

**Chancellor's Advisory Council on Student/Neighbor Relations**  
**Thursday, December 3, 2009, 3:00-5:00pm**  
**Faculty Club, Howard Room**

**Meeting Summary**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**II. Review Minutes from April 2009 Meeting**

Members reviewed minutes from the April meeting. In addition to reminding members of the recent changes in the structure and membership of the Advisory Council, an overview of the meeting schedule was introduced.

In addition to the biannual Advisory Council meetings, two additional meetings may be held during the calendar year and would focus on specific topics, such as planning and coordination for Cal football home games. These meetings would be co-coordinated between the UC Government & Community Relations Office and the Berkeley City Manager's Office.

**III. Presentation: Review Past Programs**

Caleb Dardick and Ben Krupicka provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the campus/community partnerships over the last year that had positive neighborhood impacts. The presentation also introduced new initiatives for 2010.

**Cal Move-Out/Move-In Programs**

The outcomes and successes of the Cal Move-Out program were discussed, with special mention made of the "Bearly-used Furniture Drive" developed by the ASUC Auxiliary. Fall 2009 was the inaugural year of the Cal Move-In Program and the presentation included a description of the program.

***Input/Response:***

Neighbor and student response to both of these programs was positive. Suggestions for revisions and enhancements to the programs were also made (e.g. having neighbors coordinate garage sales with move-in period, more effectively securing debris bins and drop-off locations).

***Action Items:***

1. Make contact with neighborhood associations re: distribution of program flyers and other publicity materials.
2. Coordinate and implement the Cal Move-Out program at the end of the spring semester.

### Good Neighbor Brochure

The newly revised Good Neighbor brochure was shown to Advisory Council members and the distribution of the brochure was detailed. The significant challenge of reaching students in private residences was mentioned.

#### *Action Items:*

1. Contact neighborhood associations at the beginning of the fall semester to assist with the distribution of the brochure and inclusion of the brochure in the neighborhood association mailings and/or emails.

### Joint UCPD/BPD Game Day Pilot Program

This pilot program, which expanded the police presence and visibility at several evening football games, was described. Possible enhancements for next season, including expanding beyond the Dwight/Hillside neighborhood and solidifying on-going funding for this program were discussed.

### Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund

A brief overview of the Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund was given and members of the Advisory Council were encouraged to think about developing a project or program that could receive grant funding.

## **IV. Presentation: New Initiatives**

### Southside Safety Plan

The Southside Safety Plan is an initiative being developed to ensure safety and livability of student and neighbors in the Southside. Violent crime suppression will be the overall theme, and will target a reduction in violent crime as well as reducing quality of life disturbances related to alcohol and parties. Several possible program components, touching upon enforcement, education and prevention efforts were described.

#### *Input/Response:*

Given the challenging budget situations that both the university and city are facing and officer reductions at both BPD and UCPD, it was stressed that this effort should be coordinated and collaborative. Advisory Council members stressed the importance of using existing resources, like ABC grant funding and Options Recovery Center members, to complement Southside safety efforts. The group also brainstormed other funding mechanisms, like a surcharge on football tickets and/or parking fines, to pay for increased enforcement and outreach programs.

Targeting outreach efforts to property owners and managers was also discussed. Often they provide a direct link to problem properties and have leverage with their tenants. Other issues related to housing, including amending city housing ordinances related to mass occupancy and in surveying large apartment buildings to see if they meet the legal requirement to post the contact information of the on-site property manager, were discussed.

Advisory Council members also recognized the role that People's Park plays in the prevalence of violent and drug-related crime in the Southside.

Student members expressed the widespread student belief that the Southside was a dangerous area to walk through, especially for unaccompanied female students. The need to make the neighborhoods safer looks to be a powerful issue that unifies students and neighbors.

*Action Items:*

1. Local Government and Community Relations staff will bring together representatives from BPD, UCPD, and the UC Office of Student Conduct to survey the current safety and livability issues in the Southside and develop effective enforcement techniques to be implemented at the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic year.
2. Local Government and Community Relations staff will coordinate with student groups and university staff to brainstorm and develop outreach and education strategies to implement in the fall.
3. Local Government and Community Relations staff will investigate avenues for securing funding for enforcement and education efforts (event ticket surcharges, grant funding, etc.)
4. At the next meeting of the Advisory Council a working group will be established in order to begin planning a student-neighbor survey of large apartment buildings in the Southside.

**V. Other Business**

Neighborhood Watch

Anthony Wright from Fraternity and Sorority Life gave an update on the Neighborhood Watch Program that was formed with the participation of many of the Greek houses and private residences on the 2700 block of Channing Way. Apartment managers were also included in this program. Thus far, the establishment of this program has resulted in calls to police regarding suspicious characters in neighborhood. Several advantages and challenges were detailed, and are as follows:

*Advantages:*

- Shared costs: funding is jointly provided by Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils.
- Dedicated staff assignment: coordinator position funded jointly by the offices of Councilmember Gordon Wozniak and Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- Neighborhood Watch programs are proactive programs with low cost.
- Educational opportunity: Taps into a student interest since many students are afraid for their personal safety when walking through the Southside.

*Challenges:*

- Turnover in Greek houses is a problem in sustaining program continuity.
- It is possible that the program is expandable, but not sustainable past Prospect Avenue because the project lacks central organization.

GAMMA

Justin McKone, GAMMA coordinator and IFC assistant risk manager, provided an update on the GAMMA program. A new organizational structure will be in place for academic year 2010/11. GAMMA's primary purposes will be conduct and outreach. GAMMA members will be required to take a DeCal class on alcohol emergencies next semester.

The group is also looking to increase its communication and coordination with UCPD and BPD. It was also suggested that BPD/UCPD presentations to students on alcohol and parties need to be focused and succinct, perhaps limiting presentations to 15 minutes rather than the traditional 45-60 minute presentations.

Fraternity and Sorority Life

A new staff member will come on board in January 2010 and will focus on party patrol and peer programs.

\*\*\* The next meeting of the full Advisory Council will take place in April 2010.

**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  
Marc Decoulode, 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  
Howard Janssen, Cal Parents

City Participants:

Jim Hynes, City Manager's Office, Neighborhood Services  
Capt. Dennis Ahearn, Berkeley Police Department

Neighborhood/Community Representatives

George Beier, Willard Neighborhood Association  
Jerry Rubino, Dwight/Hillside Neighborhood Association  
Dean Metzger, Claremont-Elmwood Neighborhood Association (CENA)  
Phil Bokovoy, Clark Kerr Neighbors  
Michael Walensky, Blake Street Neighborhood Association  
Roland Peterson, Telegraph Business Improvement District

Student Representatives

Dani Haber, ASUC External Affairs Vice President  
Kelly McDonnell, ASUC External Affairs, City Affairs  
Justin McKone, Inter-Fraternity Council  
Anthony Wright, Fraternity and Sorority Life  
Katrina Ziegenhirt, Panhellenic Council

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