



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Neighborhood-University Relations Committee

10/16/2023

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Councilmember Jain called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Park, seconded by Councilmember Jain to excuse Mayor Gillmor and Councilmember Chahal from the meeting. Motion was approved 2-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. [23-1277](#)

Reports and Discussion: Presentations by Community Development Department, Santa Clara University, and Police Department followed by community questions

Community Development Planning Manager, Lesley Xavier, provided the staff presentation on current Code Enforcement activity and procedures, long range planning, development projects, major development plans and the updated timeline for the Zoning Code update as well as information on the status of the SCU 5-year Master Plan.

Councilmember Jain suggested the Code Enforcement University handout be added to additional web pages on the city website and inquired about the University expansion plan and expressed that residents would prefer the expansion to be on the East side.

Santa Clara University Assistant Dean for Off Campus Living, Kimberly Gilkey, introduced **Sam Florio, Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services**. Kimberly presented on SCU educational events including the Walkabout that took place on September 23, 2023, the Neighborhood Ambassador Program, and the upcoming Halloween Picnic on October 28, 2023. **Ms. Gilkey** also provided an update on the Monthly Joint Agency Coordination Committee meetings update.

Councilmember Jain commended the use of plain clothed police officers for the Cinco De Mayo event and also commented on the amount of broken glass in the streets around the University. Jain also mentioned that having the Freshman and Sophomore students back on campus has helped reduce issues in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Vice Mayor Park asked about the number of views to the NURC web page and suggested that instead of updating the NURC webpage, it would be more beneficial to know if there is another web page that viewers are accessing more frequently.

Public Speaker Mark Kelsey thanked the SCU staff in their efforts to work with the neighborhood. Mark commented on the need for Council leadership to make NURC a more viable committee. Mark expressed concern with the surrounding neighborhoods and suggested the area become affordable housing. Mark suggested the Planning Division make the property owners accountable for their rentals.

Santa Clara Police Department, Sergeant Greg Deger, presented on the current activity, proactive steps taken, strict enforcement model, blue tag updates, SCU zone statistics, and citation updates. The Special Response Notices and Administrative Citations numbers are down from last year.

Vice Mayor Park suggested that Police try a more positive and cooperative approach to build the relationship with the students.

Councilmember Jain acknowledged that the students are receiving several warnings before citations are issued and commended the Police for outreach

and support to the students. Jain suggested increasing the citation amounts and also inquired if students utilize the parking permit program.

Public Speaker Mark Kelsey thanked the Police Department for their quick response and attention to the neighborhood and stated the situation is getting worse and requested the Council pass an ordinance to remove rental privileges from owners with tenants that continue to violate the code and create disturbances.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Park, seconded by Councilmember Jain to approve the proposed 2024 NURC meeting schedule of February 12, 2024, May 20, 2024, and October 21, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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