

**Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes  
August 15, 2022 Meeting**

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Committee Members:

Alexis Reekie  
Captain Aaron Towner  
Dan Jensen  
Laura Thomas  
Mayor Mark Murphy  
Sandy Quinn

Absent:

Brian Lochrie  
Collette Creppell  
Elizabeth Holloman  
Marc Colin  
Michelle Duman  
Tim Virus

Administration and Staff:

Alisa Driscoll, *Chair*  
Chief Rick Gonzalez  
James Gerrard  
Jerry Price

Guests:

Alina Sheeran, *Recording Secretary*  
Rob Houston, for Susan Galvan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Alisa Driscoll called the meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) to order at 1:03 p.m.

**CITY OF ORANGE**

City Manager Rob Houston noted that City of Orange elections approach in November. He reported that there are many incumbents as well as new folks running, and the deadline for candidates to enter the race was Friday, August 12, except District Four which was extended to Wednesday, August 17.

Mr. Houston reported that there has been some energy behind the North Tustin Specific Plan, and that the city is working on keeping the dialogue open with neighbors.

Mr. Houston noted that there is a lot of new business activity in the Plaza. This means new restaurants and new construction. Mr. Houston noted that folks are questioning which businesses should have a place in the Plaza. He said with Watsons, a pillar of the Plaza, closing its location, there has been much dialogue about change in the Plaza. He added that the Plaza remains a vibrant place and a location the Chapman student body frequents when in Orange.

Mr. Houston also brought to attention that this academic year is the first full post-COVID dorm session, which means the dorms are at full capacity. He noted the importance of open communication and working through any difficulties proactively.

Mayor Mark Murphy added that the Orange International Street Fair will take place the weekend of August 27, 2022. This event comes with 400,000-500,000 attendees in the Plaza. The mayor also mentioned that the year's last Concert in the Park at Hart Park will take place Wednesday, August 17 with the group Superlark. He said that this has been a well-attended event all summer and invited the Committee to join.

Sandy Quinn added that the Old Town Preservation Association will have their candidate forum in the council chambers at City Hall, on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. and welcomed the committee to join.

Laura Thomas said that the Foothills Sentry and Orange Park Acres are hosting Mayoral and district 6 candidates on Tuesday, August 23 with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and beginning at 7 p.m. at Salem Chapel.

Ms. Driscoll added that the Orange Chamber of Commerce is holding its candidate forum on September 22 at 6 p.m. at Santiago Canyon College.

### OPD Disturbance Calls

Captain Aaron Towner noted that because it's summer, there are not a lot of students on campus. He reported that Chapman University-related calls have been making up

about 4% of the total OPD disturbance calls. From the beginning of June to the middle of August, only about 1 in 6 calls were Chapman related.

Captain Towner added for reference, Sergeant Costa has continued to be the Chapman University liaison with the shift change. That being said, she was able to go to the International Town and Gown conference in South Carolina and meet with some of the law enforcement and public safety departments from other universities. This served as research to better OPD's tactics and information sharing for party enforcement and student engagement as the new year approaches.

Captain Towner reported that OPD has been working with Chapman to schedule extra patrols on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for the first few weeks of the semester. This means deploying two additional cars with two officers in each car, in order to provide information, direction, guidance, training, and enforcement where it is needed. These patrols will not happen on the weekend of the Orange International Street Fair because staff will be needed for that event. Captain Towner noted that the patrols may continue into the week of Greek life rush activities.

Captain Towner also reported that OPD will hold a tabletop exercise for active shooter safety. OPD will work in conjunction with the university to make sure that everybody is ready if something so unfortunate happens.

Captain Towner relayed that Sergeant Costa, along with Public Safety and Community Relations, met with the football team on August 10 to talk about boundaries and expectations.

Captain Towner said that OPD is working with the city attorney's office to ensure that they are enforcing the party ordinance correctly and to see that the prosecution or any fines levied down to the students are appropriate. They will also ensure that officers will continue to be trained consistently so that students get a consistent message from the officers in the field and from a prosecutorial standpoint by the city attorney.

Ms. Driscoll added that someone from community relations, a Public Safety officer and an OPD officer have been attending the International Town and Gown conference for three years now. She said that it is a really great opportunity for the liaison team who is out in the community to get on the same page and interact with other groups who do similar work across the country. Ms. Driscoll noted that the team has been to Ohio State, Penn State and Clemson University.

## **CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY UPDATES**

## Student Affairs

Dean Jerry Price reported that Chapman is preparing for the arrival of this year's new students, most of whom will move in on August 23. Dean Price noted that some athletics, such as the football team will move in earlier, but that the majority of students and their parents will be coming to Orange on the aforementioned date. He said that about 3,000 parents are expected to be coming to Orange, as parent orientation lasts until Wednesday, August 24. Dean Price added that many of those parents may be staying and dining in Orange that week.

Dean Price said that transfer students will move in later that week, but that will be a much smaller number at about 50. He said that the first day of classes will be on Monday, August 29.

Dean Price noted that COVID isolation will take place in Chapman-owned houses, with enrollment patterns back to normal and less open space in on-campus housing. He said that Chapman does not anticipate this being a long-term plan and hopes that these isolation spaces will soon be unnecessary.

Dean Price communicated that Chapman's University Program Board will purchase and give away vouchers to different dining establishments in the Plaza that students frequent so that freshmen can explore their options for the remainder of their time at Chapman.

Mr. Quinn asked if students live in any Chapman-owned homes, or if they are just for faculty use and other special situations such as isolation. Dean Price clarified that enrolled students are never housed in off-campus Chapman houses and short-term isolation is the only exception.

Ms. Driscoll added that there is special protocol for responding to disturbance calls on Chapman property. Chief Rick Gonzalez clarified that on private property outside of the University's jurisdiction, Public Safety has to wait to be called by OPD before they respond. However, on Chapman property, they can respond before a disturbance is called in to OPD. Dean Price added that two or three students in a COVID isolation house for five days should not cause a disturbance. Ms. Driscoll said that if any disturbance does happen, the students will be relocated immediately.

Mr. Quinn asked the total enrollment for this academic year. Dean Jerry Price responded that that number will not be available until the fifth Monday of the semester

because that data is all fluid. He added that Chapman had back-to-back freshman classes that were below target due to COVID, so they were pleased that numbers bounced back this year.

### Public Safety

Chief Gonzalez said that last year, extra patrols were sent out the first five weeks of the school year. He said that the plan will be maintained this year. Right now, patrols are set for the first three weeks for sure and could be expanded into a fourth and fifth during fraternity rush. He reported that last year during rush week, there were five calls for service and one citation.

### Campus Planning and Design

#### *Sandi Simon Center for Dance*

Ms. Driscoll reported that the Sandi Simon Center for Dance has a completion rate of 77% and is targeted for a mid-October date of substantial completion. Ms. Driscoll says there is still some uncertainty about the exact date due to the delays faced on this project. Tours will be hosted for OTPA the weekend of October 8 and 9, and Ms. Driscoll extended the invitation to the committee. The Dance Department will move in by the end of winter break, with classes fully taking place in the new facility in the spring.

#### *Hilbert Museum for California Art*

Ms. Driscoll communicated that the Hilbert Museum for California Art renovation has been delayed due to the delays faced by the new dance department building. Ms. Driscoll said that they are now looking at early procurement and early mobilization on site with full mobilization to begin January 2. She said that early procurement allows staying ahead of the supply chain issues. It will be known by early September whether the completion date will be the end of summer 2023 or October 2023. Ms. Driscoll reported that drawings have already been fully permitted by the City.

#### *Killefer School*

Ms. Driscoll said that the programming and pre-design phase have been completed for Killefer School, and the design phase has begun as of two weeks prior. The projected construction date is July 2023 with a completion date of August 2024. Ms. Driscoll communicated that this will welcome Chapman's Institute of Quantum Studies, as well as an optics lab and an applied physics lab. She said that the project entails the

renovation of the historic Killefer School and the reconstruction of the square footage of two ancillary temporary structures that are north and south buildings. Ms. Driscoll said that at a consolidated new north building, Chapman is seeking a conditional use permit for the project while keeping the project within SP7, as discussed with the City. Campus Planning is working with EYRC with a full set of engineers and consultants in place who are already moving forward on the project.

Mr. Quinn asked about the status of the new Panther Village project. Ms. Driscoll answered that it is in the very early stages, but Chapman did get approval from the board of trustees for this project. Ms. Driscoll said that they had just done a site walkthrough the week prior, and that they are planning on demolishing the current Panther Village and building on the same site. She said that the building will be like Chapman Grand, housing a large number of students.

Mr. Quinn asked the timing on this project, and Ms. Driscoll answered that they are not yet certain because the preliminary meetings have not yet taken place. She said that they are hoping to open by the 2025 school year.

Mr. Quinn asked the expected student capacity of Panther Village II. Dean Price answered that as of right now, it will be 920, which is roughly the same size as Chapman Grand. This would add an additional 700 beds. Dean Price added that until they get a chance to talk to the City and OTPA, this isn't talked about too broadly yet.

Mr. Quinn asked if the money has been raised and allocated for this project. Ms. Driscoll answered yes. Dean Price added that they have both the location and the money sorted out.

### Community Relations

James Gerrard said that the Office of Community Relations is taking steps to proactively educate the students as the new semester begins. Mr. Gerrard said that about 900 mailers will go out to students living in the community the week before school begins that covers good neighbor information, tips and contact information. The community relations team along with the liaison team will canvass a total of about 200 houses to provide additional information. Mr. Gerrard said that these will mostly be addresses that have had reported concerns in the past.

Mr. Gerrard restated that the liaison team talked to the football team and mentioned that they will work with the athletic director and assistant directors to attend meetings of other athletic teams during orientation week.

Ms. Driscoll added that she has been in conversation with the city manager and communicated that it is not always the parties that are disruptive; it can be the little things that add up over time. Because of this, they are trying to educate on trash cans, parking, and property maintenance as well as the culture of Old Towne Orange. She said that it has been important to focus the messaging with the students on this and going out into the community and connecting with them over the next couple weeks.

### *Community Impact Report*

Ms. Driscoll said that she had emailed the committee the community impact report a week prior. She reminded the committee that Chapman used to do an economic impact report issued by the Gary Anderson Center in the Argyros School of Business that looked at how Chapman supported the local communities through a financial lens. Ms. Driscoll explained that they wanted to expand this to look at things that are harder to quantify, such as volunteerism and benefits that are tangibly accessible to the community. She said to let her know if anyone wanted to pick up a hard copy.

Mr. Quinn noted that the report was well done in the way that they looked at every angle.

### *Specific Plan Amendment 7*

Ms. Driscoll said that they are continuing to make progress on the EIR for the Specific Plan 7 and that they were just recently given permission by the city to move forward with the traffic study. She thanked Mr. Houston for this. She said that Chapman's technical folks are also wrapping up portions of the EIR that are not reliant on the traffic study to move forward, such as wildfire and water analysis. Because of delays on the traffic portion, Ms. Driscoll said public comment on the EIR will be available after November elections. She noted that the committee will be notified when there is a more concrete date.

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

Dan Jensen asked who the sergeant in charge of the street fair will be. Captain Towner answered that it would be Sergeant Jon Mancini. Mr. Jensen said that he will anticipate a call for roof access from him.

Ms. Thomas invited the committee to the Orange Park Acres 51st annual barbecue to enjoy the East Orange experience. She said that the event will take place on Saturday

September 17 at the Sanford residence, and tickets are available online. Ms. Thomas said that there were over 200 attendees last year, and are expecting 250 this year. There will also be a silent auction.

Ms. Driscoll noted that the date for the State of the City is confirmed for Friday, October 7 at Musco Center at Chapman University. She said that tickets and sponsorships are available through the Chamber of Commerce.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.