

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 29th, 2024

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

Committee Members

Mayor Dan Slater

Rob Boice

Pattie Cordova

Paul Guzman, Sr.

Captain Adam Jevic

Sandy Quinn

Eric Hall, SGA President

Absent:

Brian Lochrie

Dan Jensen

Laura Thomas

Administration and Staff

Alisa Driscoll, *Chair*

James Gerrard, *Recording Secretary*

Chief Rick Gonzalez

Dean Jerry Price

Collette Creppell

Call to Order

Alisa Driscoll called the meeting to order at 12:15p.m.

Pattie Cordova is the new Executive Director of the Orange Chamber of Commerce and will be taking the place of Elizabeth Holloman on the NAC. Members of the NAC introduced themselves and welcomed Pattie to the meeting.

City Updates

Mayor Slater expressed appreciation to Chapman for working to lessen student behavior impacts in the neighborhoods. Mayor Slater noted that disturbance calls have gone down and there are a few less students renting homes in Orange, which is nice because that allows more families to rent those homes.

Mayor Slater mentioned that he will be interested to see what Chapman does with the old Friendly Center it recently purchased. Additionally, Mayor Slater noted that Antepasado Park at 225 W. Maple is underway and will be a great addition to the area and the Cypress Street Barrio.

Disturbance Call Summary

Captain Jevenc discussed disturbance calls to this point in the year. As of this meeting, there have been 451 disturbance calls city wide, with 63 (14%) of those calls involving Chapman students. This is very similar to the same point as last year with 550 total disturbance calls citywide and 74 of those involving Chapman students. Out of the calls this year, there have been 11 First Responses (written warning) and 4 Second Responses (fines), with no citations to this point. This is an improvement from last year.

The city noise ordinance starts at 10pm, so any disturbance calls before 10pm do not get a First or Second Response. However, OPD will still call out Public Safety to begin breaking up a party involving students and resolve the disturbance.

Captain Jevenc also noted that Public Safety has called for assistance on campus only nine times this year.

Mr. Guzman asked if there are any parties happening to make money.

Captain Jevenc answered they don't typically see anything like that. It can happen occasionally, if they respond to a party and there is a theme or event in addition to the party, but typically students are not doing this.

Mr. Boice asked what the quiet hours are.

Captain Jevenc answered that the quiet hours begin at 10 p.m. and go until 7 a.m. OPD can typically only issue First or Second Responses during those hours.

Mr. Gerrard discussed the preventative and good neighbor education programs Chapman does at the start of the year. These programs include:

- Good neighbor mailer to all students living off campus
- Canvassing approximately 100 houses with good neighbor bags in Old Towne and surrounding area
- Presenting at NCAA team compliance meetings
- Social media campaign directed to students
- Tabling at orientation events
- Present at Greek president's meeting

This year, the Greek president's meeting was expanded and featured a one-hour presentation and gave students the opportunity to ask questions of a neighbor. Each Greek organization sent three members of their leadership; additionally, 12 team captains joined, for a total of 60 students in attendance. These new programs were very impactful last year and helped reduce the calls by 55% over the last two years.

Dean Price noted that as we have fine tuned the process and when we are working together across departments and OPD, calls have gone down significantly in the last couple years.

Mr. Guzman asked if Chapman has a map of the area where students live.

Dean Price answered that as we complete the census in October and collect student information, which includes their address, we can relatively see where students are living, but we don't really keep a map of where they live. However, the addresses can show if students are living more in one neighborhood or area.

Mr. Gerrard also discussed the smaller off campus issues, such as bringing in trash cans and inconsiderate parking, and how that is more difficult for Chapman to handle. Because Chapman doesn't have the enforcement power of city codes, there isn't a lot able to be done on the University's end. When asked about this, we refer neighbors to the Orange 24/7 app or ask them to call code enforcement to make a report.

Mayor Slater asked if code enforcement is part of our liaison team.

Mr. Gerrard answered that they are not, and the liaison team is primarily focused on the disturbance issues with OPD. However, a discussion the smaller issues does often occur when the team visits students.

Ms. Driscoll added that we do have contact with code enforcement and reach out to them for support when needed.

Chapman Updates

Student Affairs

Dean Price discussed the enrollment head count after the fall census, and that Chapman has a current head count of 8,877 students on the Orange campus, with approximately 7,200 of those students being undergraduate. He also noted that we had 250 students fewer than expected from the incoming freshman class. Currently, 3,671 students live in Chapman housing, which is equates to over 50% of our commitment to housing undergraduate students.

Dean Price also noted that they will be conducting a big marketing push to keep students in Chapman housing next year. As students begin to look for housing after completing their live-on requirement, they want to keep them in Chapman housing, especially after adding Chapman Court to the University's housing inventory.

Mr. Boice asked what our current live-on requirement is.

Dean Price answered that we have recently moved to a three-year requirement for incoming freshman. However, that means current students are still under the previous two-year requirement because we cannot change this after their admission. This means we will see the biggest impact to keeping students in Chapman housing during the 26/27 school year as the current student body rotates through.

Mr. Boice asked why there was a decrease in committed students.

Dean Price answered that there was a number of issues with the new FAFSA this year which confused a lot of students, changed their financial aid availability, and caused some students to choose community colleges for their first year because they didn't have a financial aid response from the federal government. The second possibility is the idea of the enrollment cliff. This stems from the fact that about 18 years ago, people were having fewer children, which means that there are be less students overall who are pursuing higher education.

Mr. Quinn asked if applications remained up.

Dean Price answered that the number of applicants remained very high, so much so that our acceptance rate was lower than in previous years. It remained a very competitive application pool.

Ms. Creppell noted that there was an enrollment dip of 5-11% nationwide, depending on public and private schools and location.

Dean Price noted that private institutions nationwide saw a dip of 6.5% in enrollment, and Chapman remained below that average.

Mr. Guzman asked about Chapman's outreach to local schools.

Dean Price answered that we have a very strong local outreach in Orange and Orange County.

Campus Planning

Ms. Creppell discussed how well received the Killefer School project has been, and it is nearing completion. The Killefer building is about 80% complete and is looking to have a move-in date sometime in January. The new lab building will come online a bit later with a projected move-in date of April.

Ms. Creppell also acknowledged the impacts on sustainability from Chapman's adaptive reuse of these projects. Through the adaptive reuse of Killefer, the Sandi Simon Dance Center, the Campus Center at Rinker, and the Hilbert Museum, Chapman lowered its carbon impact by 62% as compared to demoing and rebuilding all of these structures.

Ms. Creppell also noted that we have begun renovations on three houses in the area.

Mr. Quinn asked if there are any new plans for Panther Village.

Dean Price answered that there are no plans to rebuild Panther Village at this time. The original funding intended for Panther Village was used to acquire and renovate Chapman Court. It will be a significant time before anything happens with Panther Village.

Mr. Quinn asked if there are any plans to renovate the area around Henley Hall and the northwest housing quad.

Ms. Creppell answered that there are no plans at this time.

Mr. Boice asked if Panther Village would become a high rise, whenever it does get redeveloped. Ms. Creppell answered it would be similar to Chapman Grand and Chapman Court when it happens, but with the finances invested in Chapman Court there won't be any changes to Panther Village for several years.

Community Relations

Ms. Driscoll provided an overview and update of Specific Plan Amendment 7.

The Amendment has four goals: 1) answers the question of “what’s next” for Chapman; 2) guides campus development projects that maximize the use of existing university-owned property; 3) provide more people with the opportunity to become Chapman students; and 4) memorialize quality of life initiatives and programs that have been developed over time with the surrounding community in mind.

The three key elements of the Amendment include the redevelopment of DeMille Hall and Bhathal Hall, as well as a gradual enrollment increase of approximately 1.8% per year over 10 years (1,800 students, measured by headcount).

An environmental impact report (EIR) will be required for the Amendment. The EIR will study various areas including cultural resources, noise, public services, transportation and wildfire.

In terms of timeline, technical studies were completed in spring and summer of this year. It is anticipated that the EIR public comment period will be in January. In spring 2025, the University will work on responding to those comments and finalizing the EIR. Finally, public hearings are anticipated in summer 2025.

Mr. Guzman asked that we use more effective and colloquial language when we communicate information on these projects. We use a lot of industry terms, like EIR, and it would be helpful if we used more common terms to help people understand these projects.

Ms. Driscoll agreed and hopefully this committee will help to communicate this information to the community.

Adjournment

Ms. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.