



**CLU Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting Minutes**  
**August 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Lundring Events Center**

CLU Staff Members in attendance:

Valerie Crooks, Senior Project Manager for Facilities  
Robin Fielding, Administrative Assistant for University Relations  
Mark Jacobsen, Director of Facilities Management  
Cindy Keitel, Community Relations Coordinator  
Fred Miller, Director Campus Public Safety  
Dan Slattery, Director of Auxiliary Services  
Ryan VanOmmeren, Associate Vice President of Facilities

Law Enforcement in attendance:

Sgt. Rick Harwood, Ventura County Sheriff Department

City of Thousand Oaks in attendance:

Beth Baden, Public Works

Conejo Recreation and Park District in attendance:

Sarah Rickert

32 Neighbors in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Meeting Purpose:** An open forum to review and resolve neighbor issues related to CLU operations and events and to provide updates on campus construction projects. These meetings are hosted by CLU and offered as a community service to neighbors who live within 500 feet of the University.

**Introductions**

Ryan VanOmmeren, Associate Vice President of Facilities, opened the meeting and introduced the University staff, Conejo Recreation and Park District, City of Thousand Oaks, and law enforcement in attendance.

## Parking

A discussion ensued regarding parking issues at the Junior Olympics which was held at CLU July 29 through August 2.

Ryan explained the University is working with the City of Thousand Oaks on options to control parking. Beth Baden from the City of Thousand Oaks Public Works department stated that the City could put a program in place to control parking on the neighborhood streets. CLU would issue parking passes to the neighbors. The passes would need to be displayed on any car parked on the street. Any car parked on the street not displaying a parking pass would be subject to ticketing by the sheriff or police. It would be up to the neighbors to ask the city to implement the program and up to the neighbors to monitor the program's effectiveness. Ryan added that the University would like feedback from the neighbors as they research how other cities handle parking issues.

- S. A neighbor said there was a problem with people parking in the North Oaks Condominium complex and there was noise coming from the Samuelson Aquatics Center.
- R. Dan recommended the speakers be adjusted into the campus core to prevent the noise from traveling.
- Q. A neighbor asked why there is so much traffic and why parking is overflowing into the neighborhood.
- R. Ryan responded that the University has thousands of open spaces to park. We have to control the behavior of the people visiting campus so when they return they will understand the logistics. Fred suggested an option to more closely patrol and ticket the streets since punitive measures do work. This would require the neighborhood residences agreeing to having restricted parking on their streets and the willingness to have citations issued for not having a parking permit during CLU games to park on their streets. The Sheriff Representative recommended that CLU first look at what CLU could do to better enforce the contracts with the outside groups which require the groups to have their participant's park on campus and not city streets. Charging an additional fee to groups that could be refunded in the group participants parked on campus as required was also suggested.
- Q. A neighbor asked how to get communication out to the event attendees regarding where to park. The neighbor said the signs that read LOT FULL did not direct people where to go.
- R. Ryan stated that the University contracted with a security company and used Campus Security to direct traffic. He agreed the signage could have been better. A neighbor suggested taking a deposit from the Junior Olympics to hold them accountable for parking. She added that the event could be closed down until the parking issues are solved.
- Q. A University Village resident asked how people will get in and out of the football stadium. He is concerned about a flood of people causing a traffic jam on Campus Drive and Olsen Road.
- R. Fred responded with two options that allow traffic to flow from North Campus Drive onto Olsen:
  - Activating the pedestrian crosswalk timer to allow more traffic to go from north Campus Drive onto Olsen Road.

- Have a public safety officer at the frontage road coming from Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center onto north Campus Drive. This would prevent the traffic turning left on north Campus Drive from blocking southbound traffic.

Ryan added that we are a Division III football team, the majority of people coming would be students walking over the bridge from the dorms and that most people will park on south campus. Ryan said after the first game of the season the rest of the games don't draw that many people. Sgt. Harwood stated that high schools draw a larger crowd and that the stadium holds less people. Ryan stated we need to make sure the University controls the parking.

Q. A neighbor asked when the stadium construction would start.

R. Valerie commented that the construction will start at the end of November or beginning of December 2010 and would be complete by the summer of 2011.

A neighbor who lives on Virgo Court voiced his concern about the danger of making a U-turn to go west on Olsen Road. A neighbor suggested changing the signal to read No Turn on Red. Sgt Harwood said the sign is an option the City Of Thousand Oaks could research. A neighbor said it would be the same as the problem at Pederson and Olsen Road. A neighbor said the same problem was occurring with cars exiting the community pool onto Mountclef Boulevard. He said that drivers are not obeying the Right Turn Only sign. He added that drivers are not slowing down at the speed bumps.

Ryan notified the neighbors that August 28 and 29 would be a busy weekend with students, parents and football players returning to campus. Ryan explained that the University has the largest enrollment ever which includes 2,200 undergraduate students and 1,500 ADEP? and graduate students.

### **Projects Update**

Valerie Crooks, Senior Project Manager for Facilities, gave an update on the CLU construction projects. She explained that the University buildout continues to follow the 1999 approved Master Plan which includes the football stadium, Grace and Trinity residence halls and the Swenson Center, in addition to the facilities that have been completed to date on North Campus. She explained that in 2002/2003 the University processed a major modification through the City of Thousand Oaks Planning Commission to approve all the facilities currently on the North Campus Master Plan, including the football stadium, GSFC, Samuelson Aquatics Center, Ullman Stadium, softball field, and the other practice fields. At the same time, the University was selling the land for University Village to Continuing Life Communities, and the entitlement for University Village was approved at the same Planning Commission Hearing in December 2003 as the CLU Master Plan for North Campus. This is in the public record. The management of Continuing Life Communities were fully aware of the details of the University's athletic facilities construction plans, and they have not changed appreciably from the approved master plan. Valerie noted that she had been the University's representative for the CLU Planning Commission hearing for the North Campus Master Plan, and also was the CLU representative at the subsequent (same night) Planning Commission hearing for University Village. She added she can provide people with a copy of the CLU Master Plan or they can view it on the University's website. She pointed out that the

University (Advancement, Public Relations, and Project Management) have always been happy to provide information regarding current and future CLU buildout plans to real estate agents, and prospective buyers in the neighborhood to help them evaluate their purchase. She did participate in a meeting in 2002/2003 with CLU Administration and Continuing Life Communities Management in which the importance of full disclosure of the CLU North Campus Master Plan was stressed to the Continuing Life Communities personnel. She observed that a large scale plan of the CLU North Campus Master Plan was present in the UVTO sales information office initially.

- KCLU Broadcast Center – grading has started.
- Early Childhood Center groundbreaking was today. Will be receiving building permits next week. Expected completion is summer of 2011.
- Swenson Center is ready for occupancy. They are working on lighting issues.
- William Rolland Stadium – grading will start in November. Expected completion will be the end of the summer of 2011.

Q. A neighbor who lives on Faculty Street asked if the fence recently installed at the Swenson Center was permanent.

R. Valerie responded that the fence is permanent and is required to secure and enclose the gas meter and transformer. Valerie added that the University would be landscaping around the fencing.

Q. A neighbor asked if the light on the outside of the Swenson Center building would be on all the time.

R. Valerie responded yes the lights would be on at night to comply with safety codes.

S. A neighbor stated the University's electric car lights shine into her house when they drive on the spine at the Swenson Center.

R. Fred responded he will ask the University's security not to face the electric car towards her house.

Q. A neighbor asked if there were any plans to paint the Benson House.

R. No.

Q. A neighbor asked how she could find out which houses have students living in them and are owned by CLU.

R. Ryan responded that the University will provide signage on homes owned by CLU. Ryan added that the neighbor is welcome to stop by the Facilities Office to find out which houses are owned by CLU.

Q. A neighbor asked if there are plans to paint the curbs on Pioneer Avenue.

R. Mark responded the University will have the curbs painted by next summer.

Q. A neighbor who lives at University Village voiced concern regarding University Village residents being informed before signing their purchase contracts and lease agreement about William Rolland Stadium construction.

R. Valerie responded that there was a sign posted on Campus Drive at the north end of the University's property stating that there would be athletic facilities built. She pointed out that it was the responsibility of Continuing Life Communities to notify the prospective residents regarding the CLU construction plans. She also noted that a number of prospective residents of University Village had attended the Planning Commission hearings for the two projects (CLU North Campus Athletic

Facility Master Plan and University Village development) and would have been fully informed of the buildout. Valerie added the University has always had an open policy of providing information about the University's Master Plan. She said that University Village had a copy of the University's Master Plan in their sales office.

Q. A University Village neighbor asked if he can see the document that shows the sale of the land between CLU and University Village.

R. Valerie responded that this is not a public document and would not be made available.

Q. A University Village resident asked if he could get information from the City Hall Planning Commission meeting in December of 2003.

R. Valerie responded the City of Thousand Oaks has archives of the Planning Commission meetings and information regarding the meetings can be found online.

S. Scott Polzin stated that he would be happy to put the University's Master Plan map in the University Village Sales Office.

### **Review of Last Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes were reviewed

### **Open Forum (Q-Question, R-Response, S-Statement)**

Q. A neighbor asked if there were plans for the chicken coops.

R. Ryan responded that the E Building would be coming down within the next six weeks.

Q. A neighbor asked why the stadium lighting was increased from 60 to 100 feet.

R. Valerie responded that the standards needed to be higher for the following reasons:

- The lights must be placed in the stadium structure and are further away from the field, so they need to be higher to get light to the center of the field.
- It is important to create even lighting over the field and above the field, particularly for football which has an aerial component to the play (kickoffs, punts and field goals)
- The higher lights focus the light onto the field and minimizes overspill around the field
- Studies find that it is beneficial for the neighbors to have the higher light standards

Q. A neighbor asked if there will be night games at William Rolland Stadium.

R. There are a total of five home football games, one will be at night. The football stadium will be used at night for soccer, intramurals, and other club sports. The hours the lights can be on are:

- Sunday – Thursday until 10:00 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday until 11:00 p.m.

Q. A neighbor asked if other people would be using the football stadium.

R. Valerie responded yes, there would be some outside use, but it is expected to be minimal since there is a high demand from CLU constituents to schedule the field. We will have some of our existing outside use such as La Reina HS, soccer, etc. Ryan added that it is anticipated that the stadium will be used every night by the following:

- CLU practices
- Club teams

- Intramural teams
- La Reina

A neighbor ended the meeting on a positive note by saying that she knows these Neighborhood Meetings can be intense but she wanted to thank the University for keeping the campus safe and beautiful. She added that she appreciates what everyone at CLU does.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

**The date for the next quarterly meeting will be announced at a later time.**