

Dwight Hillside Happy Neighbors Meeting & IFC Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting
Wednesday, October 2, 7 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
Garden Room, Clark Kerr Campus

Summary Notes and Action Items

Action Items

- Contact Dylan Howser and Jeff Woods (contact below) if you've identified a senior house that is a GLA that houses a fraternity or sorority or unregistered student organization unofficially. Please cc Jen Loy.
- Contact contact Jen Loy and Jeff Woods, for houses that appear to house Cal Athletic teams.
- Use 311 for reporting a nuisance to the city! It is necessary to track addresses and enforce ordinances.
- Several neighbors expressed concerns about scooter safety and parking enforcement. Jen will follow up with Athletics and keep Berkeley Police in the loop.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- IFC Quarterly Meeting, 12/11, 7 to 8pm
 - location TBD (email Dylan for more information)
 - topics: Noise, Trash, and Event Management
- End of Fall semester
 - Last Day of Instruction 12/13
 - Final Examinations 12/16–12/20
 - Fall Semester Ends 12/20
 - [Winter Commencement](#) 12/21, 9 am, Haas Pavilion
- Spring semester dates of interest
 - Spring Semester Begins 1/14
 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, 1/20
 - Instruction Begins 1/21,
 - Spring Recess Monday, 3/23–3/27
 - Cal Day 4/18
 - Spring commencement, 5/16
- The City is initiating a study of zoning ordinance changes designed to increase housing density in the 28 blocks south of the UC campus ("the Southside"). The Planning Commission has established a Southside Subcommittee to review potential amendments to be studied in an environmental analysis. The first meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 17th, at [1947 Center Street](#). For more information, or to be included on a mailing list, please contact the project manager, Elizabeth Greene, at ategreene@cityofberkeley.info.

Learn more about UC-related events: [UC Berkeley Registrar Academic Calendar](#); [UC Berkeley Events](#).

Summary Notes

I. Welcome, Introductions

- More than 50 people convened in the Garden Room on Berkeley's Clark Kerr Campus, including long-time neighbors who have lived in the area for more than 30 years and student neighbors who are new to the neighborhood; as well as staff from the city and campus, and a robust representation from the Interfraternal Council.
- The staff of Clark Kerr Campus were thanked for providing the location.

II. Updates and Reporting Process Reminders

A. IFC Reporting

- Dylan Howser, NIC VP for Campus Operations and Frank Albergo, Fraternity & Sorority Advising & Leadership Development Coordinator, provided a reminder about reporting processes for nuisance issues. For concerns or complaints about fraternities/sororities or "senior houses" that appear to have fraternity/sorority members living in them, contact Dylan Howser (you can call his cell: 630 777 8737) and Jeff Woods (contact info below). Reports to Dylan and Jeff can be escalated to the fraternity's or sorority's National Headquarters and/or UC Berkeley's Office of Student Conduct.
- CAT: The Cal Greeks Alcohol Task Force Co-president Liam Howell provided a reminder about the work of CAT and a brief overview. CAT is a group of students from various backgrounds that work with the greek councils towards a safer and more educated community with respect to alcohol. CAT has a double mission: Monitor the social events of the greek community in order to ensure all safety rules are being followed. Educate students to a responsible way of partying and drinking alcohol. See the attached pdf that captures data from the first 5 weeks of the semester and indicates that nuisance behavior associated with fraternity parties and drinking is trending toward improvement. Something that neighbors in attendance agreed with. Contact Cat.president@calgreeks.com to learn more.

B. Center for Student Conduct

- Ben Fils, Associate Director of the Center for Student Conduct encouraged attendees to report any issues that might be a violation of the campus [Code of Conduct](#) to the Center for Student Conduct. Ben emphasized the shared want for Berkeley to be a place we all want to live and expressed appreciation for new energy on campus, as well as new student and community leadership for improved partnership. He invites people to help explore with him innovative ways to partner with the center and looks forward to hearing from neighbors and students alike.
- Ben also provided an overview of the role of Student Conduct.

- You can learn more by visiting: <https://sa.berkeley.edu/conduct>; report a conduct issue at <https://sa.berkeley.edu/conduct/report> or email studentconduct@berkeley.edu.
- The [Center for Student Conduct](#) (CSC) contributes to the holistic development of students by administering the Code of Student Conduct through equitable practices that promote education, foster a sense of accountability, and encourage community responsibility and mutual respect.
- When filing a report, please collect as much information as possible (<https://sa.berkeley.edu/conduct/report>)
- Due to privacy protections established by the provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, the CSC will not release any information regarding that student or incident. Limited information can be shared on an educational “need to know” basis, i.e. (discipline outcomes with the Office of the Registrar and/or the student’s college.
- Investigations and relevant responses can include: connecting the student to other resources on campus for further education or an administrative hearing.
- The voicemail for the Center for Student Conduct is: (510) 643-9069. Staff aim to respond within 48 hours.

C. Berkeley Police Department

- Officer Harley and Sargeant Rafferty provided information about BPD reporting processes, answered questions and offered suggestions for safe parties, good neighbor relations, and thoughtful interactions with first responders.
 - Call 911 for emergencies;
 - Berkeley Police Department – Non Emergency 510 981-5900
 - 510 981 5911 is [like dialing 911 from your cell](#).
 - Consider the difference between calling to report a nuisance versus an emergency: use your judgement to gauge how serious an issue is — BPD’s website [defines an emergency](#) as “an imminent threat to life or property.” Robberies and sexual assault are emergencies. Nuisance issues might include loud, rowdy groups, illegally parked vehicles, public intoxication and/or loud parties.
 - The officers reminded students and neighbors alike to treat first responders as they would like to be treated; that officers have body cameras; that while BPD has patrols, the city is complaint driven, so call the non emergency line (510 981-5900) to report issues; and how the city’s 2nd response policy ([BMC 13.48.030](#)) can result in a house going on probation for 120 days and fines that start at \$100 and can reach \$2500

- During the discussion about hosting parties, BPD suggested to students that they need to maintain perimeter control to ensure the safety of residents and their guests.
- BFD and others suggested that party throwers make sure that the (sober) house manager or a designated individual is available for concerned neighbors or first responders to talk to.

D. Office of Neighborhood Services

- Bre Slimick, representing Neighborhood Services and the City Manager's office reminded attendees that the City is complaint-driven and encouraged everyone to call 311 for reporting nuisances because it is necessary to track addresses and enforce ordinances.
- Residents of Group Living Accommodations (GLA)s or neighbors can register a concern at 311 anonymously; and the safety of residents of GLAs will be the priority of code enforcement.
- She also provided a GLA tip sheet/FAQ (see attached).
- [See Click Fix](#) is an app everyone should download to report potholes, etc. to the City.
- Attendees would like to have Berkeley Police Department attend future PP/HN meetings.
- 311 can also be used to report illegal dumping; to order extra garbage service, and more. Always start here!

III. Partnerships and Resources, Community Expectations and more

A. Berkeley Student Cooperative Partnerships

- Ella Smith, the [Berkeley Student Cooperative](#) newly elected Vice President for External Affairs, shared some background about the BSC and highlighted two partnerships. The BSC has over 1300 student members living in or eating at our seventeen houses and three apartment cooperatives around the UC Berkeley campus. Highlights included:
 - The BSC has developed and delivers trainings that have increased the safety of BSC members and their guests, and reducing student risk. Topics of these trainings include consent, noise and nuisance ordinances, how to engage with police and first responders.
 - [Helping Berkeley Seniors in their Homes](#) was a partnership between the BSC and the City's Department of Aging Services, funded by the [Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund](#) (CCPF). Over the course of two years, the initiative paired together seniors with volunteer students from the BSC in order to assist the seniors with small tasks in and around their homes. This initiative sought to

increase community cohesion and improve community safety and was very popular.

- [Cooperative Reuse](#) was a partnership with the City that took place during the Cal Move Out period at the end of the spring semester (2018 and 2019). A small BSC team collected students' reusable household items and donated them to community members. In 2019 alone, 500 students living off campus on the southside requested this recycling service, thousands of household items found new homes, hundreds of mattresses were recycled, and tons of trash was diverted. It was also initially funded by the CCPF as well.
- Ella encouraged attendees and community members to reach out to her to collaborate on improving or sharing promising practices on trainings, community engagement ment and more.
- These updates were appreciated by the attendees.

B. Greening the Greeks

- Tyler Dale, Vice President of Sustainability, gave an update about the mission and progress of the Greening the Greeks GTG, which he co-chairs with Maddie Dolan, the Panhellenic Council's VP of Sustainability. GTG's mission is to educate, inform, and inspire the Greek community about sustainable living by conservation of energy and reduction of waste. GTG seek to educate the community, and provide the necessary tools for living a greener life.
- Tyler reported that over 100 members of the Greek community attended the first meeting of GTG, demonstrating a deep interest and support for sustainability. Activities including trash walks during events (inside and outside of IFC residences); post game-day clean ups; connecting housing corporation managers with Waste Management professionals; delivering education and resources to improve the sustainability culture.
- In response to questions, Tyle provided his phone number for people to call to report about overflowing trash or recycling concern: (303) 618-3665; ifc.sustainability@calgreeks.com. Please also contact Dylan Howser as well: (630) 777 8737 dylan.howser@nicfraternity.org.
- This progress was appreciated by attendees.

IV. IFC Quarterly Report

A. Review IFC Quarterly Report

- Dylan Howser provided an overview of the report (see attached). Highlights include: To date, there have been no exhibit B's on 1.5 to 2 years and there have been fewer exhibit A's as well.

- Dylan encouraged neighbors and community members to contact him directly if the report is missing anything.

B. Review any specific issues neighbors are having

- Neighbor highlighted concerns about: The swimming pool at Alpha Delta Phi (2422 Prospect St) is problematic in the summer and early fall.
 - Action item: Dylan will talk to the chapter president.
- Scooter safety and parking violations (Hillside/Dwight, Prospect, and red curb/fire hydrant.)
 - GCR and BPD will follow up with Cal Athletics and other campus departments; and BPD will investigate, with the potential to increase citations.
- Develop action items for IFC/NIC

Contact information

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UCPD - <http://ucpd.berkeley.edu/>

Office of Student Conduct - sa.berkeley.edu/code-of-conduct (510) 643 9069

PartySafe - uhs.berkeley.edu/psafe/

Government & Community Relations - <http://chancellor.berkeley.edu/gcr/local-community>
City issues: call 311

Happy Neighbors

Happy Neighbors seeks to create awareness and optimal neighbor relations through peer education and outreach. Launched in 2009 in the Parker-Piedmont Neighborhood, Happy Neighbors educates students and their neighbors about community expectations, relevant policies and laws, and police and student conduct procedures for possible alcohol, party, and noise-related violations. Happy Neighbors messages are promoted through the use of various media and outreach methods, often in partnership with PartySafe@Cal

To engage with students, Happy Neighbors staff and student health workers meet with students one-on-one. To engage with neighbors, Happy Neighbors staff attends neighborhood council meetings to provide [resources](#), tips, and [Quiet Zone](#) signs. Also in attendance are UC Berkeley staff from a variety of departments including Government and Community Relations, University Health Services and PartySafe@Cal the LEAD Center/Greek Life, Center for Student Conduct, and the Berkeley Police Department Southside Safety Patrol.