

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes
Nov. 9, 2017 Meeting

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017, in Argyros Forum 209C.

PARTICIPANTS

Committee Members:

Brian Lochrie
Capt. Eric Rosauer (*for Capt. Dave Nichols*)
Jeff Frankel (*for Sandy Quinn*)
Lisa Kang (*for Mitchell Rosenberg*)
Marc Colin
Mayor Teresa Smith
Michelle Duman
Tim Virus
Tom Davidson
William Crouch

Absent:

Dan Jensen

Administration and Staff:

Alisa Driscoll, *Recording Secretary*
Jerry Price
Jack Raubolt, *Chair*

Absent:

Kris Olsen
Chief Randy Burba

Guests:

Alisa Dreyer
Dawn Bonker
Deputy Chief Rick Gonzalez

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Raubolt called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions:

Jack Raubolt introduced meeting guests and representatives Capt. Eric Rosauer from Orange Police Department, Lisa Kang from the Student Government Association, Alisa Dreyer from the Office of Community Relations, and Rick Gonzalez from Public Safety.

Mr. Gonzalez, recently hired as Deputy Chief of the University's Public Safety department, spent eighteen years at USC before serving as chief of public safety at Otis College.

CAMPUS UPDATES

Anaheim Residence Hall (Chapman Grand)

Mr. Raubolt explained that the University is in the process of finalizing the purchase of the Katella Grand apartment building in Anaheim's Platinum Triangle as its newest student residential facility. Chapman will take ownership in November 2017 and it will be open for student occupancy for the fall term of 2018.

Jerry Price said that in addition to providing additional student housing two years earlier than expected, the Chapman Grand facility will also offer a net increase of 900 beds, versus the net of 700 beds we would have gained with the Panther Village II project. Future plans include open houses and tours of the facility to attract students.

Mayor Tita Smith asked if the University will provide shuttle service between the Chapman Grand apartment building and campus.

Dr. Price said that shuttle service is built into the project budget. However, the University is not expecting many changes in routes considering the proximity of Panther Village to Chapman Grand. He believes there may be an increase in the number of shuttles that travel this route.

Tim Virus asked if there were any plans to include Greek life common areas for meetings and social gatherings within the building.

Dr. Price said that due to the nature of the building (single-family units with twelve different floorplans), students will be more likely to host gatherings in their own private spaces. However, the property boasts five courtyards and several common areas that students may utilize.

Fireworks

Mr. Raubolt informed the committee that the fireworks originally scheduled for Winterfest on November 15, 2017 have been cancelled. The University is currently looking into alternatives to traditional fireworks that may be implemented for graduation in May 2018. Community Relations will be posting a blog and sending an email to its subscribers regarding this change.

Mayor Smith thanked the University for listening to the community and encouraged the dissemination of information regarding the alternatives once they have been developed.

Undie Run

Capt. Eric Rosauer and Deputy Chief Gonzalez reported that Orange Police and the University's Public Safety department are in the planning stages of this semester's Undie Run, taking place on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. At least two additional police officers will be on duty to patrol the neighborhoods after the Undie Run so that any issues can be addressed in a timely manner. The University's Public Safety team will be fully staffed and will work closely with OPD and Student Affairs to control any issues that might come up.

Mr. Raubolt said that Community Relations only received one call from an upset neighbor after the spring Undie Run. He attributed the success to a collaborative effort between the city and the University, the post-event patrols, and providing additional transportation options for students such as taxi vouchers and the Safe Ride program.

BUILDING PROJECTS

Mr. Raubolt provided an update on current campus construction projects:

VPO Residence Hall

Project is currently in city plan check. The first phase, which is relocating the historic sheds to the north end of the site, will commence late this December. Construction of the residence hall itself will commence in the spring of 2018 with a potential completion date of summer 2019.

In response to Mayor Smith's question about assigned parking for the residence hall, Dr. Price informed the group that the University's West Campus Structure will be utilized for this purpose. Additionally, by the time the hall opens, the University will have opened an additional 350 parking spaces as part of the Lastinger Structure expansion. Overnight parking is permitted in this structure, but not typically utilized by the commuter students.

Brian Lochrie asked what percentage of students will be housed in on-campus housing facilities.

Mr. Price responded that by fall 2019, when Chapman Grand and the VPO Residence Hall are both open for occupancy, the University will house about 54% of undergraduates, including all freshmen and sophomores. Between these two projects, there are approximately 1,300 beds being added.

Panther Village II

Plans for student housing at the Panther Village II site will not be pursued at this time. The University is planning on adding a temporary parking lot to the land. The additional parking will help with the renting of rooms to students. At the present time, many students do not want to rent at Panther Village due to the limited parking, which in turn causes them to park on campus.

North Residence Hall

Due to the recent purchase of the Chapman Grand facility, the design plans for reconstructing the Davis apartments are on hold.

Keck Center for Science and Engineering

Formerly the Center for Science and Technology, the building was named after a \$21 million gift from the Keck Foundation. Current construction activities include interior painting (75 percent complete); polishing of concrete floors (70 percent complete); lab equipment and casework installation (65 percent complete); and brick and cast stone installation (75 percent complete). HVAC startup is also scheduled for this month. The tensile structure will be complete by November 2017 and lab casework will be complete by January 2018. Project is currently on schedule with a completion date of fall 2018.

CITY OF ORANGE

Disturbance Call Summary

Capt. Rosauer discussed the strong partnership between Orange Police Department and Chapman Public Safety and their focus on conducting liaison visits. A full report of disturbance calls from June through December 2017 will be available in January of 2018, he said.

Dr. Price asked if there was any recourse for students refusing to answer the door for an officer in a party situation. If there is an additional consequence for not responding, the University wants to make sure it enforces this.

Capt. Rosauer responded that there are other ways to obtain identifying information about the students and the officers would not force entry. The incident would still be listed as a call for service.

Mayor Smith expressed concern for students attending gatherings at 480 N. Batavia St at the beginning of the term. There is no street parking in front of the home and she is worried about the students walking around in the dark especially along Batavia St.

Mr. Raubolt assured the group that he had spoken to Orange Police Department and Public Safety about the issue and warnings have been sent to the resident students.

Mr. Raubolt said that neighbors have been proactive in letting Community Relations know when an issue occurs so that the University can respond. The department has furthermore received compliments about how parking is being handled within the neighborhood. He also acknowledged that there has been a strong effort to bridge the communication between Orange Police Department, Code Enforcement, and the University. There is now information sharing between the teams, which creates a more efficient and collaborative process.

Parking Task Force

William Crouch said that the Task Force-recommended pilot program for valet parking ran for a few months, but has been suspended. Although disappointed the valet was not utilized as much as originally expected, the Task Force will regroup and look at other alternatives with the City Manager.

Mr. Raubolt added that at the urging of the merchants, parking is now being strictly enforced in the Plaza for vehicles parked over two hours. This enforcement, coupled with additional city parking services staff, also contributed to a lack of participation with the valet program.

Metrolink Parking Structure

Mr. Crouch said that the city is monitoring any impacts on nearby buildings. There are no issues currently and everything is going as it should, but the City Manager continues to reach out to local businesses and facilitate open discussion. The City is hopeful that within the next few weeks, excavation will begin. Mr. Crouch went on to report that construction trucks will travel east on Chapman from the 57 freeway, turn left heading north on Cypress St., and turn east on Maple then south towards the project gates on Lemon St. Loaded trucks will exit south on Lemon St., head west on Chapman and then back to the 57 freeway.

Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Smith thanked Chapman for working with the Orange Home Grown Farmer's Market to find a new location in light of the construction planned at the packing plant residence hall and for their continued support of underwriting the monthly cost of the restrooms.

At Mayor Smith's request, Mr. Raubolt reported that the new market will move to the front parking lot of Dodge College and the parking lot of the Becket building at the intersection of Lemon and Palm. Palm Ave. will be closed between Cypress and Lemon on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the market activities. Visitors will be encouraged to park in the University's West Campus Structure or Palm Lot on the west side of the railroad tracks. The full plan is expected to be approved by city council at their meeting on November 14, 2017.

Mayor Smith also informed the committee that the city purchased two of the three pre-1900 cottages on North Cypress Street, on the west side of the new OCTA parking lot. There are no future plans for the houses as of yet. The current tenants will continue to live in the houses.

Mayor Smith said that the city council approved the first reading of the aggressive panhandling ordinance and a second reading will occur at the next council meeting. She assured the group that every department within the City of Orange is actively working to assist the homeless and refer them to services, where possible, including Mary's Kitchen and the HomeAid Family Care Center. Orange Police Department is also in complete partnership with the Sherriff's Department and neighboring cities.

Jeff Frankel mentioned that he had noticed a decreased presence of the homeless at Hart Park over the last few months. He also noted a significant decrease in trash.

Capt. Rosauer replied that while the city has always enforced the camping ordinance, a private security firm has been hired to patrol the park at night and make sure individuals are not loitering in the park after hours. He also credited the improvements to the Police Department's HEART team, which offers resources to the homeless instead of just enforcing the law.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Committee Member Updates from Community

Marc Colin reported that the Orange Barrio Historical Society has been very involved with Emigdio Vasquez' *My Barrio* project at the University's Guggenheim Gallery. He also mentioned that some residents are concerned about traffic during the construction of the VPO residence hall.

Mr. Raubolt said that there while there may be temporary street closures on Cypress St., there are no plans for permanent closure. The University's Cypress Street Lot will be closed to Chapman students, faculty, and staff in the spring to provide construction workers a designated parking location to keep them from parking on city streets.

Michelle Duman and Tom Davidson each expressed gratitude for the first responders during the Canyon Fire 2 that affected each of their areas.

Deputy Chief Gonzalez reported that Public Safety officers have seen a decrease in parties, particularly large, loud parties. He believes that the word has gotten out to the students that if you throw an unruly party, you will receive a visit.

Lisa Kang said that the Student Government Association is working on an awareness campaign to inform students about the risk of bike theft on campus. They are also working on placing a stop sign in front of the Sandhu building. Additionally, the community outreach team had a booth at the city's Treats in the Streets event and enjoyed interacting with neighbors.

Mr. Lochrie thanked the University for following through on its commitments to create appropriate student housing. He also asked for an update and timeline regarding the next University Specific Plan.

Mr. Raubolt responded that the University has started working on a new Specific Plan, but there is nothing definitive yet in terms of the number of students and buildings or a specific timeline. Dr. Price stated that the Plan is currently being worked on at the board level and will be incorporated into the next five-year University strategic plan.

Mayor Smith thanked the University for listening to the community with regard to their concerns about the neighborhood and having an exemplary response to the issues. She believes that Orange is a stronger community because of it.

Mr. Davidson reported that the Orange Park Acres community has a Trails meeting every other month with representatives from the city and county. They are looking at revamping their safety guide, especially in light of the Canyon Fire 2.

Dr. Price informed the committee that last year's class had the highest retention rate of the past three years and enrollment continues to be steady. The perception that the disturbance ordinance would deter students from coming and staying at the University is completely untrue.

Capt. Rosauer encouraged the public to continue to report issues to Orange Police, no matter how small, because it drives how the department deploys its resources. While he acknowledged the thanks in regards to the Canyon Fire 2, he believes that it was a true city effort.

Mr. Virus said that within the northeast area surrounding the University, residents are wondering about any preparations being made for increased student traffic on Palm and Sycamore.

Dr. Price replied that he believes neighbors probably won't see a big difference in pedestrian once the VPO residence hall is built since students currently walk between main campus and further buildings like Dodge College, Crean Hall, and the dance studio.

Mr. Raubolt added that once the residence hall opens, the University will study the impact on those streets. The University continues to work with the city's traffic engineers to work on optimal flow. Additionally, if the city decides it would like to put a signal at the intersection of Palm and Lemon, the University would be willing to furnish the cost.

Mr. Crouch congratulated Mr. Raubolt on his successes as Vice President of Community Relations and praised his tenacity and dedication to creating an open and environment where the City and University are on the same page.

Mr. Frankel echoed Mr. Lochrie's earlier comments and remarked that the University had fulfilled every single one of its promises, including creating a single point of contact and forming the Neighborhood Advisory Committee. This has made a huge difference in the neighborhood and things have calmed down considerably. He does not hear many complaints from community members like he had previously.

Current Projects

Mr. Raubolt presented a copy of a flyer that was sent to students in a neighborhood where parking was reported to be a major issue. The flyer depicts mindful versus inappropriate parking and residents have reported that students are being more considerate as a result.

Community Relations is also working on updating its website by the end of the year and will also be working on version two of Interwoven, the University's community impact report.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee decided that its next meeting will be held in late January or early February at the Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine. University vans will be made available for members to carpool, if they so choose. Alisa Driscoll will poll the group for dates.

Mr. Raubolt adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.