The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, May 29th.

Committee Members
Paul Guzman, Sr.
Erik Hall
Elizabeth Holloman
Captain Adam Jevec
Brian Lochrie
Sandy Quinn
Aaron Schulze
Laura Thomas

Absent:
Mayor Dan Slater
Dan Jensen
Rob Boice

Administration and Staff
Alisa Driscoll, Chair
James Gerrard, Recording Secretary
Chief Rick Gonzalez
Dean Jerry Price

Absent:
Collette Creppell

Call To Order

Alisa Driscoll called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

City of Orange

Mr. Schulze spoke about the City experiencing a $19 million deficit and how the city is trying to inform citizens and gather feedback from the community. Visit www.protectorange.org to learn more about the deficit, budget cuts, revenue initiatives and submit input.

Mr. Schulze discussed new economic initiatives that include a resort and entertainment district near West Katella. This project would be near OC Vibe, and would help capitalize on that development to encourage more visitors to come to and stay in Orange. The City will be meeting with the Orange Chamber and a tourism promotion group that includes hotel and business owners. The goal is to investigate new ways to promote tourism in Orange and create a tourism hub.
Additionally, the West Katella area has some industrial complexes, and the City will be meeting with Chapman to discuss a potential innovation hub in this area.

Mr. Schulze also noted that the city council approved more parking enforcement for the city (Tuesday, 5/28/24) and will be working with a third party to enforce parking for street sweeping and the downtown area.

Mr. Guzman asked what percentage the deficit is compared to the overall budget.

Mr. Schulze answered that the City budget is roughly $160 million, so the $19 million deficit is approximately 13% of the budget.

Mrs. Holloman talked about the upcoming launch of the Shop Local program. This is an incentive program for Orange residents to shop at local businesses to earn rewards and receive cash back. The soft launch for city staff and participating businesses will be on June 14th and will roll out to the public later this year.

Mrs. Holloman also spoke about the upcoming micro-transit program. This program will help shuttle residents, city employees, and tourists around the city and Old Towne. All vehicles will be electric, and the program is looking to come online at the start of 2025.

Ms. Driscoll noted that students would be very excited about the circulator service on the micro-transit program. This would make it easier for them to get around downtown and the grocery store and reduce their need to drive.

**OPD Disturbance Calls and Updates**

Captain Jevec reported that disturbance/party calls involving Chapman students are at historic lows and continue to decrease. Between January and May of 2023, there were 65 calls; this year in the same timeframe there were only 17 calls involving Chapman students. There was an uptick in second responses (fines) this year and processing those through code enforcement and the city attorney’s office. These fines are sent to the landlords, who pass them on to the students living at those addresses. He also noted that 3-4 addresses had multiple calls, which made up a large part of the total calls this year. Most residents receive one call and are typically not an issue for the rest of the year.

Captain Jevec noted that Undie Run enforcement went very smoothly and the event was over quickly with no issues. He extended thanks to Chief Gonzalez for his handling and communication with the student protest encampment. There were no issues with that.

Captain Jevec elaborated on the city council approval for new parking enforcement resources. The additional parking enforcement for street sweeping will allow OPD to increase parking enforcement resources in the downtown area to help mitigate parking issues in the Plaza.

Mr. Gerrard reported that calls have decreased each year for the last two years as a result of strong collaboration between internal and external partners, such as OPD, Public Safety, Student
Affairs, Greek Life, and Athletics to educate the students on being good neighbors in the community and the consequences of what happens when OPD is called to their residence.

During the 21/22 school year there were 240+ disturbance calls involving Chapman students, for the 23/24 school year there were 113 total calls, which is a decrease of 55%. Mr. Gerrard continually works with OPD liaison officer Sgt. Uemura and Chapman Public Safety Sgt. Pasino to visit students after OPD has been called to their residence. This is an educational visit to help students understand the consequences, ask questions to OPD, and provides resources and education to be a good neighbor in the community.

**Chapman Updates**

**Student Affairs**

Dean Price noted that commencement went well and was one for the largest commencements ever at Chapman.

He noted that they have completed the initial round of housing assignments for students. Chapman Court will be adding 850 beds to our student housing capacity, and about 650 students have requested and been assigned to Chapman Court. We are hoping to have about 750 students in Chapman Court this year.

In years past, we have not always had enough housing to meet the demand from students who wanted it, which led to students renting elsewhere. With Chapman Court, we now have a high-quality option for students who want to live in Chapman housing. Dean Price noted that we should have about 4,000 students in Chapman-owned housing this coming year.

Mr. Quinn asked what percentage of students would be living in Chapman housing.

Dean Price answered that about 55% of undergraduates would be living in Chapman housing.

Dean Price mentioned that the incoming freshman class could be even smaller this year due to the Federal Department of Education and their issues around the FAFSA. This could result in fewer students coming to Chapman in the upcoming year, but we won’t have those numbers until the FAFSA issue is resolved.

Mr. Lochrie asked if we knew what our student head count would be.

Dean Price answered that because of the issues with the FAFSA we won’t know the until these issues are resolved.

Dean Price thanked and appreciated Captain Jevec’s compliment on Chapman’s handling of the student encampment.

Mr. Guzman asked about the reduction in disturbance calls in Orange, and if Chapman works with other cities, like Anaheim, in the same way.
Chief Gonzalez responded that we do not work with them as closely. We do communicate and work with them if they, or Chapman, need assistance, but we don’t partner with them the same way we do with OPD.

Captain Jevec asked how many total students Chapman will have residing in Anaheim.

Dean Price and Ms. Driscoll noted that with the addition of Chapman Court, Chapman will have roughly 1,600 students residing in Anaheim.

**Chapman Public Safety**

Chief Gonzalez reported again that this was the largest commencement ceremony Chapman has ever had and it went very smoothly. Public Safety partnered with OPD for parking and traffic enforcement, and they were able to keep the streets moving and empty the parking structure very quickly without issue.

Chief Gonzalez reported the encampment lasted for about three weeks and without incident. There was great communication with OPD throughout the process and OPD was very supportive. The Chief has been invited to several conferences to present on Chapman’s handling of the encampment because there were no incidents, and it was handled relatively peacefully.

Additionally, the Chief noted that the Undie Run went smoothly, and this is now the fourth Undie Run in a row without any intoxication or medical incidents. He also mentioned that OPD’s party patrols before and after the run, and presence during the run has been a large part of this process and he is thankful for OPD’s support.

Mrs. Driscoll reminded everyone that when Chapman requests OPD support for campus events, the Undie Run, and additional party response cars at the beginning of the year that Chapman covers those costs, so it does not create adverse impacts to the City.

**Campus Planning**

Ms. Driscoll reported that the Killefer School construction is anticipated to be completed in January 2025, with move-in in either January or February of 2025. Current activity includes window restoration with at least one set of historic windows operable in each room, saving as much original glass as possible, replacing broken glass, repairing window hardware; plaster restoration; framing interior walls; MEP rough ins (mechanical, electrical, plumbing); site utilities; fire alarm, sprinklers. SCE permanent power is anticipated in September of 2024. Restoration and repair of character-defining features is ongoing.

Ms. Driscoll reported that Chapman Court construction is scheduled to be completed in July 2024, for move-in of July-August 2024. Current activity includes student units being completed (new finishes, lighting, Wi-Fi, doors and door hardware, systems repairs and maintenance throughout, appliance repairs/replacement as appropriate). Painting and carpeting are occurring throughout the complex. Exterior painting completed, with palette based on historic Chapman
buildings. Currently moving furniture into the student units. A Public Safety kiosk will be installed inside of the parking garage entry. Finally, the shuttle location has been approved by the City of Anaheim.

Community Relations

Ms. Driscoll shared about the sizable move-out program that Chapman runs for students living on and off campus. Last year, Chapman collected enough clothing and shoes to fill a 40-foot shipping container. Additionally, enough furniture, books, kitchen supplies, and home décor were donated to fill an entire backyard swimming pool. These efforts translate to roughly 4,400 cubic feet being diverted from a landfill, with most goods being donated to Goodwill and Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Gerrard reported about the additional steps taken this year to help reduce the impacts of students moving out in the neighborhoods. A mailer was sent to the students that reported living off campus in Orange urging them to call CR&R for free trash pickup and offering other move out tips. Additionally, neighborhood canvassing took place with information about moving out to ensure students do so appropriately. Over the last two years the complaints about students leaving trash behind at the end of the year have decreased significantly.

Mrs. Driscoll reported that they will be submitting the first draft of the Specific Plan 7 EIR to the city in the next few weeks for review. The plan is to have the EIR available for public comments in September. We would like to have a community information session before submitting the EIR to the city for public comments, most likely in August.

Mr. Lochrie asked if the draft EIR would be available to the public before the community information session because it would be helpful to see that beforehand.

Mrs. Driscoll responded that we would look to see if that would be a possibility, but the EIR will be available for full review and public comments after it is submitted to the city.

Additional Questions and Announcements

Mrs. Driscoll thanked OTPA for honoring the Sandi Simon Dance Center and the Hilbert Museum at the OTPA Preservation Awards.

Mr. Guzman announced that OBHS has new leadership coming on board. Additionally, they will be putting a large focus on supporting education in the area.

Ms. Thomas talked about the upcoming Orange Park Acres 4th of July parade. Additionally, OPA will be bringing back their 5K race and are looking for sponsorships for that event. More info is available at www.opa5k.com.

Ms. Holloman congratulated Chapman and OPD on the reduction in disturbance calls. It is quite an accomplishment to bring down the calls that much, and to witness the positive relationship that Chapman and OPD have together.
Adjournment

Mrs. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.