

MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD-UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Teresa O'Neill (Chair)

Mayor Lisa Gillmor

Councilmember Debi Davis

Meeting Minutes October 22, 2018

Committee Members Present Councilmember Teresa O'Neill-Chair

Mayor Lisa Gillmor

Councilmember Debi Davis

Staff Members Present Director of Community Development, Andrew Crabtree

Planning Manager, Reena Brilliot

Chief of Police, Mike Sellers

Code Enforcement Technician, Juan Padilla

Principal Planner, Lesley Xavier

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gillmor at 7:00 p.m.

II. Public Presentations

There were two speakers. The first speaker stated that noise and sound amplification was down 85% and thanked the students for being considerate. The speaker then thanked Police Chief Sellers for having police presence in the community. The speaker also praised Santa Clara University for enforcing values and work in the community. The second speaker brought up issues on Panelli Place stating that the students are out of control, and that parties are too loud and too noisy. The speaker has reached out to the University and the police department and has requested that the police fine students and track calls for service better. Mayor Gillmor requested the speaker to provide addresses to police department to follow-up on complaints.

III. Reports and Discussion

a. Recent Land Development Activity

Reena Brilliot presented a map of ten on-going and planned projects in and around the University area. She also mentioned the construction of the Charney Hall, the new Law School, Residence Hall and the review of the new STEM building for Santa Clara University.

b. Zoning Code Update

Zoning designations on parcels are represented by a specific color on the City's Zoning Code map that references which one of the Zoning Districts is applicable to each parcel. The Zoning Code itself lays out the frame work for how development can occur in particular Zoning Districts including the permitted uses and setbacks. The new Zoning Code will reflect the current General Plan that reflects the vision and growth of the City. The new Zoning Code will be brought forth to City Council in the summer of 2019. The Community Development department will also address boarding houses, group living accommodations and high density housing and what the current code requires for these uses and what challenges may arise in modifying the requirements for these uses.

c. Recent Code Enforcement Activity

Andrew Crabtree gave an update on Team 300, which is a partnership between the City and Santa Clara University. Team 300 participated in the University's annual Walk About proactively informing students of common City code violations. Team 300 also participates in six weekend days of code enforcement to address nuisance related issues in the University area. Code Enforcement has issued seven citations for the new school year.

d. Police Education and Enforcement Efforts

Police Chief, Mike Sellers introduced Officer Dustin Silva to the Nuisance Suppression Unit. Chief Sellers informed the public about the proactive steps that the police department has done in the community. Chief Sellers stated that Team 200 patrols the University area on Friday and Saturday night. Chief Sellers stated that Nuisance Suppression contacted 67 properties and handed out educational information. A week later, along with the University of Student Life, the police department made contact with 180 units educating students. Chief Sellers stated that the police department also made contact with 1500 incoming freshman. This gives the department an opportunity to interact with freshman and educate freshman how to interact with the police department. Chief Seller also spoke about the importance of speaking with nearby businesses and alcohol sales to under aged students. Chief Sellers stated that in the past the police department would only cite the students. The police department now cites the property owner to make the individual more accountable.

e. Off-Campus Living Office updates

Kimberly Gilkey, Assistant Dean for Off Campus of Student Life is focused on off campus living of students. Their focus is to be advocates for students, educate students and respond to the community. The University has neighborhood ambassadors that speak to students about how to be a good neighbor, educate students on code enforcement activity. The Walkabout is arranged by Santa Clara University was done in collaboration with Police, code enforcement and neighborhood ambassadors and took place on September 22nd. Each group

handed out educational brochures to all off campus students. Kimberly Gilkey invited the neighborhood to 862 Market Street to get to know the students and staff to have a BBQ. Allie Cionco, Off Campus Area Coordinator gave the public information to their office locations for anyone interested in information related to the police department or code enforcement. Student government presented information to the public related to on-going events on campus and in the community. Students would like the residents to get to know them at these functions. Students also stated that any resident interested in keeping up with upcoming events can look on Facebook or sign up with the City of Santa Clara through e-notify.

IV. Scheduling of Next NURC Meeting

Next meeting date is February 4, 2019

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.