

**Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes
May 5, 2020 Meeting**

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Tuesday May 5, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Committee Members:

Captain Dan Adams
Marc Colin
William Crouch
Dan Jensen
Brian Lochrie
Mayor Mark Murphy
Sandy Quinn

Absent:

Saba Amid
Tom Davidson
Michelle Duman
Tim Virus

Administration and Staff:

Chief Randy Burba
Collette Creppell
Alisa Driscoll, *Recording Secretary*
Jerry Price
Jack Raubolt, *Chair*

Guests:

Kathy Wongsatittham

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Raubolt called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Raubolt introduced two new committee members to the group. Field Captain Dan Adams from the Orange Police Department will be replacing former committee member Captain Eric Rosauer, who has been assigned to a different division. Collette Creppell is Chapman's newly appointed Vice President of Campus Planning and Design and will be replacing Vice President of Facilities Management, Rick Turner on this committee going forward.

CHECKING IN

Members of the committee reported how they and the organizations they represent, are handling the COVID-19 situation.

Captain Adams introduced himself as a life-long resident of Orange. He recently transferred from Orange Police Department's Administrative Services division, formerly overseeing their budget, and is currently managing their patrol division. Captain Adams reported that he frequently answers questions from the public regarding COVID-19 and the enforcement of orders from state and local authorities.

Dan Jensen reported that the restaurants in Old Towne leasing his spaces are generating approximately 15 to 20 percent of their normal day-to-day output so in turn, he is taking advantage of the time by resealing parking lots and performing other tasks that would be challenging to conduct under normal conditions.

Bill Crouch announced that the Community Development Department continues to open for business and issues permits and conducts inspections. Beginning on Monday, May 11, the city counters will re-open to the public. Mr. Crouch commended the city council and city manager for guiding the City of Orange during this difficult time.

Mayor Mark Murphy reported that there have been zero positive COVID-19 tests among city employees, including public safety officers, and commented that due to Orange's financial strength and long-term planning strategies, it has served well for the community in contrast to some neighboring cities. Mayor Murphy thanked the residents, businesses, and city staff for complying with what has been asked of them under these difficult circumstances. He feels fortunate that we have a community that is so tightly knit. Mayor Murphy also thanked Chapman University for providing housing to first responders needing to quarantine themselves after possible COVID-19 exposure as well as continuing to support Orange Home Grown.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Raubolt reported that he will be retiring effective May 31, 2020. The University is looking to hire a replacement for the Vice President of Community Relations position and a search is underway. He assured the committee that the Office of Community Relations will continue to operate and address neighborhood concerns and issues. Mr. Raubolt thanked the committee for all their accomplishments and for helping to establish common ground.

UNIVERSITY COVID-19 UPDATES

Remote Instruction and Students on Campus

Dr. Jerry Price reported that Chapman transitioned to remote instruction as of March 16, 2020. At that time, students were asked to move out of the residence halls and return home. Residence Life staff were able to reduce the number of students living on-campus housing from 3,500 to 200 students. Currently, two weeks of classes remain for the duration of the academic year.

Chapman is currently putting together various scenarios of its enrollment figures for 2020. Currently, the numbers appear to remain at expected levels, however, first-year enrollment figures are marginally lower than previous years which is unusual for Chapman. The University expects to resume this fall, however, has not committed as such guidance issued will need to be closely monitored at the state level.

Sandy Quinn asked if the number of fall admissions have increased or decreased.

Dr. Price responded that the admissions applications for fall are flat, which was intentional as the Fall 2019 freshman class was marginally larger than anticipated. The registration of returning students is on target and slightly ahead of what has been projected in previous years. As a way to assist students and families financially impacted by COVID-19, Dr. Price reported that Chapman has suspended its payment policy so that all students will be able to register for classes, regardless of unpaid balances.

Dr. Price also discussed the guidance that the University is seeking to assess how dense Chapman's residence halls can be to operate in accordance with state regulations. The University is putting together a plan to address the tripling of first-year dorm rooms and various scenarios with a return to campus this fall. There is a possibility that Chapman will have to suspend this practice and only allow two students per room which will affect the overall number of housing available.

Brian Lochrie asked with the possible reduction in bed space, would Chapman suggest that incoming and returning students who live in Orange County commute from home.

Dr. Price indicated that in his scenario planning, he will encourage first year students who live within 32 miles of Orange (south to San Clemente, north to Torrance and Alameda, east to Azusa and Riverside) to commute to campus. First-year students who fit these parameters and still wish to live on campus will likely not be given priority. A small number of rooms will be set aside for students who do not have the financial means to commute, likely because they do not have reliable transportation. Returning students from Orange County may also be asked to commute to campus if need be. Dr. Price hopes that these plans will be finalized within the next few weeks.

Mr. Lochrie asked if legally Chapman could communicate to its students that living at home and commuting would be the preferred option rather than renting housing in the surrounding neighborhood.

Dr. Price said that while Chapman has every right to determine who lives in its residence halls, they do not have the right to dictate where students choose to live.

How Chapman is Helping the Community

Mr. Raubolt gave a report on how Chapman is helping the community during these challenging times:

1. *Housing for first responders:* Through an agreement with the City of Orange, Chapman is offering temporary housing in university-owned apartments with private rooms and kitchens. The university has prepared 20 units in Panther Village for this initiative.
2. *Producing face shields:* Students and faculty utilized 3D printers to produce more than 3,000 face shields for local healthcare workers.
3. *Donation of PPE:* Chapman's School of Pharmacy donated gowns, masks, and other materials to CHOC and St. Joseph after in-person classes were moved online.
4. *Letters to senior citizens:* Students wrote letters of encouragement to residents of Plaza Senior Community Living in Orange, all of whom are confined during this pandemic.
5. *Faculty (and students) on the job:* Several faculty members from the pharmacy and physician assistant programs are working in hospitals and clinics, in addition to their teaching positions at Chapman. 200+ Pharm.D. interns are currently working in local pharmacies.
6. *Research:* Chapman has been awarded \$95,000 in research grants to study COVID-19. Topics include research on health disparities, higher education responses during the pandemic, and identifying risk factors for COVID-19 in individuals.
7. *Farmers market:* Working with Orange Home Grown, Chapman reopened the farmers market with social distancing and increased sanitation guidelines already in place.
8. *Food distribution:* Working with Orange Unified School District, Waste Not OC and the Orange Rotary, we have volunteered at drive-thru food distribution sites.
9. *Panther Experiential Philanthropy Project (PEPP):* This program connects Chapman students to community needs and local solutions. By providing classes grants of up to \$2,000, students become grant makers, funding nonprofit organizations addressing challenges aligned with the course's learning outcomes. Chapman will be donating \$6,000 to local nonprofits this month.

CITY OF ORANGE

OPD Disturbance Calls

Captain Adams reported that the statistics look great from Orange Police Department's perspective. In April of 2019, there were 28 parties and in April of 2020, there were 7. Those calls are down drastically due to COVID-19. The relationship between the Police Department and Chapman continues to go well, he said.

Captain Adams asked if Orange Police Department needs to plan for a smaller version of the Undie Run.

Dr. Price does not believe there will be much interest in participating by most students, however, there may be 15 to 20 students who will participate for nostalgic reasons.

City Updates

Mayor Murphy stated that there appears to be a resistance to utilizing medical services currently in this community, even in the case of emergencies. St. Joseph's currently has 50% of their

rooms available and on the emergency services side, it remains slow. Hospitals have been re-organized to address the needs of COVID-19 patients, while continuing to provide care for emergency-related illnesses. He strongly encouraged people not to wait to access these services on issues that could be life-threatening or life-altering.

Mr. Crouch provided an update on the status of Specific Plan Amendment 7 in connection to the City of Orange. The City has had discussions with Chapman regarding placing Killefer School into the Specific Plan after the completed purchase of the property. On April 24, the City re-issued the updated NOP to include Killefer School, which is available on the City's website. All postings and notifications were completed. City staff are working with Chapman to review all comments that have been delivered regarding this project. He also thanked Mr. Raubolt for doing a successfully facilitating the scoping meeting in January.

Mr. Lochrie asked what was put in the application regarding the potential use for Killefer School.

Ms. Creppell stated that the adaptive reuse would be geared towards academic offices and research space.

Mr. Quinn asked if residential use was being considered.

Ms. Creppell replied that classroom and residential use was not being considered.

CAMPUS PLANNING AND DESIGN UPDATES

Ms. Creppell discussed her experience working during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. She served as university architect at Tulane University for ten years, eight of which were spent rebuilding post-Katrina. She noted that through strong partnerships, like Chapman's bond with the City of Orange, it would be vital in weathering this storm.

Mr. Lochrie asked for the timeline on the Specific Plan as it relates to its presentation before the Planning Commission.

Ms. Creppell stated that this would likely occur during the spring of 2021.

Mr. Raubolt ensured the Committee that although it has taken additional time to add Killefer School into the Specific Amendment Plan, it was the right thing to do. Additionally, there were some issues with easements and property lines that were brought to Chapman's attention during the purchasing phase. Chapman is proceeding with all arrangements related to the purchase of the Killefer School and its sale is approved by the Orange Unified School District to Chapman; Chapman is attending to small details.

Mr. Quinn hopes that when the sale is closed, the University will consult the Old Towne Preservation Association as a resource for its desire to preserve the historical elements of this property.

Ms. Creppell agreed and acknowledged the importance of Killefer School as a historical asset. She shared that Chapman would engage the various community members and groups who have expressed interest in Killefer.

Mr. Raubolt introduced Marc Colin, the representative to the Neighborhood Advisory Committee for the Orange Barrio Historical Society. Mr. Raubolt noted that the Orange Barrio Historical Society should also be involved in this process.

Building Projects

Fowler School of Engineering Wing

The north wing of the Keck Center will be the home for the Fowler School of Engineering. Chapman has undergone a successful plan check with the City on the project and will begin construction in June 2020. It will take roughly one year for the interior build-out to be completed. Ms. Creppell will be sharing the logistics plan around this “build out” project; this project consists of three floors of engineering space, an open plan, collaborative lab spaces, and faculty research suites. Chapman anticipates minimal impact to surrounding neighbors.

Mr. Raubolt spoke to Pete Goodrich, Chief Building Official for the City of Orange regarding issuing a notice to residents who live near this project. Mr. Goodrich stated that a notice was not required, however in good faith, Chapman will issue flyers to select neighbors to keep them apprised of the project and will provide contact information should questions or concerns arise.

Dance Department Relocation

Chapman’s dance department will be moving from the Partridge building near the Hilbert Museum to the VPO Packing House. Campus Planning is ready to proceed into the design phase of this project in the near future.

Dan Jensen asked what portion of the VPO will be allocated to the dance department.

Ms. Creppell replied that Chapman’s dance department will move from its current 10,000 square foot location and will be situated primarily on the main floor of the VPO and utilize approximately three-fifths of the floor space. [Additional information provided after the meeting: the dance department will also occupy about a third of the lower level of the VPO. The dance department will grow from 10,000 square feet to 32,000 square feet in its future home at the VPO.] Due to the need for additional gallery space for the Hilbert’s expanding California art collection, Campus Planning is working on the preliminary schematic design pertaining to the expansion of the Hilbert Museum by extending into the Partridge Building.

Rinker Campus Updates

Chapman is currently working on creating a student services center at the Rinker campus in Irvine which includes student amenities, business and career counseling services for the graduate students at Chapman’s Rinker Health Science campus. This project location is at the corner of

Alton and Hughes, and the project will move into the design phase shortly. Ms. Creppell added that this project will also incorporate additional study spaces and food venues.

Ms. Creppell reported that Chapman is working on the entitlement process with the City of Irvine and The Irvine Company, and Chapman is also working on visioning efforts to transform the Rinker campus from a collection of individual buildings into a cohesive campus setting.

Panther Village II/I-5 Property Purchase

Mr. Quinn asked for a status update on the property located adjacent to Panther Village and the University's intention to create additional student housing.

Ms. Creppell replied that it is Chapman's intention to use the property to create additional student housing, however, the project is currently paused until the University has a better understanding of how the fall will proceed. Due to the pandemic, timelines originally scheduled are likely to be affected.

OTHER BUSINESS

Committee members thanked Mr. Raubolt for his service as Vice President of Community Relations and wished him a happy retirement.

Mr. Raubolt thanked the group for all they have taught him about the City of Orange and for embracing him into the local community. An in-person retirement party will likely take place in the spring of 2021, he stated, and invited the entire group to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Raubolt adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.