

Student-Neighbor Relations Advisory Council
Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 6:30 to 8PM
Tilden Room,
5th Floor of MLK Jr. Student Union, UC Berkeley

Summary Notes and Action Items

Co-convened by:

Chris Treadway, Assistant Chancellor, UC Berkeley; Joseph Greenwell, Dean of Students, UC Berkeley; André Luu, External Affairs Vice President, Associated Students of the University of California; Shallon Allen, City Manager's Office, City of Berkeley

In attendance:

ASUC and student leaders:

Bianca Filart, Associated Students of the University of California and Sigma Kappa Sorority; Daniel A. Saedi, Interfraternity Council President; Isabella Brandes, PartySafe@Cal; Nishaad Navkal, PartySafe@Cal; Paul Iskajyan, External Affairs Vice President's Office; Priya Natarajan, External Affairs Vice President's Office, Local Affairs Community Development Manager; Tara Aranha, Government & Community Relations; Taylor Tam, PartySafe@Cal; Emaan Siddique, Associated Students of the University of California; Alexander Baskoro, Associated Students of the University of California; Zach Gamlieli, Vice-President of External Affairs, Berkeley Student Cooperative; Jonathan Morris, Graduate Assembly External Affairs Vice President

Community members:

Kim Benson, Executive Director, Berkeley Student Cooperative; Jacquelyn McCormick, President, Claremont / Elmwood Neighborhood Association; Phil Bokovoy, Piedmont/Parker Neighborhood Watch/CENA; Stuart Baker, Telegraph Business Improvement District

City of Berkeley: Officer Sean Tinney, Southside Safety Patrol, Berkeley Police Department; Jim Hynes, City Manager's Office, City of Berkeley; Anthony Yuen, Fire Marshall, Berkeley Fire Department ; Lillian Patil, Intern for Lori Droste, Berkeley City Council

UC Berkeley: Dylan Howser, Coordinator and CalGreeks Advising, LEAD Center; Candace Witt, Center for Student Conduct; Leona Chen, Coordinator, Happy Neighbors; Mary-Ann Spencer

Cogan, Chief of Staff, Residential Student Services Programs; Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community Relations; Jen Loy, Assistant Director, Local Government & Community Relations; Joan Iva C. Fawcett, Interim Assistant Dean of Students & Director of the LEAD Center; Seamus Wilmot, Parking & Transportation

Agenda Items and Summary notes below:

I. Refreshments, Meet and Greet

II. Welcome & Community Building Activity, Facilitated by Dean Joseph Greenwell

- What does being a good neighbor mean to you?
- Introductions

III. Council History

Assistant Chancellor Chris Treadway thanked everyone for coming and provided a brief history of the Advisory Council for Student Neighbor Relations. Convened in 2005, the Advisory Council initially served as a vehicle to engage in collective problem solving and develop collaborative projects to improve student/neighbor relations. Projects like Happy Neighbor and collaborations like the South Side Patrol and the Indoor Events Roundtable were started or strengthened by the members of the Advisory Council. Since these efforts are now well established the primary objective for bringing the Advisory Council together is to provide an opportunity for student leaders, neighborhood associations, campus and city partners to update one another on related projects and identify and consider collaborative responses to emerging issues.

IV. Student Neighbor & Community Updates and Successes

Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) External Affairs Vice President (EAVP) André Luu also thanked the group for convening, as it means a lot to see great students and neighbors working together. He expressed that in the past the ASUC had not been on the best terms with the neighbors, the city, and the community, due to lack of consistent dialogue, both internally and externally. He hopes to set a more positive precedent for future relationships. Below are some strategies to develop better communications:

- There is a resolution on the October 18th City Council agenda to create the 4x4 Committee which includes 4 City Council members (Susan Wengraf, Jesse Arreguin, Lori Droste, and Kris Worthington) and 4 student representatives (the ASUC and Graduate Assembly's EAVPs and Local Affairs Directors), supported by Ruben Lizardo from UC Berkeley Government & Local Community Relations and a representative from Student Affairs. The purpose of this committee is to open the lines of communication between the city and student governments.

- Including a non-voting student seat on City Council, the ASUC EAVP, who will have the same rights to speak during meetings. This is to provide a unified student voice rather than what can be considered disjointed and misinformed student participation during public comment.

Other student-led efforts:

- ASUC Senator Bianca Filart shared the priority of a campus safety initiative, the [Light Up Our Streets campaign](#), in collaboration with the City of Berkeley Public Works Department. They are hoping to add 20 lights in the Southside neighborhood, using a grant that provides the budget for light maintenance and tree trimming.
- Daniel Saedi, Interfraternity Council (IFC) President shared that the IFC was granted a functional equivalent to the Group Living Accommodation (GLA) ordinance. The fraternities will now be self-regulated, but to a stricter degree through the Internal Standards Board, which is 50-75% faster than Student Conduct and Code Enforcement. He also apologized for predecessors who left the neighborhood in a mess and provided an internal communications system for fraternity related complaints: ifc.complaints@calgreeks.com. When filing a complaint, please include address of fraternity in question. Complaints will be addressed within 72 hours. At the end of semester, all data will be shared with the City of Berkeley. Unfortunately, this does not apply to unrecognized fraternity

Shallon Allen, from the Berkeley City Manager's Office, hopes that this ongoing collaboration between the city and campus will continue, supporting all of Berkeley's residents, whether someone has lived here for 40 years or 4 minutes. She pointed out that students do positively contribute quite a bit in Berkeley that is not covered in the media and neighbors should know that.

- The city has been working UC staff and student leaders on the First 8 Initiative, addressing harms students may face during the first 8 weeks of the semester. Meeting weekly, departments like UCPD, Risk Management, University Health Services, LEAD Center, Student Conduct, with city departments BPD, BFD, along with students from the ASUC, IFC and PanHellenic Council, can work collaboratively and proactively to mitigate problems during these high-risk weekends.
- The [GLA ordinance](#) is a tool to encourage property owners to take responsibility for the actions of their tenants on these good neighbor issues. The next steps are to educate and notify all the applicable parties, and begin enforcement. There are also efforts to make everything related to the GLA ordinance available online, like registration, maps, FAQs, and templates. The intent is to make a public list and to be as transparent as possible.

Other city efforts:

- Continued targeting code enforcement for trash and parking
 - Take a picture and send to code enforcement with questionable incidents
 - Reminder for football parking: a business license does not entitle you to permit parking
- UC / Berkeley Fire collaboration on Indoor Entertainment Permit Roundtable, ongoing for 10 years
- Southside Safety Patrol, UC Police Department and Berkeley Police Department
- Annual Cal Day Clean-Up

V. Issues & Concerns for Follow Up

- What does the LEAD Center do to educate organized student groups about campus and ASUC alcohol policies?
 - Signatory training throughout the semester, primarily in August and September – Alcohol education portion facilitated by [PartySafe](#)
- The CENA board has created seats for student representatives.
 - Continuing the conversation of how the community can help students and vice versa
- What can this group do to address the affordable housing crisis facing UC Berkeley students.
 - Displacement issues for graduate students: Data shows the amount spent on housing has stayed flat, but the transportation costs have increased, meaning students are living further away from campus.
 - Conflict between older residents, and younger professionals
 - Grad students are sit in-between two populations
 - There are several existing committees on affordable housing
 - ASUC invited folks to speak at Senate meetings: guests get to speaker at 8pm on Wednesdays
 - Rather than trying to build a new organization on this issue, we should consider using existing partnerships:
 - The 4x4 Committee could be a venue to share information and consider collaborative strategies, including advocacy with state officials, to move forward
 - Tap into synergy where UC Berkeley can be a partner with city and students to

- solve these joint issues
- Senior citizens represent 25% of City of Berkeley's population, many live in homes with empty rooms. We should consider developing strategies to promote House sharing for students who are willing to provide the Seniors with assistance
 - Carol Christ, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, has created a task force on housing utilization and will present to the Regents on the issue in January
 - IFC and PHC community engagement and philanthropic event: Warring Street Block Party; they hope to host another event next spring
 - This is a dry event with proceeds going to non-profit organizations
 - Last year raised \$15,000
 - Campus safety committee
 - Moving the conversation forward to engage students to take safety in their own hands
 - Not walking on their phone, at night, distracted
 - Utilize [Wildfire](#) app: a crowd sourcing, community based reporting system
 - Telegraph Business Improvement District (TBID)
 - Offering a safety escort at night and will be working with Heidi Scribner of Residential Student Service Programs to roll out to resident halls
 - Telegraph Avenue is a 24-hour district and the TBID is working on ensuring to keep it safe in collaboration with late night entertainment
 - i.e. preventing a 2AM last call rush that drifts into the neighborhoods
 - Attendees liked the idea of exploring the potential of bringing in a theater
 - Unrecognized fraternities
 - The LEAD Center is finalizing a voluntary 2-year, re-recognizing process
 - Backed by the chapter's national organization, with clause to close doors if the process is unsuccessful. If they lose recognition from the university, they'll also lose it from their national organization
 - Extra education: anti-hazing, alcohol and diversity inclusion
 - Limit on social events and specifics on what those events will look like
 - Pilot with SAE
 - Berkeley Student Cooperative
 - Semester off to a good start
 - Working on additional projects to engage neighbors and develop better relationships

- Utilizing a neighborhood relations grant from External Affairs Committee
 - Community improvement events
 - 17 houses can apply to get matching funds to throw events, meet and greets, clean ups
 - Requires 4 hours for home improvement
 - Promoting safe party practices: harm reduction education, bystander intervention, and consent talks
 - The BSC co-ops are the shining example of how party culture can turn around
 - Many neighbors concur they almost never hear a complaint from co-ops in the Southside
- [Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund](#)
 - Supporting those who do something positive, partnering with the city and university
 - Come to the [informational mixer](#) on October 25th at 4PM at SkyDeck
 - Student groups are encouraged to apply, with a faculty/staff advisor
 - Affordable housing as a potential grant opportunity as it benefits residents of Berkeley, students and long term
 - cohousing / tiny houses / house boats
- Community Engagement:
 - Berkeley Seniors: Contact Shallon (SLAllen@ci.berkeley.ca.us) to volunteer to help the senior population in Berkeley
 - Reducing and reusing furniture: a Goodwill-type store on campus that does pickups/deliveries to make it easy for students to deal with move in and out and improve the trash and illegal dumping issues around those times
 - Lori Droste's office is looking for an undergraduate intern (see attachment)
- Football
 - Next game is October 21, Friday, kick off at 7PM; [the game schedule is available online](#)

V. Next Steps

What should we take on and tackle? This was a great start in dialogue, but we won't solve the problem unless we make the connections and take action.

If you have any feedback regarding issues and/or structure the meeting, please contact Leona Chen (leonac@berkeley.edu) or Jen Loy (jenloy@berkeley.edu)

UC Berkeley Resources and quick contact information:

Advisory Council on Student-Neighbor Relations: chancellor.berkeley.edu/advisory-council-student-neighbor-relations

Berkeley Student Cooperative: www.bsc.coop

Cal Greeks: www.calgreeks.com

Cal Move Out: CalMoveOut.berkeley.edu

Center for Student Conduct: sa.berkeley.edu/conduct

Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund: chancellor.berkeley.edu/gcr/local-community/programs-initiatives/ccpf

External Affairs Vice President: asuc.org/office/eavp

Happy Neighbors: uhs.berkeley.edu/psafe/happyneighbors

LEAD Center: lead.berkeley.edu

Party Safe@Cal: uhs.berkeley.edu/psafe

Quiet Campaign: uhs.berkeley.edu/psafe/pdf/QuietCampaign.pdf

UC Berkeley Event information:

Academic Calendar: registrar.berkeley.edu/CalendarDisp.aspx?terms=current

UC Berkeley Events: events.berkeley.edu

For more information about the Student-Neighbor Relations Advisory Council and to sign up for updates visit: chancellor.berkeley.edu/advisory-council-student-neighbor-relations