Chapman University welcomed new members to its restructured Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting on Wednesday, April 26. The community advisory group will build on the achievements of the inaugural group formed in 2015, but with a schedule reduced from monthly to quarterly meetings.

President Daniele Struppa attended the gathering and saluted both the new and returning members for their dedication to building relationships with the City of Orange, the University, residents and the business community.

“All of us at Chapman are fortunate to have such a great community around us,” he said.

Although the committee as a whole will meet less frequently, a smaller task force will meet regularly with Jack Raubolt, vice president of community relations at Chapman, to help set agenda topics and/or bring urgent issues to the University’s attention.

Members and their affiliations include: Jack Raubolt, Chair, Vice President of Community Relations, Chapman University; Randy Burba, Chief of Public Safety, Chapman University; Marc Colin, Board Member, Orange Barrio Historical Society; William Crouch, Community Development Director, City of Orange; Tom Davidson, Member At-Large, Orange Park Acres; Michelle Duman, Member At-Large, East Orange; Dan Jensen, Member At-Large, Business Owner; Bob Hitchcock, Chapman Liaison, Old Towne Preservation Association; Mitchell Rosenberg, President, Chapman Student Government Association; Brian Lochrie, Member at-Large, Business Owner; Dave Nichols, Capt., Orange Police Department; Dr. Jerry Price, Dean of Students, Chapman University; Hon. Teresa Smith, Mayor, City of Orange; and Tim Virus, Member At-Large, Northeast Quadrant.

Chapman University formed the NAC in collaboration with community members in late 2015. The idea grew out of conversations then-President Jim Doti had with community leaders who said concerns about the University’s impact on neighborhood life needed prompt attention. Since its founding the NAC has helped the University move forward on several initiatives, including the construction of additional student housing and the recommendation of a stronger disturbance ordinance.

NAC meeting minutes are available online at NeighborsofChapman.com.

Restructured advisory committee ready to build on progress

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The girls are going to see where students are working in real entrepreneurial spaces and work with those students,” says Kelli McIntosh, elementary program coordinator for Girls Inc.

“We’re thrilled. I honestly can’t imagine a cooler place to have it.”

The entrepreneurship program has been a component of Girls Inc. summer camps for more than 15 years, but it grew so popular that the organization decided to offer it as a full four-week camp, including field trips, McIntosh says.

The curriculum guides girls through the process of creating a simulated society with its own currency, economy, elected officials and business community. Interwoven throughout are lessons in economic literacy and business management.

To cap off the activities students and guests visit a business showcase where they are invited to spend faux money at myriad enterprises created and operated by the campers.

The academy is open to current third–fifth grade girls and will run from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 3–28, with a holiday for July 4. Registration is $700. Scholarships are available. For questions, contact McIntosh at kmcintosh@girlsinc-oc.org or (714) 597-8611.

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Did You Know?

This spring students received a digital flier outlining best practices for moving out of rental homes and disposing of household items. The flier, created by the University’s Office of Sustainability and the Student Government Association, was circulated via multiple emails and website postings. Students were also encouraged to donate their lightly used or unwrapped school supplies to the new Boys and Girls Club in Old Towne Orange.

Need to report a concern?

• Contact the Chapman University Office of Community Relations at (714) 289-2097 or email neighbors@chapman.edu.
• To report a disturbance that needs urgent attention, please call City of Orange PD dispatch at (714) 744-7444.
There are many terrific Chapman University and community events planned this month. Here are just a few. Find more Chapman events at the University’s online events calendar, Chapman.edu/events. Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at Chapman.edu/tickets.

**Orange County Astronomers**
Friday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., Irvine Lecture Hall, Hashinger Science Center

Orange County Astronomers is a local non-profit organization that meets regularly at Chapman. The meetings are a wonderful opportunity to learn about astronomy, and meet the local astronomical community. Free and open to the public. For more information visit ocastronomers.org.

**The Last Hurrah, Photography by Abe Ordover**
On exhibition through Aug. 18, Leatherby Libraries, second floor

A special opportunity to view the stunning photography of an acclaimed nature photographer whose work has been shown around the country, including at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Free and open to the public during regular library hours. Please check summer hours at Chapman.edu/library/.

**Fourth Annual Staff Art Exhibition**
On display through Aug. 24, Hall of Art, first floor of Leatherby Libraries

Enjoy an eclectic exhibition highlighting the creativity of Chapman staff. Previous shows have ranged from watercolor paintings to banjos handcrafted from colorful cigar boxes. Free and open to the public during regular library hours. Please check summer hours at Chapman.edu/library/.

**Students in need to get full tuition from Chapman and the Give Something Back Foundation**

Give Something Back, a philanthropic organization, is giving $1 million to Chapman University to help provide four-year tuition scholarships for students who have faced extreme hardship, especially those who have experienced the incarceration or loss of a parent or who have spent time in foster care.

“We are grateful for the generosity of the Give Something Back Foundation and excited to be able to put their gift to use immediately for students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend college,” said Daniele Struppa, Ph.D., president of Chapman University. “Embracing ways for people to improve their lives through education is instrumental in helping society and we are pleased to be able to partner with Give Something Back to accomplish this.”

Give Something Back provides mentors and scholarships to help Pell Grant-eligible students go to college and graduate in four years, debt-free. Under the program, eligible students are selected in the ninth grade and mentored through high school. After graduation, scholars attend one of the organization’s partner universities and colleges in Illinois, Delaware, California, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Image: At left, Robert O. Carr, the founder and chairman of Give Something Back, and President Daniele Struppa, celebrate the foundation’s partnership with Chapman University.