

IV Tenants Union Minutes 2-1-2007

I. Call to Order

Call to Order: 5:10 PM

Attendance: Carmela Galvez, Lindsey Quock, Julio Martinez, Deirdre Mathis, Costanza Rampini, Karla Rosa, Keith Russell, Gerson Sorto

II. Announcements

- a. Campus Point
 - AS has begun planning to bring back their publication, the Campus Point.
- b. New plan for IV Recycling
 - Surf-Rider foundation gave a \$5,000.00 grant to place blue recycling bins in IV.
 - The expected date for completion of this project is in mid-April.
 - A meeting will be held in two weeks, at IV Parks and Recreation.
- c. IVPAC
 - The IV master plan has now been approved.
 - There should be a larger student presence at the next IVPAC meeting to ensure that the concerns and needs of the students are met.
 - Next IVPAC meeting is in late March and IVTU should have a stronger presence at the meeting.
- d. Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
 - Group based in Los Angeles that focuses on increasing economic power for the working class. Included in this are many tenants' rights issues that IVTU also deals with.
 - There is a conference call scheduled between SAJE, IVTU, and other groups that are also against displacement.
 - Carmela has compiled the Figueroa Corridor readers, filled with campaign information.

III. Old Business

- a. Homegrown Revolution Planning
 - Committees have been setup for dealing with needs for the event. They range from publicity to food and childcare.
 - One topic that could be touched upon at the Homegrown Revolution is the "Better community, same neighbors" idea.
- b. Conquest
 - No new contact with Conquest has been made.
 - Update on negotiations
 - a. No negotiations are taking place.
 - Alternative courses of action:
 - a. Pressuring UCSB to pressure Conquest and hold the meeting they promised they would have.
 - b. Pressuring the county.
 - Tenant issues with Security Deposits

- a. Some former Cedarwood tenants are having issues with money not being returned to them. Possible Demand?
 - b. Rather than presenting this as a new demand, these along with other illegal Conquest practices are a perfect media opportunity to show the public the real Conquest Student housing.
- Escalation
 - a. Increasing media campaign.
 - b. Door Hangers
 - c. SBCC Outreach
 - d. Facebook Flyers
 - i. Flyers will be purchased to cover SBCC, UCSB, and USC.
 - e. Independent
 - i. Ads in the Independent, boycotting UCSB and promoting IVTU
 - f. New flyer plan, one hour per week per person.
 - i. Karla- Friday 3:00PM - 4:00 PM
 - ii. Costanza- Thursday 12:45PM - 1:45PM
 - iii. Lindsey- Wednesday 1:30PM – 3:00PM
 - iv. Julio – Monday 2:00 PM, next week Friday 3:00 PM
 - v. Gerson: Tuesday 1:00PM – 2:00PM

IV. Other Business

- a. IVTU List-Serv
 - The IVTU List-serv is now up and running. Please join if you haven't already. This will be our primary method of contacting IVTU members with IVTU information.
- b. Calpirg Volunteers
 - Calpirg has provided us with contact information of over 40 volunteers interested in Tenants issues.
 - Since there is no current structure for volunteering at IVTU, we should create a Tenant Action Team. This would allow volunteers to conceptualize volunteering at IVTU.
 - Two types of volunteering opportunities
 - a. Ongoing volunteering opportunities.
 - b. One time volunteering opportunities, such as being an observer at an IVPAC meeting.

V. New Business

- a. Java Jones discussions about the Figueroa Corridor readers.
 - It would be beneficial that after reading through the articles, as a group we discuss the ideas behind them and which we can apply to our campaigns.
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VI. Financial Business

- a. An additional \$2,000 has been allotted for advertisements on Facebook and in the Independent.

VII. Other Business/ Open Forum

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM