Neighborhood Advisory Committee makes progress on goals, building relationships in the community

A stronger ordinance to quell unruly house parties. Improved orientation materials and programs that help students understand what it means to live in a historic neighborhood. A new neighbor relations website.

Those are just a few of the tangible results the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) has helped shape in recent months during a series of robust conversations focused on a strong commitment to solving neighborhood issues and improving relations between Chapman University and the residents of Orange.

There is still much work to do, but the progress so far has been solution-oriented and significant, said Jack Raubolt, vice president of community relations at Chapman University.

"We discuss the cause of issues and work on solutions that best work for our neighbors, our students and the University," Raubolt said.

Following is a summary of the committee’s work and progress since its formation in November 2015.

Seven Discussion Topics

Early on, the committee targeted five issues for study. They included expanded student housing; parking; party houses; university growth; and the naming of a primary lead person for community interaction. Since then, two more issues have been identified: mitigation efforts from the prior Environmental Impact Reports and the Undie Run.

Highlights of discussions and results include:

- The committee heard reports on the party house situation from the City of Orange Police Department, Chapman Public Safety and Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that of the 700 unruly party calls the City typically receives, about 18 percent involve Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that Chapman’s dean of students. It was noted that Chapman’s dean of students.

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• Likewise, in April a task force of the committee contributed recommendations as the City develops a new ordinance that holds landlords more responsible for the noise and party infractions incurred by their tenants. The task force also recommended zoning changes that would prohibit landlords from transforming single-family homes into mini-dorms.

• In May and June, both the City and outside planning consultants presented comprehensive reviews of the previous Environmental Impact Report created for the existing Specific Plan.

In July, a newly-formulated task force started discussions on the Undie Run. Several ideas, from route changes to better control of activities before and after the run, are being discussed.

New members were welcome to the committee, including Pete Maddox, representing the Orange Chamber of Commerce replacing Pat Burtress, and added as resource members Captain David Nichols, representing the City of Orange Police Department and Chapman administrators Kris Eric Olsen, vice president of campus planning and operations; Randy Burba, chief of public safety; and Jerry Price, dean of students and vice chancellor for student affairs.

Next Steps

Going forward, the committee will discuss and create options and recommendations on the remaining issues. The committee meets every three weeks for one and one-half hours. Chapman University thanks the committee members for their time and dedication to the process.

Minutes from the NAC meetings and copies of documents and other materials presented to the NAC can be found at NeighborsofChapman.com.

Chapman marks a landmark event this fall – the inauguration of its new University president. On Friday, Sept. 30, Chancellor and President-Designate Daniele Struppa formally replaces President Jim Doti, who is stepping down after 25 years at Chapman’s helm to return to teaching. Inauguration events begin Monday, Sept. 26, and conclude with The Chapman Family Homecoming Celebration Friday, Sept. 30, to Sunday, Oct. 2. We hope you will join us for the celebration, which includes several community events. Save the dates for:

Let’s Do Ice Cream!

Join the President-Designate for an old-fashioned ice cream social with all the toppings from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, in George H. W. Bush Conference Center, Beckman Hall, Room 404. Free.

Celebrating Creativity with Film Director Werner Herzog

This extraordinary evening features Werner Herzog, renowned German film director, producer, screenwriter and author in a discussion at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Musco Center for the Arts. The event also welcomes the new president with performances of dance, music and special effects embellishing a recitation of ‘L’infinito’ by Giacomo Leopardi. Free, but reservations are required and may be made at www.chapman.edu/creativity.

Seventh Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sample the culinary efforts of Chapman teams competing in this annual tradition on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on the Aitken Arts Plaza in front of the Musco Center for the Arts. Free admission. Tasting tickets, beer, wine and other food options will be available for purchase on site.

Did You Know?

You can always find more news about the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, Chapman University events and community news at NeighborsofChapman.com. And be sure to sign up for our email updates at neighborsofchapman.com/signup.

Need to report a concern?

• Please contact Chapman University at 714-997-5763 or email neighbors@chapman.edu.

• To report a disturbance that needs urgent attention, please call City of Orange PD dispatch at 714-744-7444.

Chancellor and President-Designate Daniele Struppa

Join us as we celebrate our new president!
OC-centric, Orange County’s New Play Festival
Thursday, Aug. 18, through Sunday, Aug. 28, Moulton Hall Studio Theatre

OC-centric – recently named Orange County’s “Best New Play Festival” by the OC WEEKLY – returns with fully staged productions, including:

- Love All by Lojo Simon, Aug. 18-19 at 8 p.m., Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. and Aug. 28 at 7 p.m.;
- Night Moths on the Wing by Kimberly Kalaja, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m., Aug. 21 at 2 p.m., and Aug. 25-26 at 8 p.m.; and
- the one-act plays Kill a Better Mousetrap by Scott K. Ratner and Le/f_t   Behind, Waiting by Joshua David Vega, (both performed together) Aug. 20 at 2 p.m., Aug. 21 at 7 p.m., Aug. 27 at 8 p.m. and August 28 at 2 p.m.

Tickets $20 each performance. Tickets and more information available at (714) 902-5716 or www.oc-centric.com.

After Auschwitz: The Stories of Six Women
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall

Come see the premiere of this new documentary by writer and director Jon Kean. Discussion with Kean and Holocaust survivor and witness, Renee Firestone, will follow. Free admission. For further information, please contact The Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education at (714) 628-7377 or www.chapman.edu/holocausteducation.

Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel
Thursday, Sep. 22, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Salmon Recital Hall

Thanks to support from the Office of the President of Jim Doti, acclaimed pianist Jeffrey Siegel returns to Chapman to perform great classical favorites by Rachmaninoff, Gershwin, Chopin, Mendelssohn, and others. This is classical music for everyone! Tickets $20 to $35. Tickets may be purchased online at www.chapman.edu/tickets.

You’re Invited!
Join us for these engaging events at Chapman

There are many terrific Chapman University events and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few. Find more at the University’s online events calendar, www.chapman.edu/events. Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at www.chapman.edu/tickets.

A neighborly visit with ... The creative folks at The Dizzy Daisy on Tustin Avenue

The cozy workroom at the back of The Dizzy Daisy is chock-full of ribbons, vases, wire, florist tools, calendars and all the rest of the makings that go into the designing of floral arrangements.

But every semester owner Dana Rice makes room for one more special addition – an intern from Chapman University. Since opening her floral store and gift shop in 2012, Rice says she has counted on Chapman students to bring a little something extra to her operation.

“I love their enthusiasm for the business and their thirst for knowledge. Any task we give them, they always have something new that they’re learning at school that they bring to it,” says Rice, who has been a floral designer for 16 years.

Rice was delighted when one student helped her make the leap to Google spreadsheets, slashing the amount of time she previously spent pricing out extensive orders for weddings.

Communications major Marie Agbayani ‘15 created an ad for her promoting The Dizzy Daisy in the Miss City of Orange booklet.

Rice says Agbayani also displayed a knack for design, a skill the Chapman alumna and City of Orange resident says helped her land a job working as an assistant coordinator with a local wedding planner.

“Dana taught me a lot of things about a small business. It’s a family-oriented atmosphere and I couldn’t get that anywhere else,” Agbayani says.

The Dizzy Daisy is at 292 S. Tustin St. and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact the store at 714-289-1123 or email Elisa Dilabio, the marketing and sales director, at elisa@thedizzydaisy.net.

Chapman students are always in the mix at The Dizzy Daisy floral shop. From left, owner Dana Rice, Chapman alumna Marie Agbayani ‘15 and Elisa Dilabio, marketing and sales director.