

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 9am.

Committee Members

Brian Lochrie
Elizabeth Holloman
Aaron Schulze, *for Susan Galvan*

Absent

Captain Adam Jevic
Dan Jenson
Laura Thomas
Paul Guzman Sr.
Sandy Quinn
Rob Boice
SGA President Rachel Berns
Mayor Dan Slater

Guests

City Manager Tom Kisela
Jack Morgan

Administration and Staff

Alisa Driscoll, *Chair*
James Gerrard, *Recording Secretary*
Dean Jerry Price
Collette Creppell
Dr. Al Vasquez, *for Chief Gonzalez*

Call to Order

Alisa Driscoll called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

All members introduced themselves to visiting participants, City Manager Tom Kisela; Jack Morgan, senior assistant to City Manager; and Dr. Al Vasquez, VP of Enterprise Risk Management and Safety filling in for Chief Gonzalez.

City of Orange

Mr. Schulze spoke about the City of Orange engaging in more legislative advocacy at the state level. This has led to an additional \$2 million in funding for homeless services and support. The services provided at the Hub Resource Center are full range and cover food, hygiene, mental

health, housing, childcare, and additional services. Additionally, Congressman Lou Correa helped Orange secure \$800,000 in funding for a new park.

Mr. Kisela spoke about a few topics. He lives in the City of Orange and has 7 rental properties around him, 4 of which rent to Chapman students. He noted that these students don't really create any issues, but with the influx of vehicles parking can become difficult in the area. A lot of these small issues can be worked out by helping to integrate the students into the community when they move in.

An issue he does hear about is the trash being left behind when students moved out and shared some ideas with Chapman at the end of the year, but was a little too late to implement them, but hopes something can be worked out this year. Mr. Kisela did learn that Chapman's Office of Sustainability works with a lot of local non-profits to donate household items and furniture when students move out of the residence halls, which is great and appreciated.

He wants to work on new solutions and programs with Chapman to help with community issues but noted it will be up to Chapman to do the heavy lifting on these projects. Additionally, Mr. Kisela mentioned that they are looking into ways to work with and address these issues with the landlords of the houses students rent. The city needs to create citations, fines, or other ways to address these issues when landlords don't respond or control their tenants.

Dean Price agreed that additional focus on the landlords would be helpful. With some of the houses that have repeat issues, the students know the landlords don't care so they can party in that house and not have an issue with their lease. This house then gets the reputation with students who want to have more parties and they rent that house because they know the landlord won't bother them.

Mr. Kisela agreed and would like to find a way for sanctions to impact the landlord's revenue, so they act when tenants continue to cause disturbances.

Mr. Lochrie added that a lot of the rental houses have been purchased by investors, so the more housing Chapman can provide will also help the issue.

Mr. Kisela added that some community members feel they can't or shouldn't call the police when there's a disturbance or party because they don't want to tie up police resources. However, as the former police chief, he wants the neighbors to call the police. If they are going to address repeat issues with landlords and find other solutions, the police and city needs the data from these calls, so the community needs to call the police.

Dean Price noted that Chapman Public Safety cannot respond to these houses since they are under the city's jurisdiction. OPD has to request Chapman to come out and collect student information, which is then sent to the student conduct office. The community needs to call the police because it also helps Chapman address the issues as well.

OPD Disturbance Calls and Updates, (supplemental information provided after the meeting in Captain Jevic's absence)

The table below represents the time period of April 2023, through July 2023, as it relates to parties city wide and involving Chapman University students.

	April	May	June	July
Total Party Calls City Wide	162	193	199	168
Total Party Calls Chapman Univ.	17	18	0	3

- The semester ended on May 21, 2023, which is why the number of parties were significantly lower in the month of June.
- On June 6, 2023, Lt. Monjaraz, and Sgt. Uemura met with Assistant City Attorney Kirsten Shea to discuss OMC violations related to unruly/loud parties. They discussed the importance of having a consistent response/enforcement stance to all party calls. They also spoke about the importance of issuing a first response at all party calls to alleviate return calls.
- The Chapman University Liaison Team met with the Chapman Football Team on August 9, 2023 at 1300 hours. This meeting took place during their orientation compliance meeting. They discussed various OMC violations and the related consequences, first and second response information, and Orange Police Department's response to party calls.
- The week of August 14, 2023, we are scheduled to conduct patrol briefing training to discuss response to party calls, and the issuance of first/second response and/or OMC citations.

Chapman Updates

Student Affairs

Dean Price talked about student arrivals for the semester, noting that athletics began arriving the week of August 7th. New and returning resident advisors for the residence halls have arrived for training, and 100-200 new freshmen will begin arriving during the upcoming weekend (August 18th) for some pre-orientation programs. Returning students will be trickling in over the weekend and moving back into off-campus housing over the next week, so we should start seeing an increase in activity around campus. The primary move-in date for the res-halls is Tuesday, August 22nd, and starting orientation on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Additionally, the incoming freshman class is 250 students fewer than last year, and on target. He also noted that last year's large incoming class caused several issues for Chapman as well, and to go over our enrollment target is not something we want to do. Additionally, with the decline in COVID and the removal of those protocols, it allowed us to free up all the isolation housing that was required by the state. This means we can operate the residence halls at full capacity again and it is being communicated to students that freshmen and sophomores will be required to live in the Chapman residence halls with very few exceptions. Especially with Chapman Court coming online for next year and adding approximately 850 beds of student housing, there will not be a shortage in Chapman housing.

Mr. Lochrie asked what the current student headcount is.

Dean Price responded that the student census happens in October, and we wouldn't have a confirmed count till that happens.

Public Safety

Dr. Vasquez spoke about prep for the beginning of the year for Public Safety and working with OPD. Based on data from last year, the additional "party cars" which are extra cars OPD has on duty to quickly respond to party and disturbance calls, will be happening from August 23-26 and September 8-9. As usual, Chapman will provide the funding for these cars and officers, so it does not burden OPD's resources.

Campus Planning and Design

Ms. Creppell stated that the Hilbert Museum renovation is moving at the desired pace and should have the temporary certificate of occupancy in late fall so the Hilbert team can begin setting up the interior. The Museum is currently scheduled to open for the Spring '24 semester.

Ms. Holloman offered to do a ribbon cutting ceremony from the Orange Chamber of Commerce for the Hilbert when it opens, and Ms. Creppell thought that might be a wonderful option to explore in conjunction with opening events currently being planned.

Ms. Creppell also spoke about Phase 1 of the construction process at the Killefer School site. Phase 1 should begin in mid-to-late September and will consist of removing the temporary classroom structures in the back lot of the school and price grading of the lot for new construction. She also noted that while there are still some supply chain issues, if everything goes well, the project should be completed for the Spring '25 semester.

Mr. Kisela asked, and Ms. Creppell confirmed that the Killefer site will be home to the Institute for Quantum Studies and that it would consist primarily of theoretical research (chalk and chalkboards for equations). There will also be an optics lab and advanced physics lab which will conduct experimental research, primarily on a nano scale.

Dr. Vasquez noted that his department works to ensure that everything on campus and dealing with new technology is implemented appropriately from a risk management perspective. There are a lot of state, federal, and institutional regulations when it comes to research to ensure things are done safely.

Ms. Creppell discussed the positive meetings we had with Orange Barrio Historical Society, and they are excited about how we are bridging the past and history of the school and research into future technology and science.

Ms. Driscoll mentioned how the lobby will emphasize the history of the school, the area, and the significance the school played in desegregating schools. Additionally, there will be a reservable community meeting space that is managed by the Office of Community Relations.

Ms. Creppell also discussed Chapman Court; the project is currently on track to be open for Fall 2024 housing. This housing facility will have its own resident advisors, student affairs office, and a public safety office on site. Chapman court has 250 units and will have approximately 850 beds.

Mr. Lochrie asked with Chapman Court coming online, does that mean Panther Village 2 is on hold?

Ms. Creppell confirmed that any projects at Panther Village are on hold. The funding was used for Chapman Court and that would be ready at least a year earlier than if we decided to do the Panther Village 2 project.

Community Relations

Ms. Driscoll provided a short update on Specific Plan 7. With the addition of Chapman Court, a few changes will need to be made to the Plan. The overall timeline will be pushed back a few months.

Mr. Gerrard provided an update on the programs to welcome students back to campus with good neighbor information. There were a few new programs introduced last year that will be continued and built upon this year. These are the programs Community Relations is doing for the start of the year:

- Good neighbor mailer sent to 700+ student addresses.
- Canvassing 120+ students houses with good neighbor swag bags (fewer than last year due to fewer calls from last year).
- Good neighbor presentation to all athletics teams.
- Preemptive liaison team meetings with select addresses during orientation week.
- Social media campaign, which includes video from Chief Adams.
- Tabling at orientation fair and student involvement fairs to connect with students.

- Meeting with Greek presidents.

Mr. Kisela asked if there was an app we can create for neighbors to use to report concerns and track the calls.

Mr. Gerrard responded that there are several ways neighbors can contact our office to report concerns. Neighbors can report concerns on our website, email or call our office directly and Mr. Gerrard collects and tracks all those concerns. Additionally, Community Relations, Public Safety, and Student Affairs receive a weekly report from OPD about disturbance calls, which is also collected and tracked.

Adjournment

Ms. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 10am.