Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes April 26, 2017 Meeting

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 26, 2017, in Argyros Forum 209C.

PARTICIPANTS

Committee Members:

Marc Colin
William Crouch
Michelle Duman
Jeff Frankel, for Bob Hitchcock
Dan Jensen
Annabell Liao
Capt. Eric Rosauer, for Capt.Dave Nichols
Mayor Teresa Smith
Tim Virus

Administation and Staff:

Dawn Bonker, *Recording Secretary*Randy Burba
Alisa Driscoll
Jerry Price
Jack Raubolt

Guests

Chief Tom Kisela, *Orange PD* President Daniele Struppa

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Raubolt called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions:

Daniel Struppa welcomed the new and returning members of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee. He reflected on the committee's beginning and said he was pleased with its accomplishments. He attributed the decline in student-related disturbance calls and the improved relationship between the City of Orange and the University to the committee's efforts. In addition, President Struppa commended the committee for urging the University to pursue the purchase of vacant property near Panther Village for the development of future student housing.

His schedule prevents him from continuing regular participation in committee meetings, but he said he will be available to the committee as needed and looks forward to seeing them at University events.

Jeff Frankel expressed appreciation for the University's follow through on community relations and the strides made, particularly in collaboration with code enforcement.

Mayor Teresa Smith thanked the President for including the City Council and the community in the events of his inauguration week. She said the spirit of hospitality and welcome was appreciated.

Because the committee membership was revised as part of its reorganization this winter, Mr. Raubolt shared the new membership roster, purpose statement and operational protocol. A University photographer took a new group photo of the committee.

Building Projects Updates

Mr. Raubolt provided updates on the University's current building projects. The four projects included:

• Villa Park Orchards Residence Hall

Designs are in the final phase of review with the City of Orange, which would determine if a Planning Commission review was necessary, Mr. Raubolt said. Mr. Bill Crouch, Director of Community Development, with the City of Orange, added that he was optimistic that the plans were on a good trajectory and that the review process would soon conclude. Mayor Smith and Jeff Frankel asked about parking plans for the students there. The parking structure at the Digital Media Arts Center will be prioritized for those students, said Mr. Raubolt and Chief Randy Burba.

• Panther Village 2

Several firms have submitted requests for proposals. Those proposals are being evaluated and a discussion of them will likely be planned at the next meeting.

• North Residence Hall

Initial concept plans are completed. Further planning will commence after designs for Panther Village 2 and the VPO residence halls are entitled.

Center for Science and Technology

The project is on target for opening in fall 2018.

- o Steel erection 100% complete.
- o Deck pours 100% complete.
- o Fire Proofing 75% complete.
- o Interior MEP Rough-In 30% complete.
- o Exterior Framing and Sheathing 25% complete.

City of Orange

Capt. Eric Rosauer with the City of Orange Police Department reported that the number of disturbance calls related to Chapman students and parties continues to decline. He attributed that progress to a number of factors, including liaison visits and follow up calls made after parties, as well as the continuing collaboration between his department and Public Safety.

Mr. Frankel asked how helpful the revised party ordinance and stepped up outreach efforts had been.

Capt. Rosauer said it was a combination of those efforts. In addition, he said in the fall semester the city department focused extra resources to respond to Chapman parties and that it helped set a tone that was beneficial throughout the school year. He said extra staff and resources are scheduled during move-in, finals week and graduation.

Tim Virus asked if the electronic speed reminder boards could be brought back into Old Towne. Many motorists seem unaware of the residential speed limit and need the visual reminder, he said. Capt. Rosauer said the department would work on the problem.

Mr. Frankel said some residents on his street had asked about the viability of speed bumps. Speed bumps can have mixed benefits, including noise and the hindrance of emergency vehicles, Capt. Rosauer said.

Mayor Smith said she was impressed with the progress made on safety and noise issues. In the past six months, she said her office has not received a single complaint or concern about the University or its students. She credited that to the efforts of everyone involved. In addition, she commended Chapman for the friendliness and politeness of its students during her numerous visits to campus.

Going forward, Mayor Smith advised the University to develop a relationship with the Respect Orange organization and to expand its outreach to the Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter at Orange High School.

Mr. Raubolt said he was in regular contact with Respect Orange and was working on renewing a relationship with the FFA.

Mr. Crouch reported that the City Manager's office has assembled a parking task force to explore parking challenges and solutions in Old Towne Orange. He said the task force discussions had been positive. Several ideas are under consideration, including parking meters. He said the task force was particularly concerned about lunchtime parking demand.

Dan Jensen echoed the concern about the noon hour parking crunch. He suggested a valet parking service for peak hours might be worth consideration.

Mr. Virus inquired about the timeframe for construction of a new city parking lot on Lemon Street.

The city is hopeful to award a contract within the next month, Mr. Crouch said. The city is working with Chapman to backfill some of the municipal parking it will temporarily lose during construction, he added.

Campus Updates

Dean Jerry Price shared a handout detailing the schedule of events for Commencement Weekend. The vast majority of student move outs will be complete by Friday of that weekend. Mr. Raubolt reminded the committee that a fireworks display was scheduled on Friday at approximately 8:10 p.m. near Musco Center for the Arts and that the community was welcome to attend.

Chief Burba and Capt. Rosauer said both their departments were ready with plans for the finals week Undie Run using the processes that have proven successful previously. With street closures and police officer presence, the run has been contained to Glassell Street and is finished in about 15 minutes, they said. The city will dispatch four officers to respond to after parties, Capt. Rosauer said.

Dean Price said the size and number of the parties have decreased in recent semesters. One factor may be that because the University has a fuller class schedule, more finals fall later in the week on the days following the run, he said.

Community Relations

Mr. Raubolt reported that a digital flier outlining best practices for students moving out of rental homes and disposing of household items had been created in collaboration with the University's Office of Sustainability and Student Government Association and would be sent to students via multiple emails and website postings. In addition, he said students will be encouraged to donate their lightly used or unwrapped school supplies into special bins that will be delivered to the new Boys and Girls Club in Old Towne Orange.

Mr. Raubolt opened the discussion to any news or comments committee members are hearing about community relations that they would like to share.

Chief Tom Kisela reported that the Chapman Women's Soccer Team had come out and supported a soccer camp for at-risk youth and that it was a great success.

Marc Colin said he was hearing complaints from residents affected by the dirt hauling and truck traffic related to the tennis court construction. He added that in the Cypress Street area, cars were speeding and graffiti had been noticed. Capt. Rosauer said city police would follow up.

Mr. Raubolt said the dirt hauling trucks had deviated from approved routes but had been redirected back to the correct access routes.

Michelle Duman said in her work with community and business leaders she is hearing that there is a keen interest in seeing the University more involved with non-profit collaborations and city partnerships. She said such collaborations are more likely to gain donor support and involvement. Mr. Raubolt offered to connect with Ms. Duma offline, as the University is involved in a number of partnerships throughout the community.

Mr. Frankel said he was hearing fewer complaints about the University. Traffic in the Plaza and along Glassell Street where more restaurants are locating is a growing concern, he said. Orange Street is being used by more traffic and often feels like a secondary arterial, a concern for residents there, he said.

Mr. Raubolt noted that one new member, Tom Davidson, was unable to be at the meeting but expected to be at the next.

Annabell Liao said it was valuable to hear the discussions about parking, housing and future developments. She said students shared many of those same concerns.

Other Business

The committee agreed to meet again in early August. A specific date has yet to be chosen. Mr. Raubolt adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.