

## **IRVINE CAMPUS HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Board of Directors' Meeting

November 10, 2022

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Aaron, Yong Chen, Sandra Irani, Samara Larson, Tyrus Miller, Diane O'Dowd, Heike Rau, Suzanne Sandmeyer, Barbara Sarnecka and Christy Teague.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Barb, Mike Cannan, Barbara Correa, Karlie George, Andrew Herndon, Susan Pearlman, Ron Reid, Hobart Taylor, Victor Van Zandt, Elaine Vatakis and Kelvin Watson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jennifer Aaron called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board approved the minutes of September 9, 2022.

### **REPORT ON OPERATIONS**

- Vice President Herndon updated the Board that University Hills has had more than its fair share of residential burglaries over the last several months. The UC Irvine Police Department is working with surrounding police departments, including Irvine, because the burglaries are also occurring in neighboring communities of Turtle Rock and Newport Beach. Management is coordinating with the UC Irvine Police Department to send out a notification to residents that will include a holiday safety bulletin covering best safety practices and ways the Department can help.

### **NUTS AND BOLTS**

- Vice President Herndon presented to the Board an overview of University Hills' integrated pest management system (IPM). In 2012, management stopped using anti-coagulant bait and focused on trying to diminish the rodent populations while being sensitive to birds and other creatures. Bait stations were switched to Vitamin D based rodenticide and last year management collaborated with HOOT to explore if the community could go to a non-rodenticide solution. While owl boxes were erected throughout the community, it was determined that there was still a need to continue use of rodenticide while physical snap trapping was also tested. Last year, one quarter of the 264 stations were converted to snap traps and three-fourths continued with

rodenticide. There was a significantly higher take and success using rodenticide compared to snapping. The average monthly snap catch was 34 rodents while rodenticide by consumption averaged 200 rodent deaths. Management has partnered with the HRB, HOOT, Orange County Vector Control, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources and UC Irvine in its efforts. While no owls have occupied the HOOT nesting boxes as yet, there will be additional nesting boxes erected in a continuing effort to go rodenticide free. As of mid-fiscal year, snap trap stations now equal rodenticide stations in number. At a 50/50 arrangement, average rodent reduction numbers per month tracking snap versus rodenticide still falls well in favor of using rodenticide. The current statics and cost estimating tell us that if more stations are converted to snap traps over the next two years, the annual IPM budget will increase to cover increased labor and time. Early estimates anticipate possibly a 130% increase in costs to snap trap only (approx. \$80,000 from \$25,00) even when rodenticide is shown to be more effective and fiscally affordable. Herndon noted ICHA has been nominated for an IPM recognition award from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for its overall IPM management efforts.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ICHA Board Member Update**

Vice President George announced that the replacement nominations given to management by the ICHA Board was submitted to the Provost Office. Direction was provided to ask Professor Nancy DaSilva first. Professor Da Silva has agreed to accept the open Board Member seat. The seat was vacated by Sandra Irani after taking a position at University of California Berkeley and Professor DaSilva will be seated for her remaining term that runs through June 2024. The ICHA Board member approval will be routed to Chancellor Gillman and then to UC President Michael Drake.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Cyber Security Assessment**

Director Correa reported on the recent cyber security assessment, which reviews the protection of the data that we collect and the vulnerabilities. Data is protected by using corporate laptops and PCs, professionally maintaining three company websites, e-mail and Microsoft controlled by UCI's Office of Information technology and utilizing firewalls and anti-virus software. Cyber insurance coverage was increased by \$2M. ICHA holds an annual vulnerability test performed by the insurance company and there were no vulnerabilities found.

### **Renter Data & Profile Review (HRB 2021 Workshop request)**

Manager Watson provided an overview of renter statistics. Based on current occupancy of the

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384 rental units, 130 units (34%) are populated by Senate Faculty, 223 units (58%) house non-Senate Academic Staff and 8% are rented by General University Staff. There is an increase of faculty remaining longer periods in the rentals and the average stay in rentals is three years.

### **Workshop Topics**

President Van Zandt updated the Board that the topic for the HRB workshop in December is Aging in Place.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.