

RC Spring Forum 2023

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- Resident Council Recent Doings
 - Since last November
 - RC has met with the CFO of the University, VP of Student Affairs, Dean of Graduate Students, and other management to talk about affordability of student housing options.
 - Results:
 - Families who are being displaced by the new construction have first pick to go to the remaining Cedar and Aspen buildings.
 - Single grad students will have 2 years of reduced rent for the new Sunnyside apartments
 - Long-term plan for the construction schedule will be released once it has been created
 - New resolution passed by the ASUU senate to benefit student families.
 - Next year's Resident Council has been elected.
 - Residents requesting another youth soccer program. Dependent on the new Resident Council.
- Administration
 - Will the new apartments have an open house?
 - Yes, in September. Ribbon cutting ceremony with entertainment and tours.
 - Asking for volunteers to help move people into the new housing. Pull from the strong USA community to help people with their fresh start.
 - What are the flooding precautions for the University Student Apartments.
 - The only flooding USA has experienced was due to record breaking rainfall. The apartments are not in any flooding zones. No flooding expected related to our adjacent creeks
 - How will construction affect the community centers/head start/UKids childcare?
 - The childcare in the ECC will remain there for a while.
 - The UKids childcare in the East Village will not be impacted by any West Village construction from what we know right now.
 - The childcare and head start program in the WCC will be known in 2 months once administration knows if they are going to move forward with Phase 2.
 - Plans have not been finalized regarding any Phase II construction because the procurement process is still underway and a final design has not been submitted by the Design/Build firms.
 - This process should be finalized in early June and we will be able to answer more detailed questions about the future of the WCC and head start program.

- Does the Utah Legislature approval of <\$600 M bond for USA expedite Phase II of demolition; i.e. remainder Cedars? What is an updated timeline estimate?
 - We are in the procurement process for Phase II at the West Village Family and graduate housing. The project is not officially moving forward at this time, but after final designs and pricing are received in mid-May, the University will determine whether or not we are moving forward with the project immediately, or waiting.
 - High interest rates are one of the factors being considered with this decision.
 - A phased closure schedule of the remaining Cedar courts will be shared after that decision is made, likely this fall 2023; however, right now, there will be no additional Cedar Court closures for at least 2 years unless there's a major infrastructure failure that requires it.
 - All residents of USA will be able to use the new amenities in the Spruce and Cottonwood buildings.
- Are the current West/East Village daycare/preschool/community centers scheduled for closures / demolition? If so, would new ones replace it?
 - Abatement of hazardous materials in the 100, 200, & 700 courts and Medical Plaza will begin in September and demolition will happen right after that.
- Will Cedar resident be able to take advantage of any of the amenities at the Sunnyside apartments (e.g. study rooms, community spaces)?
 - Yes. All residents of USA will be able to use the new amenities in the Spruce and Cottonwood building. There will be 2 centers at the new apartments open during the day and in the evening.
 - Bike storage in the new apartments will be for the new apartments residents only
- Commuter Services
 - Better transportation is needed for medical students to go from the new Sunnyside apartments to get to the medical area. Also, better transport to the student health center is needed.
 - Working with Commuter Services on a new route that goes up to medical campus as well as near the gym, and to USA.
 - Hopefully change will happen this fall.
 - Commuter services has been very helpful and eager to help with student concerns.
- Will there be covered parking?
 - No, the two new parking lots will only be surface lots.
 - Phase 2's bidding process will determine whether or not there will be other covered parking.
- How is the U handling demolished apartments? Are resources being recycled?
 - Some materials are being recycled; however, hazardous materials are being handled per federal and state guidelines.

- Within the University, anytime a tree comes down, it will be replaced by 2 trees. Some of the mature trees in USA will be replaced by one tree that is more mature.
- “Residents need to pick up after their dogs. Everytime we go for a walk, we see 4-7 dog poops. We have a dog but we make sure we pick it up, and when we forget poop bags, we come back and pick it up. Something that may help with this, is having poop bag stations, or a designated off-leash area in the courts.”
 - Talk to your neighbors if you see dog pooping or off-leash.
 - Report to the RA.
 - If continues, goes to Valerie. Can be fined and possibly dog need to leave.
 - Pets are not allowed but ESAs are allowed due to federal law. By putting up poop bag stations or having designated animal areas, in the past we thought it might make it look like we are a pet-friendly community. Will consider this proposal since number of ESAs has increased.
 - There are park near both the West and East Villages that allow dogs.
 - ESAs are required on leash at all times, bathroom outside of the courts.
- How to get more involved
 - Many events happening in USA
 - Holi festival
 - Emergency preparedness fair
 - Bees tickets
 - Birthday party for everyone
 - Eager to create a community that feels like home.
 - If residents would like to have a voice, come to any of the monthly RC meetings; be there when decisions are made, learn what RC is working on and have a voice/make suggestions. RC is eager to hear from and be involved with residents.
- Currently rebranding from USA to Sunnyside Apartments. Hopefully completely rebranded by August.