

Student-Neighbor Relations Advisory Council
Wednesday, October 4th 2017, 6 to 8pm
Anna Head Alumnae Hall
2537 Haste St, Berkeley

Summary Notes and Action Items

Co-convened by:

Joseph Greenwell, Dean of Students, UC Berkeley; Rigel Robinson, External Affairs Vice President, Associated Students of the University of California; Shallon Allen, City Manager's Office, City of Berkeley; Ruben Lizardo, Director of Local Government and Community Relations (GCR), UC Berkeley

Action Items/Next Steps:

- Promote the City of Berkeley's Workshop on the Implementation of GLA Ordinance to our networks
- SNAC Conveners will consider the suggestion to solicit reports that can be reviewed ahead of the next meeting; to allow more time for brainstorming new collaboration at the meeting.
- Members will send Leona or Jen topics of interest to work on at the next meeting
- SNAC Conveners will consider expanding focus of Council to address issues in the neighborhoods North and West of campus; Local GCR Team will work on this.
- Schedule of future convenings (GCR)

Attendance:

ASUC and student leaders:

Rigel Robinson, Jonathan Morris (Graduate Assembly EAVP), EJ Morera (IFC), Rizza Estacios & Zach Gamelieli (BSC), Amir Wright, Julia Lee, Zach Carter, and Matt Lewis (ASUC)

Community members:

Stuart Baker (TBID), Inger McMillan (G-House), Sid Ladireddy (BPOA), Dylan Houser (National Interfraternity Council), Phil Bokovoy (Southside Neighborhood Consortium), Linda Burden (LeConte Association)

City of Berkeley:

Shallon Allen, Erin Steffen (Berkeley City Manager Office, Assistant to the City Manager), Kriss Worthington (Council Member District 7), Molly Kraus & Amma Sarkodee (interns, CM Lori Droste District 7), Sean Tinney, Berkeley Police Department

UC Berkeley:

Dean Joseph Greenwell, Glenn DeGuzman (RSSP), Jeff Woods (LEAD Center), Lt. Bill Kasiske (UCPD), Christian Bucey, Ben Fils, and Michael Tran-Taylor (CSC), Ruben Lizardo, Jen Loy, and Leona Chen (GCR)

Summary Notes of Meeting (track against Agenda):

Welcome

Dean Joseph Greenwell and EAVP Rigel Robinson kicked off the event with an ice breaker, asking which community issues this group would like to work on this year.

- Top three issues were: housing, public safety, and folks in new roles hoping to increase collaboration with other units

Council History

Ruben Lizardo thanked everyone and provided a brief history of the [Advisory Council for Student Neighbor Relations](#).

- The Council was originally created as a campus-collaboration to address resident's concerns about the impacts of larger numbers of students living in the South Side. Subcommittees or taskforces were formed to work on specific issues.
- Systems, programs and initiatives were developed to address student-neighbor issues.
- Recently, neighbors and students have brought fewer concerns to this body; reporting that the systems that have been developed are working; communication has improved between neighbors, city agencies and student groups via the various collaborative efforts.

Noting this was her final Advisory Council meeting, Shallon Allen thanked the thousands of students who she has worked with to make the city a better, safer, more welcoming place. Allen encouraged the Council members to take a page from these efforts; to develop actionable next steps that can be taken immediately to address the concern raised in SNAC meetings.

Brief Updates

4 by 6 (City/UC/Student Relations Committee)—Rigel

- A special committee with 4 members of city council, 4 student leaders, 2 campus staff members
- Seeks to meet twice a semester to address high level issues like the GLA ordinance and housing

- In the process of scheduling the first convening of this semester

Changes in Neighborhood Services-- Shallon

- Shallon has accepted a new role in Event Services and is leaving Neighborhood Services
- Erin Steffen, Assistant to the City Manager, will replace Shallon as Convener, representing the City of Berkeley. In her 4th week at the City of Berkeley, Erin is happily busy and will be overseeing Animal Services, Neighborhood Services, Special Events, Code Enforcement, Vision 2020, and will be the campus liaison for the City Manager's Office.

Interfraternity Council & Interfraternity Council Settlement—Dylan and Jeff

- Dylan Howser, formally the Fraternity Advisor at the campus LEAD Center, is now the Vice President for UC Berkeley campus operations for the National Interfraternity Council.
- For the next 5 years, he will work directly with the fraternity men and the community, to ensure compliance with the recent settlement agreement.
- He'll provide a report every quarter of IFC chapter issues, reflecting transparency in the peer monitoring and accountability process.
- Question: Are second response violations considered a violation of the settlement agreement.
 - Answer: Not as long as the fraternity is working in good faith to amend the problem
- Meanwhile, Jeff Woods and his team at the LEAD Center continues to provide advising and leadership development to IFC and Panhellenic houses.
- Regarding unrecognized (by the University) chapters, pressure is coming from national chapters to be recognized.
 - Sigma Alpha Epsilon is on a probational recognition for 2 years
 - Delta Kappa Epsilon is in the process of getting recognized
 - Phi Gamma Delta will not be recognized for this year
 - Zeta Psi will no longer be operating as a fraternity
- Suggestion: neighbors contact Dylan or Jeff directly with fraternity-related issues

Student Leadership

- The Berkeley Student Coops, in partnership with the City of Berkeley, and tapping into the student population as a volunteer base, have received two Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund grants to work on community improvement projects.

- Helping Seniors in their Homes pairs together seniors (about 30% of Berkeley's population) with students from the Berkeley Student Cooperative to assist the seniors with small tasks in and around their homes.
- Reducing Cyclical Student Waste is waste reduction and reuse program that will operate during student move in/out periods. The Berkeley Student Cooperative and the City's Department of Public works are partnering to develop a pick-up/delivery service for reusable items and identify a resell location.

Other Campus-City Coordination

- This First 8 effort is where campus and city staff, and student leadership, meets weekly to address student-risk issues by tracking data and reviewing incidents from the previous weekend and developing communication and intervention strategies to decrease student risk. These weekly meetings are also an opportunity for all partners to share their own resources and prevention strategies as each individual unit are all making impactful efforts addressing the issues of alcohol and student safety.

Neighbor updates

- City zoning needs to be updated. Some neighborhood groups are working with the City to update the appropriate sections of the Berkeley Municipal Code, and will be requesting community support for this effort.
- **Tip:** Landlords and property owners should be aware of the free bulky pick up provided by the City?
 - This is available for properties with 4 units or less
 - Fliers, outreach, and presentations are made at Berkeley Property Owners Association meetings
 - If you see trash or furniture on the street, document it and contact 311.

Looking Ahead

Convening of the Advisory Council

The main takeaways from this conversation follow:

- There are effective, working relationships between the community, campus, and city
- A lot is going on behind the scenes, and not much brainstorming is happening at these convenings: long-time participants miss the brainstorming.
- The decline of neighbor participation reflects that for the most part, neighbors have less concerns for the Council to address; and that systems developed by this body are working.
- To explore: proving reports that can be reviewed ahead of convenings, which could make more room for brainstorming and collaboration at the meetings

- To explore: expanding focus of Council to address issues in the neighborhoods North and West of campus
- If there are items you'd like to see in the next meeting, send to Leona at leonac@berkeley.edu

GLA Implementation Workshop

- With LEAD Center's support for outreach, the City of Berkeley, will be hosting a workshop on the City's efforts to implement the GLA Ordinance. Students and residents are invited to attend the workshop on November 16th at 6PM. Staff from Code Enforcement and Planning and other City departments will be present to provide an overview of the GLA and implementation steps that have been taken. Staff will answer questions about the intersection of the GLA with other city policy (e.g. noise ordinance).
- The workshop is not designed to serve as forum to recommend changes to the policy. Those who are interested in doing so should direct recommendations to the City Council or the Council's new Special UC/Student Relations Committee (4x6 Committee).

BPOA

- This Council is a resource to other property owners and they should be in the room
- BPOA wants to help with the housing crisis.

Closing thoughts and next steps

- Many thanks to Shallon and all the time and energy she has dedicated to the campus and community

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

IFC Community Relations Complaint form: <http://www.calgreeks.com/community-relations/>

Happy Neighbors: <http://chancellor.berkeley.edu/gcr/local-community/programs-initiatives#happy>

LEAD Center: lead.berkeley.edu

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

UC Berkeley Event information:

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

UC Berkeley Events: events.berkeley.edu

Have a comment you want to share? Send email comments to JenLoy@Berkeley.edu or leonac@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