Corry Village Meeting
Tuesday August 16th 2016 Meeting started at 6 pm and adjourned at 7 pm

Iwan:

1. Introduced himself as new Mayor and introduce Xiaoman and Niki as CA.
2. Explained that Corry commons room has been transferred to UF Conference service

   Residents were concerned about the Corry village transferring to UF Conference Service, especially since there is a price associated with it.

   Iwan explained that GFH is working on getting a waiver for student residents.

   Residents decided to write a petition to GFH and UF Conference service to waive the cost of student residents for Corry and Tanglewood. After the petition is written, it will be available to sign in the Corry front desk. One resident pointed out that we should collaborate with Tanglewood village as well.

3. Explained about Cox cable, the construction and that Jason Fraser-Nash is the new area coordinator of Corry and the New Assistant Director of GFH

4. We talked about the breezeway policy and we agreed that Jason would sent out a reminder on the Breezeway policy

5. Suggestions for events
   a. Yoga and Capoeira were two activities that parents and children likes during the Summer. All residents agreed that we want to continue these events.
   b. Art at the Reitz Union/pottery painting was also mentioned and agreed upon
   c. Several request for redoing the bowling at the Reitz event.
   d. A taste of Corry: were residents prepare food from their Country of origin.
   e. Soccer that will be done in Spring 2017
   f. A visit to and a pick-nick at the New Depot Park with activities for kids and adults
   g. Tailgating: Go Gators
   h. Invite the UF president to meet the neighbors

6. Rules that are requested to changed
   a. Gardening in Corry village. A proposal was presented for a 1 year trail (see attached document)

   There was a request to relax the GFH policy rules on gardening. A sign in sheet went around and 27 residents agreed on a change that we should allow residents to grow plants that would not be harmful for kids but would be making the village pretty.

   b. For many years GFH has been thinking of adding a roof above bike rack. Since this is very costly it never happened. We discussed that we could place bike racks under the stairs just like in Diamond village. We sent out a sheet and 28 residents signed in to get bike racks under the stairs

   c. Hanging clothes outside. Residents were complaining that other villages have clothes lines and we do not have any. Iwan explained that Corry might be the next village on the list that would get clothes lines.

7. Individual complaints

   Residents that are allowed to have pets wash pet attributes in the Washer and Dryers.

   Residents that are allergic to pets get sick when they used the same laundry machine.
The resident asked if some washers and dryer can be designated for pet owners to wash and dry pet attributes. This can be done by simply marking them with a sticker say pet friendly for example.

8  Announcements: Kristen Hecht (PhD Mom) encouraged residents to come to PhD mom event on Saturday 20th of August.

52 people in attendance

**Proposed Corry Gardening Policy**

8/16/16

Because of sustained interest in gardening at Corry Village, we are proposing a one-year trial period of allowing village residents to raise flowers and small shrubs outside their apartments along the margins of the buildings. The goals of this project are:

- to improve the overall appearance of the village,
- to promote healthy, outdoor community interaction among the Corry residents,
- to provide gardening opportunities for anyone who would like to participate, and
- to educate all residents about the principles of Florida-Friendly Landscaping.

The volunteer coordinator for this project will be Niels Proctor, who lives at Corry and has several years of experience in growing plants here. (Iwan Molgo, the Corry Mayor, is also an experienced gardener and is available for advice and help.) The overall theme of this project will be to create habitat for butterflies, hummingbirds, and songbirds in the village. For additional information about the goals and benefits of this approach, please see UF IFAS Extension Document ENH1160: Community ButterflyScaping: How to Move Beyond Butterfly Gardening to Create a Large-Scale Butterfly Habitat (http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/EP/EP42000.pdf)

We propose allowing gardening at Corry Village under the following restrictions:

- The only plants that can be grown are flowers and small shrubs. (No food crops.)
- Plants must be kept off the lawns and at least 6 inches away from the buildings.
- Plants must not block any signs or obstruct access to windows or fire equipment.
- All plants must be completely safe for children. (No large spines, thorns, poisonous fruit, etc.)
- Because the surface of Corry drains directly to Lake Alice, no herbicides, peticides, or fertilizers can be applied to gardens. Residents can (and should) amend the soil with compost before planting.
- All exterior areas should be kept clean, weed-free, and tidy.
- Residents are responsible for cleaning up the garden areas when they leave. Plants can be grown in containers as long as the containers are removed when the resident leaves. Perennials grown in the ground can be left behind in the garden areas with permission from the village office.
- Gardening can only be done if it does not interfere with the maintenance of the village. The grounds crew retains the full right to move, prune, kill, or remove any plants that interfere with that maintenance.
Before planting anything outside the buildings, residents should familiarize themselves with the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program (http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/). The different amounts of sunlight on the different sides of the Corry buildings will be a major factor in determining which plants can grow where. For lists of full sun, partial sun, and shade plants, see EDIS Doc ENH1160 at the web address given above. Residents who are new to Florida gardening are encouraged to consult with either Iwan or Niels before choosing plants or starting a garden.