

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members

Aaron Schulze
Brian Lochrie
Captain Scott Trausch
Cintya Felix, SGA President
Dan Jensen
Laura Thomas
Pattie Cordova
Rob Boice
Sandy Quinn

Absent:

Mayor Dan Slater
Paul Guzman, Sr.

Administration and Staff

President Daniele Struppa
Alisa Driscoll, *Chair*
James Gerrard, *Recording Secretary*
Chief Rick Gonzalez
Collette Creppell
Dean Jerry Price

Call to Order

Alisa Driscoll called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The meeting started with introductions of new members: Captain Scott Trausch who is taking over for now Police Chief Jevic, and Cintya Felix, who is the newly elected SGA President.

Special Thanks

President Struppa thanked the NAC members for all their work, feedback, and support over the years. He recalled the first meeting of the NAC and how Sandy Quinn, Brian Lochrie and Dan Jensen were there, and how they are still on the committee. President Struppa talked about how the goal of the NAC was to be collaborative with the community and the city, which he feels it has done a good job of and maintained a positive relationship.

Additionally, he noted how beautiful and safe the City of Orange is and provides a high quality of life. President Struppa talked about how he regularly has conversations with parents when they come to campus and praises the city's safety and sense of community. He noted that Chapman has a strong relationship with Orange PD, and that partnership is helpful in teaching

the students how to grow up while they are living in the community. Dean Price and Community Relations has done a great job in educating the students on how to be good neighbors in the community. Disturbance calls and neighbor's concerns have dropped significantly over the last few years since coming back from the pandemic.

President Struppa shared that an early concern with the NAC was student housing and how over the years we have worked towards meeting the housing goals. With the investments in The K Residence Hall, Chapman Grand, and recently Chapman Court, this shows we are committed to providing housing for our students.

President Struppa discussed how the university is becoming stronger in its growth and remains committed to supporting the community. This is evident with the recent restorations of the Killefer School project and Quantum Studies Lab. This will bring the Killefer School back to life and bring exciting new research and technology to Orange.

Mr. Quinn asked if President Struppa was completely leaving campus and Chapman.

President Struppa acknowledged that he is stepping down as president and then taking an 18-month sabbatical. After the sabbatical he will return to the faculty in mathematics.

Mr. Lochrie thanked President Struppa for the NAC and working with the city and community. He noted in the past it felt like the community and university would talk past each other and weren't communicating effectively. Mr. Lochrie noted that communication is much better now, and the NAC has helped facilitate that communication.

City Updates

Mr. Schulze updated the group that the City has contracted Grant Thornton Consulting to help create a financial plan for the city's budget shortage. He also reminded everyone that the new parking program for Old Towne will begin later this year, and more information will be shared in the near future. Mr. Schulze thanked the Orange Chamber of Commerce for their help in bringing the business community together to work on the parking program. He also noted that the City is moving forward with plans in the West Katella area to create a business district and innovation hub to capitalize on the OC Vibe projects in Anaheim.

Disturbance Call Summary

Captain Scott Trausch from Orange PD provided updates on disturbance calls made to OPD regarding Chapman students. Captain Trausch noted that in 2024 there were a total of 1,686 disturbance calls city wide, with only 113 of them involving Chapman students, or 7%. At this point in 2025, there have been 29 calls involving Chapman students, which is still about 7% of the total disturbance calls citywide. These numbers are still down from two years ago, and align with last year's calls to this point, which means the calls are staying low.

Chapman Updates

Student Affairs Updates

Dean Price discussed the current enrollment deposit deadline for freshman students, which was 5/1/2025. There was not a full update to the numbers since there was still time for accepted freshman to place their deposit. The projected number of freshmen is 1,680, which is less than last year. Additionally, while we continue to meet the commitment of housing 50% of undergraduates, we didn't fill Chapman Court this year. We have adjusted our student outreach and marketing around housing and with the new three-year residency requirement being in full effect in 2026, we will see an increase in students living in Chapman housing.

Mr. Jensen asked, how the pricing between Chapman housing and rentals in the community compare. Is Chapman housing less or more than market rentals?

Dean Price noted that the perception at times is that Chapman housing is more than market rentals, but that isn't typically correct in the end. Rental housing doesn't include utilities, the internet, and other housing costs that are added to the rent, and the students must continue paying the lease if they aren't there over the summer. Where Chapman housing provides all those utilities, so in actuality Chapman housing is typically cheaper than market rate rentals and students don't pay for housing costs over the summer when they are not here. Additionally, this year we are allowing students to keep the same unit year over year; this means they can leave their belongings and not have to move to a new unit at the end of summer.

Mr. Jensen asked about the enrollment cliff and if the decrease in students next year is a result of that.

Dean Price noted that it's more of a decline than a cliff, and we are seeing some of that. There are less people in the traditional student age bracket because of people having fewer kids around the time of the great recession. There have also been changes to financial aid packages, which has changed how schools operate. More schools are going deeper into their waitlists to fill spots, which means other schools are doing the same and students are picking from more schools.

Ms. Cordova asked if the summer camps on campus are used as local recruitment.

Dean Price answered that we have always had academic community service and engagement. Most of this is provided by faculty and designed to expand their fields rather than to recruit specifically to Chapman. However, that can be a factor and part of the experience as a result.

Mr. Boice asked if Chapman uses housing as a source of revenue.

Dean Price answered that we added housing because there is a demand for it from our students and we try to meet that need. Additionally, it does provide a source of revenue for the school.

Mr. Quinn asked if there was a percentage goal Chapman would like to reach for student housing.

Dean Price answered that our goal is to always maintain the 50% commitment, but the addition of Chapman Court will ensure we stay above that goal.

Mr. Quinn asked what percentage we house now.

Dean Price answered that we are at 52% of undergraduate students housed in Chapman housing.

Dean Price also thanked Orange PD for their work and support handling disturbance calls. He appreciates the partnership between Orange PD, Student Affairs, and Community Relations for the positive impact and education involving students.

Ms. Felix asked how Orange PD knows if the house is rented by Chapman students.

Captain Trausch answered that they ask them when they arrive and communicate with Public Safety since Chapman collects student address information.

Mr. Gerrard also noted that students tend to cycle through the same house, so as students graduate, they find a new group of students to rent the house the next year.

Public Safety

Chief Gonzalez discussed commencement, which is from May 23rd through May 25th, so traffic will be heavy on the streets directly next to campus. We advise using different streets than Walnut Ave, Palm Ave, and Glassell St, if possible, during peak times. The plan is the same as the last four years, and we will again be working with Orange PD to support traffic and parking.

Ms. Driscoll also noted the mailer for the fireworks postcard is prepped and sent out to the community to notify them about fireworks.

Campus Planning

Ms. Creppell talked about wrapping up the Killefer School adaptive reuse project. The schoolhouse is complete, and research use has begun. The secondary north lab building should have TCO in the near future with a formal dedication in August. While we don't have all the plans yet, there will be events planned. Ms. Creppell noted that construction is always tough to get through, but the project will be worth it.

Mr. Quinn asked the official name of the buildings.

Ms. Creppell answered that the Killefer School name will remain, and the new building is called the Experimental Lab Building. However, the entire geographic parcel will be named the Daniele C. Struppa Research Park to honor Presidents Struppa's service to the university.

Mr. Quinn asked if the history of the Killefer will be recognized.

Ms. Creppell answered that there are plans to honor the history of the schoolhouse. There is a recognition plaque on the building, a timeline and history display are planned for the lobby, and a meeting space will be available for the community to reserve for use.

Mr. Boice commented that there were a lot of ideas and development options pursued for that building, and he is happy that Chapman restored it the way they have. He also wanted to acknowledge and thank the university for including OTPA in the process.

Community Relations

Ms. Driscoll talked about at the end of the semester our goal is to inform the students about moving out and free trash pick-up from CR&R. This will be done through social media and end-of-the-year mailer to student addresses. On campus we will have large trailers and dumpsters for donations and trash during move out.

Ms. Driscoll added that the first draft of EIR for Specific Plan Amendment No. 7 has been submitted to the City, and we are currently working on the feedback. The city has requested three rounds of review, so we will keep the community updated on the process. There will be an open house later this year for the community to get more information, ask questions, and to be as transparent as possible.

Additionally, Ms. Driscoll notified that the NAC members will be invited to the inauguration of Matt Parlow as the next president of Chapman, and more information will come out on that soon.

Adjournment

Ms. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 10am.