



## Meeting Minutes

### CLU Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting &

### Swenson Center Presentation

October 7, 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

Ritch Eich, VP Marketing/Communications

Lynda Fulford, Senior Director of Communications and Community Relations

Mark Jacobsen, Director of Facilities Management

Cindy Keitel, Community Relations Coordinator

Olivia Hancock, Project Assistant

#### Conejo Recreation and Park District

Tom Hare, Parks and Planning Division

#### 9 neighbors in attendance

**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. To present the proposed Swenson Center for Academic Excellence for the first time to the community.

#### **Introductions**

Ryan VanOmmeren, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance, opened the meeting and introduced the University staff in attendance. 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.

## **Formal Presentation of the Swenson Center for Academic Excellence**

Valerie Crooks, Senior Project Manager, gave a review of the 1999/2003 Master Plan to introduce the Swenson Center. Main points touched upon:

- 2-story academic building with classrooms on first floor and 45 faculty offices on second floor.
  - Within 35' City of Thousand Oaks height limit
  - Roof slopes away from street level, with lower side closest to Faculty Road.
  - Set back 20' from property line
  - Perimeter of the building will be well landscaped.
  - Existing large ash trees to remain.
- Displacement of students and faculty from existing buildings
  - Will not require new parking lot because no additional traffic will be generated.
- "Chicken Coops" will be demolished upon Swenson project completion.
- Majority of the gathering will be on the campus side of the building in the courtyard.
- First LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) building on campus with a number of sustainable building features.
- Building will be in operation with classes until 10:00pm, after which most lights will be turned off. During operation the light emitted is very low due to low-e glass.
- Lights will remain on at the building entrances for safety purposes.

## **Trinity Hall**

There will be 90 additional parking spaces available for use by student residents this December 2008. Overall the new parking plan has helped encourage students to walk or bike and there seems to be less of a parking problem on campus.

## **Campus Drive Development**

### **CRPD Community Pool Update**

Tom Hare, CRPD Parks & Planning Division, announced that the Community Pool will have daily programming and special user group availability year-round. A typical schedule includes; recreational swim, lap swimming, and time slots for permit groups. Community members will also have the opportunity to rent the pool privately; there is a large shade structure with a TV. Tom informed the group that the official programming meeting is scheduled for January 2009. He will have much more detailed information on programs to be offered and frequency of special user groups, etc. by the next Neighborhood Meeting.

- Neighbor concerned because he has been asking for this information for 1 ½ years.

## **Review of Last Meeting**

1. Street Cleaner issue addressed. Additional neighbor comment on recent Sept/Aug noise incident at 4:00am – could not give specifics.
2. Comprehensive CLU calendar on website – in progress

3. Cars blocking driveways on Mountclef – we have posted notes on cars and do not currently have an official answer for the request for “no parking” signs.
4. Residence Halls landscaping – Mark Jacobsen has talked with concerned neighbor and added a tree about a month ago.
5. Street lights on Faculty Road – have been shielded to reduce glare.
6. Dogs on campus – Please keep dogs on a leash at all times, we have a couple of service dogs on campus this year and they cannot be distracted by other dogs.
7. Trees at the Benson House – Mark Jacobsen looking into this.

### **Open Forum**

A neighbor asked if the heating systems for the Swenson Center will be very loud. Ryan Van Ommeren responded that a majority of the equipment will be on the North side of the building (on the interior/campus side). Also, we have specified smaller units that are water cooled, rather than one large unit.

Question was raised about the addition of extra security with the new building. Fred Miller responded that no additional security will be needed because we are not adding classrooms, only displacing existing classrooms. We will have a tighter lock down security system on this new building. Another neighbor was concerned about students loitering around the building after class. Ryan responded that usually this late at night students are ready to go home and do not socialize after class.

A couple of neighbors commented on their concerns over the neighborhood parking problems. Valerie Crooks reminded the group that there will be an additional 230 parking spaces once Trinity Hall is completed and the majority of the student residents will park here and stay here. The new Facilities Building will be located on N. Campus and this will re-route many employees to away from S. Campus as well. The new parking plan limits the student parking to the residence hall areas and does not allow them to park near the academic corridor. Fred Miller said that if anyone has problems with parking near their homes to call him directly. He also commented that the Thousand Oaks Fire Department is happy to come cite a City of Thousand Oaks parking permit if there are violators.

A neighbor asked if they can expect more parking as a part of the planning of the new science building. Valerie Crooks added that we will have to take an analysis to decide and it is possible if we increase the net population by a certain amount. Our current maximum projected growth is to 2200 students from the current 1920. When we do get to this level we will have a certain increase.

Will bicycle racks be installed near the Swenson Center? Valerie Crooks said that yes there will be on the north side of the building.

A neighbor asked if the Swenson Center will be comparable to the Ed Tech Building as far as sound and lighting are concerned? Ryan Van Ommeren said that we will be reducing both light and sound emitted from the new building as a part of the environmental building process.

A happy neighbor commented that they have noticed that parking actually has improved since the inception of the new permit parking plan. Fred Miller said thank you and added that neighbors can come to the Visitors Center to obtain guest parking permits if needed.

A neighbor commented that the workers have been bringing speakers and playing loud music in the drainage ditch. Ryan Van Ommeren said that he will take care of this.

Neighbor noted that he sometimes hears construction before 7:00am, specifically on Sept. 11. Valerie Crooks stated that the job site superintendants are on top of notifying their subcontractors of the rules.

**Adjournment: 8:30pm**

Next Meeting TBA (Winter)