

Chancellor's Advisory Council on Student/Neighbor Relations
December 6, 2010, 3:00-5:00pm
Kinzie Conference Room, David Brower Center

Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Alcohol Problem Prevention Coalition Update

Karen Hughes, of University Health Services and PartySafe@Cal, gave a brief overview of the Alcohol Problem Prevention Coalition and their states goals and objectives. She summarized several of the group's activities including the Green Dot campaign which is focused on reducing violence on and near the campus. Karen also summarized the outreach campaign undertaken by PartySafe@Cal this semester. Summary data from the AlcoholEDU survey of incoming Cal students was also presented and brief discussion about the accuracy and meaningfulness of the data followed.

III. Joint UCPD/BPD Safety Patrol

Chief Celaya (UCPD) and Chief Meehan (BPD) described the current status of public safety efforts on the Southside.

- Chief Celaya indicated that UCPD still staffs its Southside unit that includes a Sergeant plus four officers.
- UCPD officers have undergone additional Second Response training and the enforcement of this ordinance has been a priority for officers working the Southside this semester.
- UCPD and BPD continue to hold monthly command staff meetings and the UCPD Sergeant that has been assigned to the residence halls is now also partnering with the BSC co-ops to provide information and access to public safety services.
- Chief Meehan indicated that BPD officers have also undergone additional training on noise and Second Response ordinances and BPD and UCPD will be participating in joint field trainings in the spring.
- Chief Meehan also reported that Chancellor Birgeneau went for a ride-along with a BPD officer on a patrol of the Southside and expressed his appreciation that the Chancellor was willing to participate. Another ride-along is being scheduled for the spring.
- Both BPD and UCPD were also a part of the Police and Life Academy for Youth that was awarded a Chancellor's Community Partnership grant.
- Areas of improvement: Chief Meehan pointed out that while there have been improvements in the working relationship between BPD and UCPD, as well as a documented decrease in crime in the Southside there are still things that could be improved. These include:
 - Improving communications systems (radios/networks) so that BPD and UCPD can more effectively talk while on patrol. Chief Celaya mentioned that the East Bay Radio Consortium was an idea that was being investigated, but cost is an issue

- Improving data sharing through an upgrade of the database and computer systems current in use.

Captains Roderick (UCPD) and Upson (BPD) then made a short presentation highlighting the results of joint Southside Safety efforts this fall. The main advantage that both UCPD and BPD saw was the increase in communication between departments that allowed for more effective enforcement efforts. The development of a partnership between the departments will enhance their effectiveness in preventing crime. Also, the increase in visibility in the Southside they feel is having a positive impact not only on student behavior but in deterring serious crimes. The joint patrol was originally scheduled to run for 6-8 weeks, but the police departments found it so useful that they extended the program through the end of the semester and are looking at adding a walking patrol. The continuance of the program is dependent on the fiscal climate.

Violations:

Over the course of the semester, officers wrote 163 noise abatement citations, 92 initial violations (or Exhibit A's) of the Second Response ordinance, and 8 fines stemming from a Second Response (Exhibit B's).

Student Conduct:

Susan Trageser, the Director of the Center for Student Conduct and Community Standards, reported that her office had received reports on 73 incidents during the semester, 58 of which involved UCB-affiliated students or groups. Fourteen were registered students organizations. Thirty-four initial contact letters were sent with 24 follow-up meetings conducted. Communication with the police departments has been very good.

Student Outreach:

Karen Hughes provided an overview of the PartySafe@Cal marketing effort that had occurred during the semester. Brandon Tsubaki of Fraternity and Sorority Life described the communication and education efforts being promoted throughout the Greek community.

Community Response:

Blake Street Neighbors (Phil Bokovoy): the program has been effective, but he wants more information-sharing between the police departments and the neighborhood associations. Neighbors can assist by making calls or visits to houses receiving Exhibit A's. Also, apartment unit numbers are also not listed on the information that is available to neighbors. Also brought notice to parties at Clark Kerr taking place in outdoor areas.

Caleb Dardick pointed out that there was an ongoing discussion about posting the second response information online but there was concern about who was posting and what type of information should be posted.

Berkeley Student Cooperative (Jan Stokely): has been receiving addresses of second response violators from the police departments and BSC has been checking that list against their list of approved parties and it has been extremely helpful in acting swiftly if an unapproved party gets out of control.

Additional comment: helpful to connect property owners and addresses listed, Graeheme Hesp, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, pointed out that the City of Berkeley's database is extremely old and out-of-date while many of the agencies use their own databases when making updates.

Dwight-Hillside (Jurgen Aust): enforcement should be both proactive and reactive (further explanation from Capt. Upson).

Willard Neighborhood Assoc. (George Beier): asks about permanent funding

Chief Celaya: reminder about many of these problems coming from non-students who are crashing private parties (frats/apartments). Students are being victimized.

Panhellenic: Student are afraid to call police because they think they'll get in trouble, additional education for new members, send signal that calling is always better than not calling.

Panoramic Hill (Michael Kelly): Noticed a positive change, hard for his neighborhood to really feel useful because they can't pinpoint which address noise is coming from.

IV. Ongoing Initiatives

Cal Football Game Day

Caleb described the Cal football game day efforts this year. Phil Bokovoy asks why the University and City still dedicate so much time and effort to people who are driving into Berkeley. Graeheme Hesp described how Florida State University shuts down the city to car traffic unless you have a resident parking permit.

With next year's games being held at AT&T Park, new challenges will arise and a meeting to begin discussing next year's plans will take place in the spring. Dan Ocampo mentioned that UCLA and University of Miami have transportation plans in place for busing a large number of students and fans since their stadiums are not on campus.

Cal Move-Out/Move-In Programs

Ben Krupicka gave a brief overview of the 2010 Move-Out and Move-In Programs. Trash continues to be a problem in the neighborhoods outside of Move-Out and Move-In periods.

V. New Items

Items for April Agenda: Move-In Operational Update and Student Orientation Efforts

*** The next meeting of the full Advisory Council will take place in April 2011.

VI. Participants

UC Participants:

Linda Williams, Chancellor's Office
Caleb Dardick, Local Government/Community Relations
Doreen Moreno, Local Government/Community Relations
Ben Krupicka, Local Government/Community Relations
Chief Mitch Celaya, UC Police Department
Capt. Steve Roderick, UC Police Department
Susan Traesger, Director of the Center for Student Conduct and Community Standards
Graheme Hesp, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life
Mohamed Muqtar, Cal Athletics
Karen Hughes, UHS – Party Safe
Stacy Holguin, Residential Living/Office of Student Development
Steve Sutton, Office of Student Development
Rick Wan, Residential Living
Brandon Tsubaki, Fraternity and Sorority Life
Maurice Delmer, Government and Community Relations

City Participants:

Jim Hynes, City Manager's Office, Neighborhood Services
Capt. Dennis Ahearn, Berkeley Police Department
Chief Michael Meehan, Berkeley Police Department
Shallon Allen, City Manager's Office

Neighborhood/Community Representatives

George Beier, Willard Neighborhood Association
Jerry Rubino, Dwight/Hillside Neighborhood Association
Phil Bokovoy, Clark Kerr Neighbors
Michael Walensky, Blake Street Neighborhood Association
Roland Peterson, Telegraph Business Improvement District
Michael Kelly, Panoramic Hill Neighborhood Association
Bob Saltz, Prevention Research Center
Sid Lakireddy, Berkeley Property Owners Association
Helen Stubbs, Outside the Classroom/Alcohol Prevention Coalition
Dean Metzger, Claremont-Elmwood Neighborhood Association

Student Representatives

Jeremiha Douglas, Inter-Fraternity Council
Katrina Ziegenhirt, Panhellenic Council

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