

FINAL Minutes – December 8, 2021
UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m., Zoom

- I. Call to Order - In attendance: J. Halvaks, S. Krassner, J. Horn, G. Miller, C. Behrens, M. Norris, S. Lessick, R. Robertson, J. Danziger, J. Frederick, K. Chew, J. Yu, P. Lawrence
- II. Treasurer's Report: Stu Krassner
 - A. Graduate Fellowship: Approved two awards at \$2,700 each
 - B. UCIEA account balance: \$19,856.36
- III. Review and approval of November 2021 Meeting Minutes
- IV. President's Notes: G. Miller
 - A. Emeriti Survey process and communications
 - B. Lower response rate compared to previous survey at all UC campuses
 - C. Possibly due to timing (holidays, etc)
 - D. December deadline in order to share data with President Drake
- V. Retiree benefits update: J. Frederick
 - A. Open enrollment has ended
 - B. Possible survey about VIA benefits experience
 - C. Naming of UC Medicare plans causes confusion for some providers/patients with regard to acceptance of coverage
- VI. Old Business
 - A. UCIEA Annual Meeting should be online/Zoom due to Omicron and flu season
 1. Naturescape as potential topic/discussion item for the keynote
 2. Possible late May date
- VII. UCIRA Update: J. Frederick and E. Nguyen for J. Halvaks
 - A. UCIRA is finalizing dues reminder letter to be sent via USPS after December 25
 - B. January 13 volunteer activity taking reservations; vaccination required
- VIII. Center for Emeriti and Retirees Update: Jeri Frederick
 - A. UCIEA Executive Committee Roster
 1. Barbara Hamkalo has officially resigned
 2. Zoom vs in-person attendance for Executive Committee membership
- IX. New Business
 - A. Planned construction in University Hills and how it could benefit emeritx residents: summary of a conversation between UCIEA and ICHA – K. Chew
 1. Mid-rise condos to replace single-family detached units
 - a. Priced at 40-50% below current market; \$700-800k price for 1400-1800 sqft home

- b. Concept of having empty-nesters move from current single family homes in University Hills was discussed. Because the ceiling of price to sell single-family homes is less than the purchase price of one of the new condominiums, it would likely require some residents to take on an increased mortgage to move into the new units
 - c. 1-2 car garage per unit + guest parking
2. Because of a years-long gap in construction and a new externally-imposed requirement for high-density construction, the campus must now address a substantial accumulated demand for faculty housing by offering mid-rise condos rather than single-household detached units ("houses"). Could an increase in emeritx "down-sizing" within University Hills result both in significantly more houses available to new faculty and significantly more stage-appropriate housing for emeritx?

Bill Parker and Ken Chew met with ICHA leaders to discuss potential changes in campus policies and practices that might facilitate or otherwise create positive inducements for emeritx residents for down-sizing swaps.

Might UCIEA partner with ICHA in (1) constituting focus group(s) to explore house-to-condo swaps from the emeritx perspective, and (2) in sponsoring informational workshops about house-condo swaps and other housing unit downsizing options within University Hills? Members expressed support at least for the first option.

3. ICHA to consult with Orange County Assessor about property tax ramifications

X. Other Input from Attendees