

General Assembly Meeting Minutes March 17th, 2021

47 participants

1. SAFETY CONCERNS FROM THE COMMUNITY WITH UCLA ADMINISTRATION FROM 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

Management will answer questions that were submitted from residents via our website forum, and later will be answering questions from the meeting participants.

Answers from: Officer Jordan (UCPD), Jesse Alberti (Maintenance Manager), Jared Meyer (Director of UCLA HOusing Maintenance), Barbara Wilson, Josh O'Connor (Reslife), Junji Toshima (Asst Dir-H&HS Safety & Emergency Preparedness). Moderator: Brittany Pannell(Reslife).

- a. *Q: How can residents get updates regarding the incidents that occur in the community? A:* Reslife will follow with all the parties involved after a safety issue. The community needs to be involved only when the issue is dangerous or a threat. In that case they will communicate.
- b. *Q: What measures will be taken to ensure the safety in our community? A:* Housing is improving and fixing gates, pin code, better cameras, upgrading networks for all buildings, increasing WIFI and adding cameras. Package's lockers (some vendors are not cooperating, but Housing has people putting packages in the locker at evening), large packages will be located in the laundry rooms. Now they are remote motoring on the cameras. Inspecting empty units. Increasing pedestrian entry gates. All the call boxes on the gates can call 911. Infrastructure issues will be addressed to improve the software for pin codes for entry. Securing the "jump points."
 - S.O.S. programs on campus will bring it here. It's not sure yet the details.
 - Upgrading cameras and improving locations. Improving lighting and looking outside for suspicious activities.
 - Safety is the responsibility of all who live here. Report! If you witness crime activity, more detail the better (time, plate numbers, etc.).
 - For safety suggestions, ideas and feedback, email to: safety@ha.UCLA.edu
- c. *Q: How is it that someone can enter into this gated community, walk up to my garage, steal my things, and damage and attempt to steal my car and there's nothing management can do to help? A:* There are privacy issues, we can't have cameras everywhere. Vehicle entries are the most

challenging point of entry. We need people to report, lock their garages and report. Report broken gates right away. No work order, make a phone call. All first-floor doors, window, gate, must be reported immediately. Go to the office, or call (310) 825-3595 - 24/7 Maintenance Line. Some infrastructure issues will take some more time to fix, but they will be addressed.

- d. Q: *Would it be possible to have security at the various gates in UV? It's much needed.* A: No, for the cost. They can look at it but in the bigger picture it doesn't look like the best option.
- e. Q: *Would it be possible to improve signage and maps of building locations? Residents cannot get their packages quickly when they're delivered to the wrong location (and delivery people are unlikely to drop them at the new more secure places if they cannot find them).* A: Housing is already working on that since it was mentioned in the last assembly.
- f. Q: *We are over relying on UCPD! Do we have other resources to address some issues where police are not necessary?* A: Reslife is giving homelessness information. UCLA protocol says that if a crime occurred, we need to call UCPD. Officers coming doesn't mean they will arrest people, many times they just convince people to leave. Reslife/ neighbors have approached people and ask them to leave with success, but sometimes they don't, then police are called.
- g. Q: *worried about the same people trespassing many times and nothing really happened (police take them out and they come back again).* A: Call and report, not confront yourself, be safe.
- h. Q: *Can we have more clarity on the rules about pet/ ESA owners.* A: by Friday all community will receive an email with the rules and regulations about having pets and animal support. And how to report to housing. Guidelines for Maintaining a Service or Assistance Animal in University Housing: <https://reslife.ucla.edu/rules/service-or-assistance-animals>. They'll help everyone understand the expectations of animal owners.
- i. Q: *How to report a broken gate (is continually fixed and broken)? Wondering if there is anything that can be done to speed up the repairs of doors?* A: People stop the door to close it and then the door doesn't close anymore. Help maintenance closing them and encourage people to treat the door nicely. Call a second time even a couple of hours after it was reported if it's not fixed.

UCLA Administration & UCPD Dismissed.

2. PRB Update

1. **Spectrum upgrading**; from April to September, during the summer. They will need to go inside all the units to change the cables.
2. **Garden expansion** will be finished in June. You will notice the grass out and beds added for the new plots.
3. Apartment Coordinator Report: Dominique Mikell: lockouts, fire detectors going off. Team wants to be supportive and help in all they can. AC entering the unit is asking for the symptoms monitoring survey.
4. UCPD Report
 - a. Sawtelle E. External people playing basketball (11 months happening). Maybe a camera there can help.
 - b. How do we communicate general safety issues to the community? ResLife can send information on the newsletter/email. UASRA can share it on text Remind.
5. Public Comment
 - a. Rose: elevators out of order constantly.
6. Election Coordinator (Seth Pree):
 - Key dates: Candidate Applications are due April 25th at 11:59 PM
 - Election info: Uasra.org/elections
 - Point of contact: electionsuasra@gmail.com
 - We hope at least one person applies to each position. If unit reps are not applying again, try to encourage people in your unit who want to join next year.
 - Flyers must be posted next week.
 - Every interested candidate will have 20 seconds to make a statement at the April GA before elections (April 21).
 - Candidates can not apply to more than one position.
7. Green Coordinator Assistant: Operations are increasing in the last year. Board is proposing 2 assistants: 1 on Sawtelle and 1 on the Sepulveda side for the last 3 months of the year (April, May & June).

Vote on new position:

 - Yes: 20
 - No: 1
 - Abstain: 0

Treasure (Aleks) Assistant \$100 per month, we are still under 60% for stipends of the budget.

Vote on new budget:

 - Yes: 20
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

Vote on appointed assistants:

- Carolina Tapia (Sawtelle)
- Matt Gerber (Sepulveda)
 - Yes- 19
 - No-1
 - Abstain- 0

8. The Future of the UASRA Facebook Group

- Board conversation about the future of the FB group.
- Thoughts on changing the FB group to more of a buy/sell group and moving all UASRA business to the website
- Send a poll or survey to FB group users
- Anyone who has suggestions, experiences concerns can share their thoughts here: uasrboard@gmail.com subject: Facebook Group