

Student-Neighbor Relations Advisory Council
Monday, February 22, 2016, 6 to 7:30
ASUC Senate Chambers,
5th Floor of Eshleman Hall, UC Berkeley

Summary Notes and Action Items

Co-convened by:

Chris Treadway, Assistant Chancellor, UC Berkeley; Joseph Greenwell, Dean of Students, UC Berkeley; Marium Navid, External Affairs Vice President, Associated Students of the University of California; Jim Hynes, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Berkeley

In attendance:

ASUC and student leaders: Austin Pritzkat, President, Berkeley Student Cooperative ; Tim Blair, Vice President of External Affairs, Berkeley Student Cooperative; Daniel Saedi, President, Interfraternity Council; Mitchell Stieg, Vice President of Risk Management, Interfraternity Council; Irving Salas-Burrios, Vice President of External Affairs, Interfraternity Council; Allyn Benintendi, Vice President of Risk Management, Panhellenic Council ; Ishmael Contreras, External Affairs Vice President Chief of Staff, Associated Students of the University of California; Melissa Hsu, Academic Affairs Vice President, Associated Students of the University of California; Bulmaro Vicente, Associated Students of the University of California Senator, Associated Students of the University of California; Sarah Barrett, Academic Affairs Vice President Chief of Staff, Associated Students of the University of California; Carli Yoro; Selina Lao

Community members:

Kim Benson, Executive Director, Berkeley Student Cooperative; Inger and Tom McMillan, Owners, Gorill House; Jacquelyn McCormick, President, Claremont / Elmwood Neighborhood Association

City of Berkeley: Officer Sean Tinney, Southside Safety Patrol, Berkeley Police Department; Officer Jessyca Nabozny, Former Southside Safety Patrol, Berkeley Police Department ; Shallon Allen, City Manager's Office, City of Berkeley; Anthony Yuen, Fire Marshall, Berkeley Fire Department ; Zoe Reier, Intern for Lori Droste, Berkeley City Council

UC Berkeley: Jamie Riley, Assistant Dean of Students & Director, LEAD Center; Brandon Tsubaki, Director, Fraternity & Sorority Advising and Leadership Development, LEAD Center; Dylan Howser, Coordinator and CalGreeks Advising, LEAD Center ; Mike Mann, Conduct Coordinator, Center for Student Conduct; I; Leona Chen, Coordinator, Happy Neighbors ; Karen Hughes, Coordinator PartySafe@Cal, University Health Services-Tang Center ; Mary-Ann Spencer Cogan, Director of Human Resources, Residential Student Services Programs; Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community Relations; Jen Loy, Assistant Director, Local Government & Community Relations

Agenda Items and Summary notes below:

I. Welcome and 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 on Student-Neighbor Relations is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the neighborhoods adjacent to the campus. Focused on facilitating communication, mutual respect and cooperation between Cal students and permanent residents, the Advisory Council's primary aim is to build good student/neighbor relations. The Advisory Council has supported good neighbor initiatives, including: [Cal Move Out](#), [Cal Move In](#), [Happy Neighbors](#), [Every Bear Goes Home](#), and health education programs like [PartySafe@Cal](#), which engage students and neighbors.

Assistant Chancellor Treadway underscored the importance of convening the Council one to two times each year, as a way of celebrating areas of collaboration and taking the pulse of this important aspect of our community. We will invite partners give updates about their work and open up the conversation to stay stock of emerging issues too.

Dean Joseph Greenway welcomed everyone, provided a brief overview of the agenda for the meeting, and expressed his appreciation for the work that campus, city and community leaders are doing to improve Student Neighbor Relations. Dean Greenwell then invited all attendees to introduce themselves.

II. ASUC & City of Berkeley Perspectives & Updates

ASUC External Affairs Vice President Marium Navid also offered thanks to all attendees and shared that she considers it both an opportunity and a privilege to participate in meetings like this where she can work with diverse representatives from the City, student groups and campus staff. Marium emphasized the need to have spaces like the Advisory Council to have the open conversations in order to develop and maintain organic relationships. Marium acknowledged

there will be some disagreements, but believes that open dialogue and good relationships can foster the respectful relationships between neighbors and student neighbors that everyone wants.

Assistant to the City Manager, Jim Hynes expressed his gratefulness at hearing Marium and campus leadership's commitment to working together. And he highlighted a few initiatives:

- He reported that the **Group Living Accommodation (GLA)** ordinance ([Resolution 13.42](#)) will take effect on March 11 but realistically won't be fully implemented until Fall 2016/January 2017. Residents should keep in mind that the city won't be actively enforcing, but will be looking at properties that have failed to comply with code enforcement and other city departments. The city is also working on exemptions, or "off ramps", with the IFC and other campus housing groups.
- Jim also provided a quick overview of Cal Move Out and Move In. The Cal Move-Out program, developed by the Advisory Council on Student-Neighbor Relations in 2007, brings together the resources of the University of California, Berkeley and the City of Berkeley in an effort to decrease the environmental and social impacts of illegal dumping in near-campus neighborhoods at the end of the academic semester. Move In was developed subsequently. Available at the meeting was the 2016 [Cal Move Out Flyer](#) which provides students and property managers with useful resources to assist them in reducing, reusing and recycling. Visit [CalMoveOut.berkeley.edu](#) for more information.

III. Community Driven Successes & Update

A. Interfraternity Council (IFC) Successes and Update

Daniel Saedi (IFC President) reported that the IFC:

- Recently implemented a hard alcohol ban and believes it has led to a sizeable reduction in calls for service (recognized fraternities only);

B. Pan-Hellenic Council (PHC) Successes & Update

Allyn Benintendi (Vice President of Risk Management) reported that the PHC is:

- Pushing for better lit crosswalk on Channing circle and to improve party security; and;
- Wants to work with campus administration to bring unrecognized fraternities back to the table;
- She also offered support for what Daniel said about transports, and believes less are coming from fraternities ;

Discussion:

- Anthony Yuen (Fire Marshall, Berkeley Fire Department) suggested that there are now more transports from dorms because RAs have increased awareness of what to do.
- Dean Greenwell expressed his appreciation for the students working to change behavior and reported that the administration is in talks with national offices of the unrecognized fraternities.

C. Berkeley Student Cooperatives (BSC) Successes & Update

Austin Pritzkat (President, Berkeley Student Cooperative):

Provided an overview of BSC statistics and outlined how proper training and supporting residential social managers at each co-op has changed the culture and increased safety.

Highlights include:

- Residential Social Managers (trained, and mandatory for parties). They manage themes, logistics planning, policies and neighborhood relations. For each party they get the permits, come up with a detailed security plan that includes emergency responses;
- There is no outside alcohol, no alcohol provided to outside guests;
- Consent education programs and a working group (peer educators) - they are leaders on campus in this effort;

D. Happy Neighbors (HN) and Party Safe Successes & Update

Leona Chen (PartySafe@Cal & Happy Neighbors Coordinator):

- Upcoming HN dates include: March 16, Dwight Hillside Happy Neighbor Meeting to discuss strategies for end of year and preparing for the fall semester;
- Spring & Fall Clark Kerr Happy Neighbor meetings and Residential Hall trainings;
- Off-Campus Housing Fair: HN and PartySafe@Cal will be on hand to distribute materials;

Ruben Lizardo (Director, Local Government and Community Relations) added that a big part of HN includes working with UC Police Department and Berkeley Police Department to track second responses and send student interns to visit historically high risk properties for peer education;

- Student-led, Our House campaign, promoting early intervention for intoxication and working with student party-throwers to standardize alcohol management.

[Our house has four steps:](#)

1. Easily accessible water;
2. Ban hard liquor in common areas;
3. Trained and sober alcohol servers to intervene for intoxication;
4. Sober security to keep capacity below the maximum;

Karen Hughes (PartySafe@Cal Coordinator) added that this is a 3-year campaign that will build on its own success. Staff and student leaders hope to continue to identify best practices, grow and sustain the program with the goal of creating a safe environment for everyone at student-led parties.

E. Community-driven Successes & Updates

Jacquelyn McCormick (President, Claremont/Elmwood Neighborhood Association) shared her appreciation for the university work with her and other neighborhoods association on good neighbor issues at Clark Kerr. She also thanked Leona Chen and Karen Hughes for the consistently good work via the Happy Neighbors Program. According to Jacquelyn joint meetings with Residential Student Services Program, Clark Kerr Conference, UCPD, Parking and Transportation, and local Government & Community Relations leaders and staff has resulted in the development of a joint work-plan that features:

- Education about quiet hours for incoming students by Resident Assistants and Resident Directors;
- Agreed-upon protocols for responding to neighbor generated noise complaints;
- Steps to address summer conference issues;

F. Open discussion:

- Summer Renters
 - A community member agreed that getting to know your neighbors is key to establishing and maintaining a good relationship. But is concerned that fraternities and houses don't understand the impact of summer renters. He asked: how do you control them? ;
 - The IFC VP reported that IFC is working on a more centralized vetting process ;
 - Jim Hynes suggested that the IFC included this in its exception clause work and identify a summer resident;
 - Brandon Tsubaki (LEAD center) reports that they are working on improving summer housing contracts and will talk to national if it is rented to affiliated chapters. He also reported that there are student conduct repercussions for summer offenses;
 - Ruben reminded attendees that ultimately the property owners are responsible and that the GLA can be used as a tool for accountability;
 - Jacquelyn suggested that the IFC and LEAD center review the Clark Kerr Campus summer contracts for promising practices (responsible party, language about city ordinances, etc.);

- Mitchell Stieg (IFC VP of Risk Management) reported that the IFC did hold people accountable after summer party issues, and that they are improving their standards board;
- Affordable housing
 - Many attendees commented on the need to partner to address affordable housing needs -- for students and the larger community. As public institutions, the university and the city are accountable on this issue. (Jacquie, Ruben, Jim, Joseph and more);
 - A next step for this advisory council is to try to involve key property owners in this work;

IV. Spring dates and next steps

Dean Greenwell thanked all participants again and committed to convening this Advisory Council each semester. He looks forward to supporting the work that it takes to create a safe environment for students and a good relationship between neighbors and students.

- Spring dates:
 - April 5: City Council meeting to address affordable housing
 - PartySafe@Cal awards: Nominations by 3/18 and party on 4/13 - <http://goo.gl/forms/D29IF5Rcrh>
 - Cal Day: 4/16 - calday.berkeley.edu
 - Cal Move Out: Mid to late May - CalMoveOut.berkeley.edu
- Next Steps
 - The City of Berkeley is working on a property owners network
 - Identify best time for reconvening SNAC
 - Early in the semester, 6pm works for students and neighbors

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

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