

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes
January 13, 2022 Meeting

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Thursday, Jan 13, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Committee Members:

Susan Galvan
Brian Lochrie
Dan Jensen
Alexis Rookie (for Philip Goodrich)
Captain Aaron Towner
Tony Trabucco

Absent:

Marc Colin
Michelle Duman
Mayor Mark Murphy
Laura Thomas
Tim Virus

Administration and Staff:

Alisa Driscoll, *Chair*
Randy Burba
Collette Creppell
James Gerrard
Jerry Price

Guests:

Alina Sheeran, *Recording Secretary*

INTRODUCTIONS & HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Alisa Driscoll welcomed the committee back and thanked for their flexibility in moving the meeting to Zoom. She ensured that the committee will tour the Swenson Family Hall as soon as it is safe to do so. Ms. Driscoll also introduced Alexis Rookie who sat in for Philip Goodrich,

Student Government Association president. Ms. Rookie introduced herself as the speaker of the senate and academic student organization senator and thanked the committee for having her.

CITY OF ORANGE

OPD Disturbance Calls

Captain Aaron Towner reported that party calls in September, October and November were mostly consistent, with only 12 calls in November. He notes that the extra patrols funded by Chapman in September were effective once again this year. These patrols helped to form an operation to target parties on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. They staffed up to four officers and ran two police cars, so parties could be addressed before they became problems within the neighborhood. Captain Towner noted that these patrols did not run during the week of the street fair due to staffing priorities, so the patrols ran from August 19 to September 25. Captain Towner believes that these patrols sent a message to the students that lasted throughout the year, resulting in less overall complaints.

Captain Towner reported that liaison visits will continue with newly promoted Sergeant Sarah Costa upon Sergeant Rob Thorsen's retirement. Sergeant Costa will be meeting the Chapman team soon and will start liaison visits the week following the meeting.

According to Captain Towner, Undie Run occurred, with a conservative estimate of about 800-1,000 participants. The path this year was complicated by the Paseo being present, and Captain Towner believes that the traditional route is easier by comparison. Captain Towner believes that alternate routes should be considered if the Paseo is once again present.

Brian Lochrie asked to be updated on possible alternate routes because neighbors would like to know if the run were to pass through their streets. Captain Towner ensured that Chief Adams made a commitment that the students will not run through the neighborhoods at all. Therefore, they were stopped short at Maple, which generated congestion for the students that were expecting to run all the way through the Plaza. Since there were only about 1,000 students, this did not cause any issues, but if there were to be more students as in a typical year, there could have been greater complications with the shortened route. Captain Towner said OPD will keep the community engaged in the conversation regarding the route and what will be most effective with the least community impact.

Dean Jerry Price noted that Chapman sent messaging that acknowledged the unsanctioned event, and made it clear that the route would be shorter, and that any veering from the route would be unacceptable. The participants followed directions, but the new route caused a human traffic jam as the first students tried to turn around and run back. Dean Price said it would be a problem if

there were more students, but there is no other alternative route to keep them out of the neighborhoods.

Captain Towner added that the only route would be to move them around the streets, treating it like a 5k, and the amount of staffing that this would require would be extremely large and problematic for residents. He notes that it was fortunate that only about 1,000 students participated because the bottleneck at Maple would have been unmanageable with 4-5,000 students.

Dean Price added that running through the neighborhoods would not only be disruptive to neighbors, but also unsafe for students. This is because the residential streets are darker and narrower, with cars parked on them.

Ms. Driscoll expressed gratitude for working with Sergeant Thorsen on the Chapman liaison project. Captain Towner added that it is sad to see Sergeant Thorsen go, but he is excited to have Sarah Costa on board.

City Updates

According to Susan Galvan, the City of Orange is in the process of doing both an environmental and a design standards study regarding the Paseo. She says that the City hopes to hear back from the consultants conducting the studies by late spring, so the issue can be brought up to council in early summer. As of right now, Glassell Street is open with mixed reviews.

The fire station headquarters project continues and is anticipated to be completed in early fall of this year.

Vinny's, which will be located where the Old Country Roads was, is moving along. There were some structural issues in the back area which are currently being worked on. The old Shannon Mortuary project is also moving along, and they anticipate opening in the summer of 2022. They partnered up with an event party called 24 Carrots to manage that property. The Northern Gateway project on the corner of Collins and Glassell, which is going to be a small commercial center on the north side of Old Towne, is underway. Core Burger on Chapman, just west of Tustin, is moving along where the old Togo's property was. Chipotle is still moving forward with their project where the old Aussie Bean used to be.

The Rotary Car Show is in contact with the City and moving forward with their event after having to be shut down the past two years. The May Parade is also in the process of being planned with City staff, and will occur the first Saturday or Sunday of May.

The City is in the process of resetting the districts which should conclude in the near future. The City is also very involved in the new SB9 law that went into effect in January. This law allows properties to split their lots into three and limits local jurisdiction. The City is working on how to make this least impactful on the neighborhoods as possible. Since Old Towne is a historic district, SB9 has no impact directly in Old Towne. The City is working with their attorney's office to help limit this impact for the rest of Orange.

Tony Trabucco asked about the timeline for the studies on the Paseo, regarding when public discussion will occur. Ms. Galvan answered that she is not yet sure, but there will be involvement of residents as well as stakeholders such as OTPA, Chapman University and local businesses.

Mr. Lochrie asked whether there is going to be a full EIR in regards to the Paseo. Ms. Galvan answered that the consultant will come back with that recommendation.

CHAPMAN UPDATES

Student Affairs

Dean Price noted three major adjustments in preparation for the start of interterm and spring semester. The first week of interterm started remotely, as will the first week of spring semester. The goal of this was to get all students and employees on campus to get two negative COVID tests before returning to campus, regardless of vaccination status. Chapman issued 9,500 tests the week prior to the return to campus for interterm. This protocol is because Orange County, along with the rest of the world, has had a significant uptick in cases of late. There were a significant number of positives, but nothing Chapman believes is unmanageable. Dean Price noted that the CDC reduced the isolation period from ten to five days if a person is vaccinated. Therefore, if a student no longer has symptoms and receives a negative test after five days, they may return to class rather than waiting the previous 14-day quarantine period.

Only the students who were not enrolled for interterm will have to go through the testing process for spring semester. Students who took interterm off will return the week of January 31 to be tested, and will resume in person instruction on February 7 if two negative tests are received. Chapman will also implement a booster requirement for those eligible by January 31 to access campus.

Chapman also updated their face covering requirement to require either the disposable surgical masks or the KN95 masks.

Most events that had outside attendees have been canceled. The exception is athletics, which will continue to allow attendees at 25% capacity. Athletics will track attendance so that coaches will submit names of approved family members that must check in prior to the event. There will

be no walk-ins at athletic events. Chapman Celebrates, which was scheduled for mid-February, was canceled. The Chapman Parent Summit during the first week of February has been moved completely virtual. These cancellations are in effort to avoid large gatherings of people coming from all parts of California and the rest of the country.

The Chapman community is 94% vaccinated, and people are being tested regularly. Therefore, events with only internal attendees are well managed.

Mr. Lochrie asked what the dorm situation looks like. Dean Price answered that there are 90+ isolation beds set aside if needed. However, the positivity rate is higher among employees, than for students. This means the majority of cases are already self-isolating since employees can stay or work from home. Dean Price reports that there are about 40 positive cases in the dorms, but they have been very manageable. Everyone is symptomatic, but the symptoms are mild without the breathing issues seen in other variations during previous semesters. Since there are not many students on campus for intersession, most students are alone and easy to isolate in their own dorm rooms.

Community Relations

Ms. Driscoll reported that over the past year and a half, Community Relations has focused on trying to be proactive and educate students as well as their parents on ways they can support their students being good neighbors in the community. She announced that Community Relations is launching a Neighborhood Mini Grant Program to support students who are looking to make an impact. Student organizations or groups will be able to submit an application to fund a community enhancement project in the city of Orange, such as a beautification project, helping out a neighbor with a project or working with a local nonprofit. The program is designed to encourage students to be proactive and give back to the community in which they are residing.

This year, Community Relations will participate in the Parent Spring Summit alongside Residence Life to connect with parents of entering juniors and seniors that will be eligible to live off campus. Information about how parents can support their students on how to be a good neighbor will be communicated, alongside a number of tips such as exchanging contact information with neighbors. This will be another opportunity to promote the message of communicating effectively with everyone involved.

Ms. Driscoll also announced that Community Relations is looking to do a website revamp. In the past few years, Community Relations has produced a simple guide for students who are living off campus. However, this year, in close collaboration with the Off-Campus Housing office, Community Relations is working to expand the guide to create a fully-fleshed out resource that covers bigger issues from loud and unruly parties to smaller things like being considerate when walking through neighborhoods past 10 p.m. Ms. Driscoll also reported that they are also

looking to develop resources to provide to landlords, including resources on how to navigate conversations with student tenants.

Mr. Trabucco commented that he thinks the community grant program is a great idea in order to engage the students with the neighbors and bring about a sense of goodwill. Ms. Driscoll clarified that the grants can be ordered up to \$500. Mr. Lochrie added that he loves the idea of Chapman students getting involved with nonprofits in the community because they could always use additional help and resources.

Specific Plan Amendment 7

Ms. Driscoll reminded the committee that Chapman eliminated the full-time equivalent (FTE) measurement from the Specific Plan in favor of a direct headcount, after feedback from the committee. Those changes were made to the plan in the fall, and the updated draft has been submitted to the City.

Information gathering for the EIR began in December, during which the environmental consultant came to campus to do a historical analysis taking into account all narratives, documents and plans. Chapman is also preparing for a traffic study.

Ms. Driscoll ensured that she will keep the committee informed at the appropriate time for public comment, making sure OTPA, OBHS and other community groups are included in the process. Ms. Driscoll said this would likely take place late this summer, and public hearings are scheduled to occur in early 2023.

Mr. Lochrie thanked Ms. Driscoll for making the adjustment on the FTE measurement due to confusion on what the measurement meant. Ms. Driscoll noted that Chapman wants to be as open and transparent as possible, so it was a good move for everybody.

CAMPUS PLANNING AND DESIGN

Keck Center Engineering Wing

Collette Creppell announced that the Swenson Family Hall for Chapman's School of Engineering was completed last summer. Engineering has been moving in and fully using the new wing. Ms. Creppell said that the only thing left is that there is still some minor equipment going in for the students and faculty in this first year of operation.

Keck Center Sound Mitigation

Ms. Creppell reported that the post-examination of the Keck Center sound mitigation project revealed that sound has been reduced in both spectral and decibel levels. The sound is down

eight decibels and the mitigation lowered the more noticeable high-frequency sounds because those are the ones most audible to the human ear. This means that overall, the loudness and perceived sound has been reduced by 30%. Ms. Creppell reminded the committee that Chapman has always been in code compliance, but this mitigation project has further reduced the sound level.

Mr. Trabucco asked if any tests were taken at ground level. Ms. Driscoll answered that sound was measured on Shaffer at the street level and the measures were taken at two different intersections on Shaffer, as well, on Grand and Walnut. Mr. Trabucco then asked if sound measures were taken on the interior of the campus. Ms. Driscoll answered that she was not sure but could look into it for him. Mr. Trabucco appreciated that and offered that he would like to know if the sound could be redirected to the interior of the campus versus the exterior.

Sandi Simon Center for Dance at the Packing House

Ms. Creppell shared that the Sandi Simon Center for Dance at the packing house is in construction. The project from design to construction will be accomplished in 19 months. Chapman worked with the City to get a demolition permit and then a phase one permit, which was related to the structural and seismic upgrades that are now underway. Now, they have a full construction permit for the tenant improvement and the build out of the interior. The building will be used for Chapman's dance department.

The application to have the packing house designated as a nationally registered historical building was submitted in November and should be completed on January 21. Chapman has submitted their own letter supporting the nomination, and the City will also be submitting a letter of support.

A substantial completion date is still being tracked at June of this 2022. There are code-related labor shortages that are popping up, and it is being assessed how these might affect the schedule. However, they are still aiming for a completion date of June 22.

Mr. Trabucco added that if it would be helpful, OTPA could write a letter of support for the national register designation of the packing house. Ms. Creppell thanked him for his support.

Hilbert Museum Renovation

Ms. Creppell reported that the design phase is 100% done for the Hilbert Museum renovation. The project is now in plan check, anticipating a construction permit within a couple months. The project will be out to bid in spring, with construction beginning in June. Overall, things are on track.

Killefer School

Ms. Creppell stated that the kickoff date for the programming phase of the Killefer School is January 31. Consultants and architects have been brought on board to roll straight through from programming and predesign to design. Ms. Creppell shared that everybody is excited to bring this school site back to life and take care of it. This building will be preserved and used for Chapman's Institute of Quantum Studies.

ADJOURN

Ms. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am.