



Meeting Minutes

CLU Quarterly Neighborhood Outreach Meeting

July 1, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Lundring Events Center

CLU staff members in attendance:

Ryan VanOmmeren, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance

Valerie Crooks, Senior Project Manager

Fred Miller, Director of Campus Safety and Security

Dan Slattery, Director of Conferences and Events

Lynda Fulford, Senior Director of Communications and Community Relations

Cindy Keitel, Community Relations Coordinator

Robin Fielding, Administrative Assistant, Marketing and Communications

Natasha Windle, Project Assistant

Olivia Hancock, Project Assistant

Conejo Recreation and Park District

Tom Hare, Parks and Planning Division

17 neighbors in attendance/26 attendees

Meeting Purpose: An open forum to review and resolve neighbor issues related to CLU operations and events and provide updates on Campus construction projects. These meetings are hosted by CLU and offered as a community service to neighbors who live within 1,000 feet of the University.

Introductions

Ryan VanOmmeren, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance, opened the meeting and introduced the University staff in attendance. Olivia Hancock will be replacing Natasha Windle as Project Assistant. He also introduced Tom Hare from the Conejo Recreation and Park District who said that he would present more information on the new pool and programming at the next meeting.

Neighbors and Visitors Web Pages

Cindy Keitel, Community Relations Coordinator, gave a presentation on the CLU Web site. She demonstrated how to navigate the *Neighbors and Visitors* pages and where to find news and information on the *Building and Improvements* pages. She demonstrated how to sign up for periodic e-newsletter updates and pointed out the contact information for Community Relations, the Community Response Hotline, and the Public Works Department for the City of Thousand Oaks.

The Public Works phone numbers on the Web page link include:

After Hour Emergencies	(805) 496-6084
Animal Care and Control	(818) 991-0071
Environmental Programs Hotline	(805) 449-SAVE
Emergency Preparedness	(805) 449-2453
Graffiti Removal Hotline	(805) 449-2488
Street Light Repair	(800) 611-1911
Traffic Signal Information	(805) 449-2400
Public Transit Services	(805) 375-5473
Streets/Landscaping.	(805) 449-2499
Water/Wastewater Billing	(805) 449-2201

For more information, neighbors can contact the Public Works Department at (805) 449-2400.

Keitel introduced Elmer Ramsey who is the conductor of CRPD's Fourth of July "Concert in the Park" and invited meeting attendees to a special Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival performance of "As You Like It" on July 12.

A neighbor suggested moving the Neighborhood Meeting information to the top of the Web page.

Street Safety Issues

Fred Miller, Director of Campus Safety and Security, addressed neighbor concerns regarding street markers on the north side of Campus Drive. The city recently posted traffic signs to slow traffic and created delineation stripes down the middle of the street to help with directing traffic. A neighbor said, "Thank you very much for the lines." Miller will approach the city regarding continued safety concerns and other things that could be done.

Several neighbors voiced concerns regarding street parking on Mountclef and McAfee. A neighbor complained that people are parking on both sides of Mountclef allowing for only one lane of traffic. One neighbor stated that people are parking motor homes and cars that have "for sale" signs on them along the entrance to the street and blocking sight lines. One neighbor commented that no one was paying attention and complying with the no-parking signs. Miller said he would talk to the city and report back to the group on what could be done.

Campus Vandalism

Fred Miller introduced the new Security Department uniform (i.e. shirts).

He said that campus vandalism is a problem. Young teens are getting into the irrigation systems and breaking sprinklers and flooding fields. He mentioned that CLU has caught several teens and notified/called their parents. He asked for the neighbors' recommendations on how to address campus vandalism. He asked neighbors to assist in being extra "eyes and ears" in order to address the problem. The vandalism generally occurs between 9 and 10 pm during the weekend. He said to call the emergency 24-hour line at 493-3911 to report any vandalism. Neighbors could expect an immediate response. He mentioned that he has a good relationship with and the support of the Thousand Oaks

Police Department and the Ventura County Sheriff's Department. One neighbor was worried about skateboarders since they scare her dog. Another neighbor had observed an odd situation where someone had duct taped a boy to a parking sign and boys were videotaping the startled responses of people driving by.

Project Updates

Valerie Crooks, Senior Project Manager, gave an update on the north and south Campus Drive building development, which includes Trinity Residence Hall, the preschool, the KCLU building and the facilities building and yard.

Grading for Trinity Hall is under way, and the building will soon be under construction. Grading work has begun on north campus. The facilities building and yard will begin construction this year. The preschool (Early Childhood Center) and KCLU radio station buildings will begin construction once the fundraising is in place. The football stadium, Riparian Walkway and bridge to the upper field are in conceptual stages only. One neighbor asked about lighting plans for the Riparian Way. The regulatory permits that govern the Riparian Corridor and Riparian Way preclude the installation of lighting on the Riparian Way.

Grading work has begun on the six tennis courts. They will be completed in October. Valerie Crooks stated the courts will be lit but the lights will be turned off at 10:00 pm every night. The pool remains lit after hours for safety reasons.

The Community Pool is under construction. A neighbor commented that the noise abatement has been very effective.

A neighbor stated that they would prefer no trees be planted along Mountclef Boulevard as the trees interrupt their views. Valerie Crooks said that trees are planted by City ordinance, and what you'll see is a dense network of foliage screening the tennis courts.

The secondary fire access road (gated access road on north campus) is permanently open on the Campus Drive side and is used to access the playfield in the detention basin.

Parking: There will be 113 additional parking spaces bringing the north campus total to 583 parking spaces. However, 33 spaces are being lost for the Community Pool, so the net number of parking spaces on North Campus will be 550 spaces. One neighbor voiced a concern that there is not enough parking by the chapel. Miller said, "We are working on a master parking plan to cut down on the movement of student drivers."

Ryan VanOmmeren noted that KCLU radio station will have a small dish but no large antenna. All broadcast signal equipment will continue to be housed at the existing tower in the Conejo Ridge area.

Due to the construction, Valerie Crooks said that CLU will provide Terminex rodent control for one year to all affected neighbors. Neighbors with a rodent problem can contact Diane Noble, Administrative Assistant, in the Facilities Department at 493-3209. Another neighbor noted there is an over population of rabbits on Faculty Drive. Ryan VanOmmeren said he expected it will subside within a few years.

Open Forum

One neighbor stated that the street cleaner was out at 4 am on graduation day and that construction on the pool had started before 7 am since a noise sounding like a back-up alert was heard at 6:30 am.

Note: This was investigated and it was Waste Management performing trash service for the Sports & Fitness Center trash enclosure.

A neighbor mentioned that the calendar for various CLU activities was not in one location on our Web site and was difficult to find. Fulford and Cindy Keitel explained how to find neighbor information online and agreed this could be a future area to explore for improvement. A neighbor noted that they had not seen one of the marketing mailers on display that evening and was concerned that it had not been mailed out to the neighbors. Cindy Keitel offered to follow up and find out. Note: Yes, it had been mailed to CLU neighbors approximately six months prior to the July meeting.

There was an issue raised regarding street parking on Mountclef and McAfee. The neighbor noted that they were taking down license plate numbers of cars that parked blocking driveways. They asked if the "no parking" signs could be relocated or another sign added as they were too far back and out of position. Miller offered to call the Homeowners Association and get the signs readjusted as well as ask the city about adding more "no parking" signs.

A neighbor on Faculty Street voiced his concern that he did not get a response to a letter he had written CLU. Ryan VanOmmeren commented that he remembered getting his letter and had, in fact, responded. Ryan agreed to contact him to continue the discussion. Another issue the neighbor raised was regarding cars racing along Faculty Street. The neighbor suggested that the University place stop signs at the intersection. It was noted that Faculty and Luther are public streets but are maintained by the campus. Crooks commented that the campus needs the city's consent to add stop signs. Miller said, "I will pursue the issue with the city and Ventura County Sheriff's Dept," and he also added that stop signs do not work to calm traffic speeds. He also requested that neighbors write down/report the license plates of cars speeding on Faculty.

The history of changes to the speed bump height was discussed. A neighbor who has lived at 98 Faculty Street since 1969 and has a four year old asked if the speed bumps could be raised.

A neighbor mentioned that he had been waiting for several years for the residence halls to be landscaped. He asked that Ryan VanOmmeren do something to accelerate the tree planting. "Please move it up, just four trees, we're willing to help pay," said the neighbor.

Two metal halide lights that shine into a home(s) on Faculty Street were another neighbor concern. Ryan VanOmmeren agreed to meet the following week to discuss the request to put shields on the fixtures.

A neighbor complained that the music at the baseball games was too loud. It was suggested that the Athletic Director, Dan Kuntz, or the baseball coach, Martin Slimak, be contacted and made aware of this problem.

A neighbor noted that the construction fencing at the Community Pool was open on Saturday, June 28. Note: This was investigated and there was a contractor working on the pool at that time.

Miller said it was acceptable for dogs to be on a leash on campus if owners are cleaning up after them and keeping them out of fountains and away from public events.

Miller mentioned there had been a pack of coyotes sighted on north campus and to be careful when out walking.

A neighbor who lives at 98 Faculty Street requested that Ryan VanOmmeren take a look at the trees at the Benson House. Ryan VanOmmeren agreed he would take care of the trees. The neighbor also said, "I would like to thank you for all you do. I love raising my son on Faculty Street."

Miller discussed the new campus parking permit policy. Permanent stickers will be provided to residents along with 30-40 placards that residents can provide to their visitors who park on the street. He mentioned that the time restriction (street parking is allowed 7 am-7 pm) should help limit residential student parking. Miller said if one of their visitors is ticketed to come to the Welcome Center and he will automatically void the ticket.

Adjournment

Next Meeting TBA (Fall)