

## **Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes May 11, 2022 Meeting**

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Kennedy Hall 237B.

### Committee Members:

Alexis Reekie  
Captain Aaron Towner  
Elizabeth Holloman  
Laura Thomas  
Sandy Quinn

### Absent:

Brian Lochrie  
Dan Jensen  
Marc Colin  
Mayor Mark Murphy  
Susan Galvan  
Michelle Duman  
Tim Virus

### Administration and Staff:

Alisa Driscoll, *Chair*  
Chief Rick Gonzales  
Collette Creppell  
James Gerrard  
Jerry Price

### Guests:

Alina Sheeran, *Recording Secretary*  
City Manager Rob Houston

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Alisa Driscoll called the meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) to order at 11:07 a.m.

The Committee introduced new members:

- Alexis Reekie, Student Government President, replacing Philip Goodrich
- Chief Rick Gonzalez of Chapman Public Safety, replacing Chief Randy Burba
- Sandy Quinn, President of OTPA, replacing Tony Trabucco
- Elizabeth Holloman, Orange Chamber of Commerce

## **CITY OF ORANGE**

The committee welcomed new Orange City Manager, Rob Houston. Mr. Houston expressed excitement to collaborate with different community partners in Orange and to problem solve when necessary. He is looking forward to evaluating the benefits of students and their energy vs. the challenges that sometimes occur. Mr. Houston understands Chapman wanting to expand programs and how that interacts with the City's needs.

Ms. Driscoll added that she and Mr. Houston had conversations about how Chapman and the City can collaborate on fun videos and projects to involve students with the City.

Mr. Houston noted that he is interested in continuing to work with Chapman on projects such as Killefer School, the Hilbert Museum, and the Specific Plan.

## **OPD Disturbance Calls**

Captain Aaron Towner noted that calls had been relatively flat, at 3 to 5 per week. However, the end of the year comes with an uptick in calls.

James Gerrard reported that Chapman's new OPD liaison, Sergeant Sarah Costa, has been a pleasure to work with. It is especially beneficial that she works swing shifts, which is helpful when conducting liaison visits between students and neighbors.

Ms. Driscoll noted that, with the presence of Sgt. Costa, it was nice to have women present when speaking to sororities at the Greek Life leadership meeting recently. The liaison team was able to present information on how to be a good neighbor and provide in-depth info from OPD.

Captain Towner provided perspective on how many Orange party calls were Chapman student parties vs. parties not related to Chapman. He reported that from 4/24-4/30, there were 37 party/noise calls as a city and 6 of them were Chapman related. From 5/2-5/7, there were 50 party/noise calls and 10 of them were Chapman related. Captain Towner attributes this to the communication that is sent out by the school and continued follow up visits from the liaison team.

Captain Towner reported that there is a robust plan in place for Undie Run with 35 officers. He noted that it should run smoother than the previous semester now that the Plaza is fully open.

Regarding protests, Captain Towner said that OPD will continue to allow people to exercise their right to free speech. He noted the importance of messaging appropriately to students who plan to join protests so that they are safe, follow the rules, and have positive interactions with OPD. Captain Towner said that when outside groups get involved, they draw more people which makes it more complicated for OPD. He expressed that it is important that protestors stay off the streets and avoid negative interactions.

Dean Jerry Price reported that the last couple of protests on campus have not been led by student organizations, nor were they Chapman related. Students get involved, but the protests are connected to community organizations; they gather at Chapman for the space. Captain Towner noted that people will come to the traffic circle as a natural place to get 360 degree attention, so it is important to plan well to avoid sensationalizing the event.

Dean Price clarified that Chapman does proactive planning when protesting is held by their own student organizations. Captain Towner noted that it is ideal to avoid conflict, but does not want to be too lenient, making Orange the place to gather. Dean Price said that Chapman will not grant outside groups permission to gather but will not engage in conflict if they do.

Laura Thomas asked the size of the largest group of protestors OPD has witnessed. Captain Towner reported that it was the last presidential election with a couple thousand people and 3-5 hours walking around the Plaza. He noted that more recent protests have been about 10-30 people.

## **CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY UPDATES**

### **Student Affairs**

Dean Price reported that Chapman University was wrapping up housing for the coming year. He noted that there were three more days of classes and the week of 5/16 is finals week, with commencement ceremonies beginning Friday, 5/20. Dean Price said the rest of the year follows the traditional calendar and that students were to start moving out of residence halls on Wednesday, 5/18. He said that students living off-campus move out at various times depending on their lease, and have been encouraged to keep certain things in mind, such as trash pick up, while moving out.

Dean Price reported that they have a strong plan in place for Undie Run on Wednesday, 5/18. He said that when they can run to the Plaza and back it takes about 20-30 minutes and that amplified music is not allowed. Dean Price also noted that there are far fewer intoxicated students than there used to be. He said that Chapman is working to make sure that the Run happens in the least disruptive way possible. Dean Price reported that there were about 700-800 students last fall, but spring tends to be bigger. He noted that students hadn't participated

since fall 2019 prior to last fall. He said that Chapman tries to find the right tone to get warnings out but not pique interest.

Ms. Driscoll reminded the committee that Chapman Community Relations made a commitment to covering the overtime for OPD during the Undie Run. Dean Price added that the most effective intervention has been increased patrols by Orange Police before and after the run. He reported that this has diminished the amount of intoxicated students and the number of parties before and after.

Dean Price observed that the last two months on campus had been the most normal feeling since February 2020. There had been a moderate uptick in COVID cases, and the school experienced the most cases in a day since the beginning of the year. Dean Price said that the timing before finals had been disruptive for the students.

Sandy Quinn asked if the applications for Chapman are up and whether the acceptance rate is getting more selective. Dean Price answered that Chapman is getting more selective because it is getting on the radar of those who consider Stanford, USC, Northwestern, etc. He said the percentage of students who accept offers of admission is getting smaller because students are applying to multiple colleges. He said that because of this, Chapman is accepting a higher number of applicants, but admitting the same number as before. Dean Price also mentioned that admissions were down during COVID because students couldn't come tour, and seeing the City of Orange, especially Old Towne, is a big reason students choose Chapman. Now that tours are back, we are seeing an increase in applications and students desire to come to Chapman and the City of Orange.

### Public Safety

According to Chief Rick Gonzales, Chapman Public Safety has planned traffic mitigation for move out and commencement. Chief Gonzales said that an officer is assigned to control traffic on Grand Ave. where people pull up Uhauls, cars and trucks. The officer encourages people to go into the parking structure rather than parking on the street. Chief Gonzales communicated that Chapman will hire a parking company on Friday and Saturday for inside the parking structure during commencement. Additionally, two OPD officers will work on Walnut and Glassell to help facilitate the movement of traffic. Chief Gonzales said that Public Safety encourages people to cross at the light. He reported that there will be one big commencement ceremony each day, among smaller commencement ceremonies. Chief Gonzales said that there had been no issues with traffic before COVID and that it has taken an average of 30-45 minutes to empty the parking structure between ceremonies to help mitigate traffic.

### Campus Planning and Design

*Sandi Simon Center for Dance at the Packing House*

Collette Creppell reported that construction for the Dance Center is well underway. She says that it was originally planned to be completed by the end of August, but they will not in fact hit that mark. Ms. Creppell said that she is holding off setting another completion date because the day may move again, pending supply issues. She said that she will share a reset date in July. Ms. Creppell reported that shipping dates have moved three times on major pieces of equipment with no expediting or substituting possible. However, some work has been able to continue before these major pieces of equipment arrive.

### *Hilbert Museum Renovation*

Ms. Creppell communicated that because Dance is in the Partridge building and can't move out, the planned Hilbert Museum renovation work for that building cannot commence. She said that scenarios are currently being run that allow them to make up time for the project. Ms. Creppell reported that construction could begin in June or July, but this is not a set date, and the schedule will have to be reestablished as the Dance Center project is updated.

### *Killefer School*

Ms. Creppell reported that the Killefer School project is underway with a full team. She said the project is in predesign, working through who is going to be there and what all the spaces are going to be used for. The site will contain the Institute of Quantum Studies, the Applied Physics Laboratory, and the Optics Lab. Ms. Creppell reported that they are still looking at the Summer of 2024 to start construction. She said as they proceed with completing programming and predesign, they will begin to bring things to the City. She noted that Chapman will apply for a conditional use permit for the site. Ms. Creppell communicated that everybody is excited that they are taking on a significant historic structure to celebrate and bring back to life. She said that she is looking forward to that process with the community.

Mr. Quinn asked if dorms were full for fall and what the plans were for Panther Village and any other on campus housing. Ms. Creppell answered that Chapman is studying what they can do for student housing. She said that they are in the planning stages and testing different options.

Mr. Quinn asked for a definite date and encouraged Chapman to move as rapidly as possible. He clarified that housing is a revenue source for Chapman. Ms. Creppell confirmed that this is so, yet housing tends not to be a donor type project. She communicated that Chapman is working with the Board of Trustees to move forward with housing. Dean Price said Chapman is motivated to find options for more housing, and that Chapman will be back to the full occupancy of 3,600 next fall. He clarified that freshmen and sophomores live in Chapman housing or with a legal parent or guardian. This being said, about 90% freshman class live on campus and 10% commute from the house of a parent or guardian.

### Community Relations

## *Specific Plan Amendment 7*

Ms. Driscoll reported that Chapman is in the process of working on the environmental impact report for the Specific Plan. She said that a memo was just submitted to the City for the traffic study. Ms. Driscoll noted that there will be a community forum once the timeline is clear. She said that this would include refreshing the community's memory of what the EIR will study to make sure it is transparent. Ms. Driscoll stated that public comment will be available in fall and Chapman will work with the City to make sure residents are aware of the timeframe for comment.

Noting a shortage of time and in an effort to respect the time of the committee members in attendance, Ms Driscoll will submit a report with the meeting minutes of new programs and activities that the Office of Community Relations has undertaken over the past few months. This will be available for public download.

### **Check-In: What are you hearing in the community?**

Mr. Quinn says he does not hear as many negatives from OTPA and residents, which reflects on the quality of students and the increase of demand on the students to be more diligent now. He observed that there have not been as many party complaints. Mr. Quinn reported that he did hear a demand for more student housing. He thanked Chapman for all it is doing to mitigate neighborhood disruptions. Ms. Driscoll confirmed that there has been a decline in neighbor inquiries. Dean Price attributed this to having Public Safety, Student Affairs and OPD all on the same page with a consistent message to students. Through this, students learn what is and is not acceptable.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

## Office of Community Relations Report May 2022

### **Community Involvement Grant:**

During the spring semester Community Relations launched the Community Involvement Grant (CIG) program to support student organizations doing philanthropic work in Orange. The first CIG was awarded to Chapman Red Cross, which used the micro-grant to purchase personal hygiene supplies for 50 veterans in need.



For more details on the grant and criteria, see: [Community Involvement Grant](#)

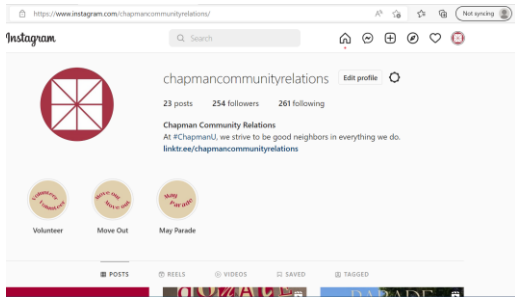
### **End of Semester Canvassing:**

As spring semester ended, we visited off-campus student residences to provide information on how to move out with minimal impact to the neighborhood. Marketing materials were created to inform students of free bulky trash pick-up from CR&R, and places to donate clothing and furniture in Orange. We have seen several student residences utilize these programs and have noticed an overall reduction of trash left behind.

Physical copies of door hangers with move-out information were provided to the NAC at their May meeting.

### **Social Media:**

Community Relations launched a new Instagram page with a focus on connecting students with community activities, local businesses, and tips on how to be a respectful neighbor. As we continue to build out this page, it will be a helpful tool to provide students with a deeper connection to Orange.



Please follow our social media profiles for the latest updates:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChapmanUCommunity>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/chapmancommunityrelations>

### Website:

The Community Relations website has been completely revamped with new and helpful information for students, landlords, and local residents. This will be widely shared within Chapman's network of websites to ensure this gets as much traffic as possible.

- [For landlords](#): Sample letter templates for student tenants, addendum items to consider adding into a lease, and information to troubleshoot issues.
- [For students](#) and residents: A guide to being a respectful neighbor, including parking tips, property maintenance, moving etc. for students.

