# Chancellor's Advisory Council on Student/Neighbor Relations May 9, 2011, 3:00-5:00pm Kinzie Conference Room, David Brower Center

### **Meeting Summary**

### I. Welcome and Introductions

### II. Cal Move-Out

Shallon Allen, from the City Manager's Office, and Ben Krupicka, from Government and Community Relations, gave the Advisory Council an overview of this year's Move-Out program. Highlights included:

- Neighborhood "sweeps" and debris bin deployment by the City's Public Works crews between April 29 and June 3
- Additional enforcement of illegal dumping by the City's Public Works and Code Enforcement staff.
- The addition of the Bear-ly Used program a free pick-up service for Cal students with reusable furniture or small appliances that is being led by the Berkeley Student Cooperative with support from the ASUC and the Office of Government and Community Relations.
- Additional outreach efforts, including a revised Move-Out flyer and Cal Move-Out web and Facebook pages.

## III. Joint UCPD/BPD Safety Patrol

Chief Michael Meehan (BPD) and Chief Mitch Celaya (UCPD) began by asking for feedback from the neighborhood representatives on whether or not they felt the Joint Southside Safety Patrol is working and achieving its goals. Responses from the Blake Street, LeConte, and Clark Kerr neighbors was that the program has been effective in reducing the response times of the police and that neighborhood presidents have not received the same volume of complaints from residents. Caleb Dardick, Director of Community Relations for UC Berkeley, pointed out that he has seen a reduction in the number of complaints he has received from neighbors. The only time that complaints were received was on one particular weekend when staffing levels for the Joint Patrol were being recalibrated and neighbors were concerned that the program had ended.

Capt. Erik Upson (BPD) and Capt. Roderick (UCPD) provided an overview of the program components and statistics from the 2010-2011 academic year. Both captains spoke to the benefit of having the police departments working together and that the increased communication stemming from the joint patrol has increased their effectiveness in the Southside. They reiterated that the goal was not to simply cite for violations, but was to work towards changing risky behaviors, of students and others, to suppress violent and other crime in the area (which benefits both students and permanent residents).

Ofcs. Perkins and Nabozny had collected and compiled the calls for service and Public Nuisance violation postings for the 38 weeks covering the academic year 2010-2011 and

Ofc. Nabozny, the new Area Two Coordinator, presented the results. Over the course of the academic year, the Southside Safety Patrol responded to over 289 calls for service, which includes nuisance abatement (i.e. loud parties, noise, etc.) as well as crimes in progress (i.e. robberies, assaults). The Patrol issued a total of 140 Exhibit A postings and only 16 Exhibit B postings for repeat offenders. Capt. Roderick also mentioned that UCPD referred 3-4 parties to the Center for Student Conduct even though their activities did not rise to the level of an Exhibit A violation.

After seeing that one particular residence had 6 Public Nuisance violations, a question was raised about how the campus is responding to this situation and whether or not something can be done before a student or student group receives several violations. Jim Hynes from the City Manager's Office informed the group that the violators are currently working out a way to pay their remaining fines and Susan Trageser, the Director of the Center for Student Conduct and Community Standards, mentioned that a conduct process is underway with this group. Associate Dean Christina Gonzales said that the Dean's Office is currently revising their student conduct process so that problems will not persist over time and that a conduct process can be initiated and resolved within 30 days. These revisions should be in effect by fall 2011. Brandon Tsubaki, of Fraternity and Sorority Life, also mentioned that he is in contact with the national chapter of the fraternity in question and that a conduct process may be initiated by the national governing body as well. Brandon also mentioned that GAMMA has been revamped and that the Greeks will be increasing their self-policing efforts in the fall.

Susan also informed the group that the Center for Student Conduct and Community Standards is receiving information from the police departments within a week of an incident and this had led to radically reduced response times. She then gave a brief overview of the student conduct process and how the Center determines which violations receive additional attention.

Additionally, Jim Hynes spoke to the fact that the statistics point towards the conclusion that the Public Nuisance Ordinance works. Levels of recidivism are low, and the Greek and Athletic coordinators are especially responsive in dealing with any of their members who may receive Exhibit A's. He also mentioned that an amendment to the Public Nuisance Ordinance is coming before the City Council in May to revise the process of appeals and to levy an administrative citation in the event of a violation of the ordinance.

Going forward both departments committed to continuing the joint patrol and continuing to hold joint staff meetings and trainings. They are looking to increasingly share information, which involved overcoming institutional and technological barriers, but will make their enforcement strategies more effective. Furthermore, both departments see how the targeted efforts in the Southside contribute to suppression of violent crime in the area by recognizing the linkage between irresponsible alcohol consumption and other risk behaviors. Both departments have applied for ABC grants and hope to get input from students and the community on the joint patrol. UCPD will also be starting anonymous tips line and Jim Hynes mentioned working with the City Attorney on a Training Information Bulletin.

# IV. 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 also gave attendees a brief summary of some of the main findings from the recently published scholarly study "Alcohol Risk Management in College Settings: The Safer California Universities Randomized Trial" by Bob Saltz, et. Al. Bob is also a member of the Advisory Council. The study reports results from the survey and confirms that the core principles of the strategies being implemented by UC Berkeley conform to best practices. For more information on Karen's presentation and the results of the study, please download the APPC presentation from the Advisory Council website.

# V. Ongoing Initiatives

# Town-Gown Conference (October 6 and 7, 2011)

The Campus and City are co-hosting the 2011 Town-Gown Conference. The conference will be held on October 6 and 7. Members of the Advisory Council and invited to attend and may be asked to participate in one or more of the panel discussions as much of the work done by the Council will be relevant to the conference attendees.

# Cal Neighbors

Cal Neighbors, the newsletter from the Office of Government and Community Relations, has been re-launched as an online e-newsletter. The second issue was published on May 10, 2011. The newsletter will highlight information of relevance to those who live and work near the university.

## Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund

The review process for 2011-2012 partnership grants is currently underway and the Advisory Board expects to announce the list of grant recipients in mid-June.

## VI. New Items (for discussion/examination before the fall 2011 meeting)

- Southside Livability
  - Suggestion to look at the "roving party" issue, related to pedestrian traffic patterns as students move from one area to another late at night.
  - Investigate ways to better market enforcement, prevention and outreach messages to students.
    - Partnerships with the residence halls for students who will soon be moving off-campus
    - Graduate Assembly and ASUC forums
- Fall Football strategies
  - What plans and strategies are in place to deal with fans travelling back and forth from Berkeley since the 2011-2012 Cal football season taking place at AT&T Park in San Francisco?
- People's Park

- Increasing the outreach to and involvement of property owners in the Southside safety and Move-Out efforts.
- Increasing information to neighbors (especially around Exhibit A postings of the Public Nuisance Ordinance).

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

#### VII. Participants

#### UC Participants:

Linda Williams, Chancellor's Office Caleb Dardick, 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 Karen Hughes, UHS – Party Safe Christina Gonzales, Dean of Students Office Brandon Tsubaki, Fraternity and Sorority Life Dan Ocampo, Residential Student and Service Program

#### City Participants:

Jim Hynes, City Manager's Office, Neighborhood Services Capt. Erik Upson, Berkeley Police Department Chief Michael Meehan, Berkeley Police Department Ofc. Jessica Nabozny, Berkeley Police Department Shallon Allen, City Manager's Office

#### Neighborhood/Community Representatives

Phil Bokovoy, Clark Kerr Neighbors Megan March, Blake Street Neighborhood Association Roland Peterson, Telegraph Business Improvement District Bob Saltz, Prevention Research Center Sid Lakireddy, Berkeley Property Owners Association Dean Metzger, Claremont-Elmwood Neighborhood Association Marty Lorber, Berkeley Northside Karl Reeh, LeConte Neighborhood Association

<u>Student Representatives</u> Alberto Ortega Hinojosa, Graduate Assembly

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