

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on June 2, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Committee Members:

Captain Scott Trausch

Dan Jensen

Mayor Dan Slater

Pattie Cordova

Rob Boice

Sandy Quinn

Absent:

Brian Lochrie

Charlene Cheng

Laura Thomas

Marie Williams

Paul Guzman, Sr.

Ricardo Gonzales

Guests:

Cam Geringer Pate

Joanna Fermin

Administration and Staff:

Alisa Driscoll, *Chair*

Chris Hutchison

Cliff Williams

Collette Creppell

Dean Jerry Price

Mandy Moncure, *Recording Secretary*

Call to Order

Alisa Driscoll called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting began with introductions, including Chris Hutchison, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Associate Dean of Students, and Cliff Williams, Captain of Public Safety.

Cam Geringer Pate and Joanna Fermin gave a brief presentation about The Hub OC and the Youth Centers of Orange.

City Updates

Mayor Slater provided updates regarding several ongoing City initiatives and community matters.

The Mayor reported that the City's recently released homelessness count showed little overall change, though local service providers and law enforcement believe homelessness has declined significantly. He noted that both the Police Department and local service organizations have observed fewer individuals utilizing services and spending time on city streets. While questions remain regarding the methodology used for the count, the City remains encouraged by the positive trends being observed locally.

Mayor Slater also provided an update on the City's downtown paid parking program. While the program initially generated concerns among some residents and visitors, feedback from many merchants has been positive. Business owners have reported increased parking availability for customers and improved turnover in high-demand areas. Mayor Slater emphasized that the primary purpose of the parking program was to improve parking access for customers and visitors rather than generate revenue.

The Mayor highlighted the City Council's continued commitment to strengthening collaboration with Chapman University through the Chapman Liaison Committee, which will officially launch on June 26. Established in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the Grant Thornton Independent Report, the committee will provide a formal structure for an ongoing partnership between the City and the University on issues such as internship opportunities, economic development, community engagement, and other areas of mutual interest. As an example of the value of university-community collaboration, Mayor Slater referenced a recent Chapman student presentation to the City Council exploring redevelopment concepts for the west side of Orange, demonstrating the meaningful contributions students can make to local planning and civic initiatives.

Mayor Slater noted that concerns regarding the annual Undie Run had recently been raised by two City Council members, including a request for a formal letter from the City. He stated that he would not sign the proposed letter. Separately, he shared that the City had received several recent resident complaints regarding Chapman-related off-campus parties and expressed appreciation for the enforcement actions taken by the Orange Police Department in response. He also noted that Chapman University's expanded housing requirements are expected to continue reducing the number of students residing in surrounding neighborhoods.

Pattie Cordova provided additional feedback regarding the paid parking program, noting that discussions continue between merchants and the City regarding potential

modifications. One area under consideration is extending allowable parking durations for customers of sit-down restaurants, as some businesses have reported challenges associated with current time limits. Quick-service restaurants have generally expressed satisfaction with the program.

Disturbance Call Summary

Captain Trausch provided an update regarding party-related activity and enforcement efforts.

Captain Trausch reported that Chapman-related party activity remains generally consistent with previous years. Through the reporting period, 31 Chapman-related party calls were recorded compared to 21 during the same period the previous year. Citywide, 622 party-related calls for service had been received, with Chapman-related incidents representing approximately 11 percent of the total, consistent with historical averages.

Captain Trausch discussed recent activity associated with the annual Undie Run. While some individuals were able to enter the Plaza fountain through openings in temporary fencing, officers responded within minutes and dispersed participants without incident. No damage was reported to the fountain. Additional fountain-related incidents occurred during graduation weekend, though all incidents were documented and managed without significant issues.

Captain Trausch noted that officers continue to issue first responses, second responses, and citations when appropriate and stated that graduation season traditionally results in increased gathering activity.

Mr. Jensen asked Captain Trausch about implementation of the downtown parking program and its impact on surrounding neighborhoods. Captain Trausch clarified that parking enforcement is managed by a contracted parking vendor rather than the Police Department. He noted that the City continues to receive questions regarding permit parking and parking impacts in neighborhoods adjacent to the downtown area. Captain Trausch also shared that he has heard generally positive feedback regarding the paid parking program, with many residents and stakeholders reporting improved parking availability throughout downtown.

Chapman University Updates

Public Safety

Cliff Williams provided an update regarding commencement activities.

Mr. Williams reported that the University's three-day commencement celebration concluded successfully with minimal disruptions. While the University anticipated potential protest activity, concerns were addressed before reaching commencement venues. Traffic management around campus was reported to be among the smoothest experienced in recent years, and the events concluded safely and successfully.

Campus Planning

Collette Creppell reported that campus construction activity remains relatively limited.

Recent efforts have focused primarily on interior improvements, including residence hall enhancements, classroom upgrades, furniture replacement, and public space improvements. Investments have also been made in academic facilities, including development of an innovation hub supporting Dodge College of Film and Media Arts.

Ms. Creppell noted the completion of renovations at 537 North Glassell and 304 North Glassell. University staff expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts of City staff throughout the approval and renovation process.

Community Relations

Mandy Moncure provided an update regarding end-of-year student move-out activities and summer outreach efforts.

Ms. Moncure reported that move-out communications have been distributed to students through multiple channels, including direct communications and social media. Information regarding bulk-item disposal and donation opportunities has been emphasized to encourage responsible move-out practices. Community members were reminded that bulk pickup services remain available through CR&R and can be requested directly by residents if necessary.

Ms. Moncure also reported that planning efforts for Fall 2026 are underway. Upcoming outreach initiatives will include educational programming for students, Greek Life organizations, and athletic teams focused on neighborhood expectations, community standards, and prevention of first and second response incidents.

Ms. Moncure noted that proactive outreach efforts continue throughout the summer in partnership with Public Safety and the Orange Police Department.

Mr. Boice noted a noticeable improvement in neighborhood conditions compared to previous years and expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts of Chapman University, Public Safety, Community Relations, and the Orange Police Department. He also commended the University for maintaining its properties and noted the positive

impact that expanded on-campus housing requirements have had on surrounding neighborhoods.

Mr. Quinn shared that, based on his experience as a property owner who rents to Chapman students, he has encountered very few issues and generally hears positive feedback regarding the student population. Mr. Quinn also inquired about the status of the Specific Plan. Mrs. Driscoll responded that the Specific Plan remains on hold at this time.

Mr. Quinn asked whether the Specific Plan being on hold also meant that there would be no further progress with Panther Village or other proposed student housing developments. Mrs. Creppell confirmed that all projects associated with the Specific Plan, including future housing initiatives, are currently on hold pending further direction.

Student Affairs Updates

Dean Jerry Price provided updates regarding student housing, student affairs leadership transitions, and the University's three-year housing requirement.

Dean Price announced that his retirement remains scheduled for July and provided an update regarding the restructuring of Student Affairs leadership. The position has been divided into two roles – a Senior Vice President and Dean of Students position that will focus on student-facing operations.

Chris Hutchison introduced himself to the committee and shared his professional background, including nearly three decades of service at Chapman University and previous experience at San Diego State University.

Dean Price reported that campus housing occupancy is expected to reach record levels during Fall 2026 as the University's three-year housing requirement becomes fully implemented. Current projections indicate that more than 4,200 students may reside in university housing.

Mayor Slater discussed ongoing efforts to address neighborhood impacts associated with off-campus student housing. Dean Price emphasized that while most students respond positively to education and outreach, challenges remain with certain multi-unit housing arrangements that can contribute to recurring neighborhood concerns.

Dean Price addressed recent concerns regarding the Undie Run tradition. Dean Price reiterated that the event is not sponsored, organized, or endorsed by Chapman University. The University continues to communicate safety concerns to students. He explained that previous outreach efforts focused primarily on student safety due to the risks associated with the event.

Mayor Slater asked how the University enforces its three-year housing requirement. Dean Price explained that students who fail to sign up for required on-campus housing assignments are assessed housing charges through their student accounts. He noted that this process has proven effective in ensuring compliance while allowing for limited flexibility in unique circumstances.

Mr. Quinn expressed his appreciation for Dean Price's many years of service and dedication to Chapman University. He thanked Dean Price for his hard work and contributions to both the University and the surrounding community, noting the positive impact of his leadership over the years. Mr. Quinn also extended his best wishes for a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Mrs. Driscoll also thanked Dean Price for his many years of service and dedication, noting that he had been a valued member of the committee since its inception.

Adjournment

Mrs. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.