Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the next installment of our regular, ongoing updates on the process and progress of River Trail Village at Napa Valley College. As we continue the development of this initiative to provide a quality, affordable housing community for our students, we will continue to regularly share updates via email, in forums and on the housing webpage.

The immediate priorities continue to be increased transparency of this vital student housing project and improved communications among our campus community on its progress. Please see below, and if you have any questions or comments, please send them to the team at rivertrail.village@napavalley.edu.

**STUDENT HOUSING FORUM:** Thank you to everyone who attended our first housing forum of 2022 on March 24. This was long overdue! There were approximately 50 people who joined us in person and online. If you weren’t able to attend, you can watch the video here and view the slide deck here.

In addition to myself, the following individuals presented:

Jim Reeves, Vice President, Business and Finance, NVC
Dr. Sara Parker, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Academic Affairs, NVC
Robin Darcangelo, Senior Dean, Student Affairs, NVC
Ann Volz, Senior Project Executive, The Scion Group
Derek Vergara, Dean of Students, Orange Coast College

Napa Valley College leadership spoke about the need our students have for affordable housing and the measurable outcomes achieved from other campuses in California and across the country in support of students and personal and academic success. At this time, more than 50 California Community Colleges are in the early phases of housing program development.

Derek Vergara from Orange Coast College spoke about the recently opened student housing on his campus and the positive effect that it has already had on student success. Orange Coast College is one of 11 California Community Colleges currently offering onsite student housing. For reference, here is a link to a story in EdSource about other community colleges considering student housing.

Ann Volz provided an overview of what has been completed to date on our project and what can be expected moving forward and also addressed some frequently asked questions regarding financing structure, operations and schedule.

We expect to have another forum in the coming months to allow for continuous dialogue and provide a platform for students, employees and community members to provide input and stay connected to the project. I encourage anyone with questions to email the team at rivertrail.village@napavalley.edu.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES: On March 10, Ann Volz of Scion presented an update at the Board meeting related to timeline, milestones ahead and other considerations that will help the college engage with the project.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
The NVC Housing Management Team is working to create an Implementation Team that will include representation from a wide range of departments within NVC. Although multifaceted, this team will be responsible for providing input as we plan for our transition to a 24/7 campus and to liaison between the project team and their respective colleagues and/or constituents.

Additionally, in April and May, the NVC Housing Management Team will begin scheduling meetings with various departments to address a wide range of focused tactical items such as IT, finance/accounting/financial aid, vending/food service, security, operations/maintenance, etc.

From here, the housing management team, under the leadership of Jim Reeves, will coordinate these updates as the project moves forward.

Again, please don’t hesitate to email any questions to rivertrail.village@napavalley.edu. As appropriate, we will incorporate into the FAQ on the housing webpage.

Best,

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