

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes
November 27, 2018 Meeting

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at the Chapman Grand Residence Facility in Anaheim.

PARTICIPANTS

Committee Members:

Marc Colin
William Crouch
Tom Davidson
Dan Jensen
Sandy Quinn
Capt. Eric Rosauer
Mitchell Rosenberg
Tim Virus

Absent:

Michelle Duman
Brian Lochrie
Teresa "Tita" Smith

Administration and Staff:

Chief Randy Burba
Alisa Driscoll, *Recording Secretary*
Kris Olsen
Jerry Price
Jack Raubolt, *Chair*

Guests:

Faith Escalera

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Raubolt called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

BUILDING PROJECTS

Kris Olsen delivered a Campus Planning update on current construction projects.

VPO Residential Village

The VPO Residential Village Project is on schedule and on budget. The goal is for students to move in during August of 2019. At this point, the biggest concern with the project is the high probability of an El Nino presence this winter. Chapman is prepared to do everything they can to make sure the roof is on and sealed before this happens. Additional budget will be allocated if need be.

Sandy Quinn asked if the dance studio will be moved at the same time as the VPO Residential Village project.

Mr. Olsen said that the tenant improvement project for the dance studio is not scheduled until fiscal year 2020-2021. This project will give the dance studio 10,000 feet within the packing plant and allow the Hilbert Museum to expand to 12,500 square feet, which is nearly double its existing size.

Mr. Quinn asked how many beds will be located within VPO Residential Village.

Mr. Olsen replied that there will be 401.

William Crouch complimented the University regarding the way in which the project was laid out. It was planned successfully, he said.

Panther Village Temporary Parking Lot

The plans to add an additional 100+ parking spaces at Panther Village to increase the density of student capacity at that facility is currently being processed for approval by the City of Orange. Anticipated construction will start in summer of 2019. The University hopes to have a green light soon from the fire department to submit the project for plan check.

The lot will be decomposed granite (DG) with lights and security cameras, and will create a parking ratio of 0.8 spaces per bed for the existing Panther Village residents. This will allow the University to increase the number of students living at the property from 100 currently to 220 students.

Mr. Crouch recommended that the University have a meeting with the new fire chief to discuss future project including the temporary parking at Panther Village. Mr. Crouch will also mention a meeting to the fire chief as well.

Mr. Olsen acknowledged that the planning department has been helpful in the planning and has been a pleasure to work with.

Mr. Quinn asked if the Panther Village II project would occur within 3 to 4 years.

Kris Olsen responded that when the University makes the decision to build Panther Village II, the preliminary plans are for between 800 to 900 students to be housed at this facility. There is no schedule at this time for the construction of the project.

Mr. Olsen stated that with a project of this size, it can take up to four years to complete from start to finish. Right now, the University is looking at its student housing timelines to ensure that Chapman is still housing at least 50% of its undergraduate students. Future plans will be made to ensure they do not slip below that number.

Mr. Quinn asked about an update on the Killefer School property.

Mr. Olsen answered that the University sent a letter to Orange Unified School District letting them know of their continued interest in the property. There has been no response as of yet.

CITY OF ORANGE

Disturbance Call Summary

Capt. Eric Rosauer delivered a summary from August 1 through November 24 of 2018 of Chapman-related calls to Orange Police Department.

During this time, there have been 105 calls related to Chapman University students, which can include anything from medical aid to more serious issues. There were 21 first responses and 1 second response during this time period. Some calls generated multiple citations with a total of 28 issued due to a violation of the “loud and unruly” ordinance. These numbers are very similar to the data from the same period last year. December is not a big month for disturbance calls, he said.

During the reporting period, 23 community liaison visits were conducted. Sgt. Rob Thorsen, OPD’s Liaison Officer, has reported that all students he has visited have been respectful and cooperative.

Dan Jensen complimented the work of Sgt. Thorsen and said that he seems to have a way of speaking with the students that is relatable and effective.

Capt. Rosauer informed the committee that he, Mr. Raubolt, and Deputy Chief Rick Gonzalez from Chapman Public Safety will be speaking to all of the Greek Life presidents on Friday, November 30.

Mr. Raubolt added that at this meeting, they will discuss the basics of being a good neighbor. The meeting will have current Greek presidents, as well as incoming Greek presidents.

Metrolink Parking Structure

Before providing an update, Mr. Crouch thanked the University for their significant contribution to alleviating some of the traffic congestion in Old Towne.

Mr. Crouch reported that the Metrolink Parking Structure is on track to open in mid-February 2019 with 611 parking spots. Of these, 100 will be for general use and the rest will be utilized by passengers riding the trains.

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

Specific Plan Amendment 7

Mr. Raubolt reported that the University is in the final stages of working on the next version of their Specific Plan. Chapman will run it through the Board of Trustees for approval and then submit to the city. The submission date is not yet set, but he will keep the committee informed of any updates moving forward.

FLOOR ITEMS

Mr. Quinn reported that at the Old Towne Preservation Association board meeting the prior evening, members discussed that Chapman students have been more quiet and respectful this year. They speak to their neighbors in advance of having a party. He attributes much of that to the work of Dean Price and Vice President Raubolt in the design of their proactive programs for students.

Mr. Raubolt said that even though the disturbance call numbers are similar, the patterns show that gatherings are more spread out. They are not Old Towne centric anymore.

Jerry Price discussed a time when students in houses immediately east and north of campus were host to clusters of parties. Now, fewer gatherings are in walking distance of each other, which has contributed to the migration of parties out of Old Towne.

Capt. Rosauer agreed and said that of all the calls OPD receives regarding Chapman students, less than 20% actually meet the definition of “loud and unruly.” Most of the time, it is just people talking, he said.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Raubolt adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and the group enjoyed a tour of the Chapman Grand Residence Facility Center from Erin Ash, Area Coordinator.