
- * Water application—spray heads, drip lines or both?
- * Weather--hot, sunny, windy, foggy, rainy, cold or any combination of these?

Weather conditions are among the most crucial variables a homeowner needs to account for in irrigation scheduling. Irrigation scientists tell us the most efficient irrigation scheduling technique is to adjust your system's run times to match the actual water needs of the plants, as they are affected by the changing weather.

Today there is a new generation of "smart" irrigation controllers available to homeowners that do just this. Traditional sprinkler timers require manual adjustments every time the weather changes, but the new "smart" controllers automatically adjust the watering schedule based on local weather/site conditions. So, once the initial setup and monitoring is complete, there's no need to reset the "smart" controller; it adjusts automatically.

Depending on the make and model, "smart" controllers receive the environmental data they need from various sources. Some models use data from local weather stations or on-site sensors, while other models gather information from several weather stations linked to match the zip code and address of the installation site. Because each type has the capacity to work equally well, look for the type best suited to the unique attributes of your home's landscape.

The "smart" controller saves homeowners money by reducing their water use. Pilot studies have shown typical water savings to be in the range of 20% to 40% annually. Actual water savings will depend on how efficiently a homeowner has watered in the past.

Remember, however, that no irrigation controller, no matter how "smart," can fix physical problems with your irrigation system. Before installing a "smart" controller, make sure you don't have broken water lines or clogged or leaking spray heads or valves.

Irvine Ranch Water District has rebates available for homeowners to upgrade traditional irrigation timers to state-of-the-art "smart" irrigation controllers.

Smart Irrigation Controller rebates for single-family residential customers living in detached homes are \$60 per activated valve (hooked-up irrigation station). In order to participate, residential customers must possess a fully operational automatic irrigation system on a minimum of 1200 square feet of irrigated landscape. Rebate details and an application are available at www.irwd.com or by calling 1-866-846-3725.

Suggested Weekly Watering Schedule for SPRAY HEAD IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

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Turf grass: 2-4 days, 2-3 cycles of 3-4 minutes each*
Trees, shrubs, groundcover: 2 days, 3 cycles of 3 minutes*
*Percent option: 80%***

*By “cycling” your irrigation timer to turn on for the suggested number of minutes an hour apart, you reduce runoff and gain deeper watering and healthier root growth. Start with this weekly schedule and increase the times only if your plants show signs of stress. If stress occurs only in isolated areas, check your irrigation system before increasing the time. Spring is the most active growth period for turf grass and other plants. Be sure to water adequately.

**Some irrigation controllers have a feature by which the watering time can be set by changing the percentage instead of specifically entering the days, cycles and minutes. If you don’t have the instructions for your controller, check the manufacturer’s website. Many controller manufacturers provide online access to the owner’s manual.

UC IRVINE FILM AND VIDEO CENTER PRESENTS SPRING SERIES

Center welcomes Marvel comic book legend, Stan Lee.

The Film and Video Center (FVC) at UC Irvine is proud to sponsor an appearance by Marvel comic book legend Stan Lee, who will give a talk before our screening of *Spiderman 2* on May 8. Film screenings conclude on May 29 (see attached schedule). Most films are 35mm prints presented in the FVC’s state of the art theater located at UC Irvine’s Humanities Instructional Building 100. The FVC’s extremely low ticket prices are \$5 for general admission, \$4 for seniors and UC Irvine staff and \$3 for students. Screenings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, May 8 - *Spiderman 2.*, Stan Lee to speak before screening.

Stan Lee is the legendary creator of many Marvel Comic characters including X-men, Captain America, The Hulk, and the Fantastic Four. Stay for the screening and watch Spiderman come to the rescue as Dr. Octopus terrorizes the city with his deadly tentacles.

Thursday, May 15 - *Band of Outsiders*, Jean-Luc Godard

Young American student, Odile is being pressured to rob her benefactor by two handsome but poor schoolmates.

Friday, May 16 – *Breathless*, Jean-Luc Godard

Jean-Luc Godard strikes again with this crime drama about a French man headed out of town to avoid arrest for a petty crime. Things get serious when he impulsively kills a policeman. Distracted by his love for a young American student he is unaware of a dragnet closing in on him.

Thursday, May 22 – *Bandlands*

Our New Hollywood series begins with *Bandlands*. Rebellion turns to murder in this film based on a real-life crime drama. Watch Kit (Martin Sheen) and Holly (Sissy Spacek) as they embark on a brutal killing spree through the Midwest sparked by Holly’s father refusal to allow this budding romance.

Friday, May 23 - *Easy Rider*

The characters brought to life by the likes of Dennis Hopper, Peter Fonda and Jack Nicholson rebel against the norms of society and take off on their motorcycles across America. Along with bigotry and hatred they encounter other non-conformists who are also looking for their place.

Thursday, May 29 - *The Graduate*

We end our quarter with *The Graduate*, a coming of age story about a young man at the crossroads of youth and adulthood. Not wanting to just accept life as it’s offered to him, he struggles with the changes in social and sexual values that he’s experiencing.

The Film and Video Center is UCI and Orange County's premiere art house cinema, screening new, independent, experimental and groundbreaking films and videos. The FVC also presents much loved classic films and lesser known gems. Finally, the FVC co-sponsors film festivals representing a diverse range of international and multicultural themes each year. The FVC is the only cinematheque in Orange County that screens rare and premiere films in 35mm as they were originally meant to be seen. With the capacity for 35mm, 16mm and video projection, along with a state-of-the-art surround sound system, FVC provides a one-of-a-kind movie-going experience at the fraction of the cost of a typical movie theater. The mission of the FVC is to provide Orange County and surrounding communities with quality, original works unavailable anywhere else, promote film and video making and create a culture receptive to new and unique movie-going experiences.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.FILMANDVIDEOCENTER.COM