

Minutes
ODIT Meeting with Orchard Downs Selection Committee
July 24, 2007 @ 3:30 PM at 108 Coble Hall

The following people participated in the meeting:

ODIT- Alyssa Nevin, Aswini Betha, Pankaj Sarin, Robert Bocchino. Nama Budhathoki participated on behalf of FHC

Selection Committee- Dr. Renee Romano, Dr. Fred Coleman, Dr. Tanya Gallagher, Mr. Randall Kangas, Ms. Susan Gershenfeld. Dennis McConaha attended on behalf of Mr. Michael Bass. Mr. James Foerster joined via conference call. Ana Hernandez and Indira Rajagopalan of FGH also attended.

Dr. Romano appreciated the letter drafted by ODIT regarding the concerns and recommendations about redevelopment. She opined that it was succinct and comprehensive and proposed that a survey be organized within the Orchard Downs community about redevelopment.

Aswini explained the purpose of the meeting and introduced the presentation. Robert continued the presentation followed by a detailed analysis by Pankaj and Alyssa. The presentation was summed up by Aswini and proposed for discussion and questions.

When asked what was the ratio of Community Aides to Residents by Susan, it was answered as total 13 CAs for 1350 residents. Indira and Ana clarified that each CA is taking care of 70-90 residents approximately. Dr. Gallagher asked if the services are available to people not living at Orchard Downs, Alyssa pointed out that some services are restricted only to the residents due to lack of enough space. However, services such as Multi-cultural Health Center, Garden plots, etc are open to others also. While Alyssa also explained the purpose of Lending Room, Indira informed that there are plans to include furniture as a part of the Lending Room.

Dr. Coleman advised to work on approaches and solutions to the concerns mentioned in the letter and presentation as well.