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To: Mark and Kathy Kelsey; Planning Public Comment
Cc: Reena Brilliot; Afshan Hamid; Kranti Kapur; Lesley Xavier
Subject: Kelsey RE: Comments for NURC Meeting 03.02.26

Good Afternoon Mark,

This is to confirm your email has been received in the Planning Division and by way of my reply I am including the appropriate staff for their review.

Please note, your comments will be part of the public record on this item.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your input.

Regards,

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I applaud NURC for creating a work plan on issues that are most significant for our community. Here are my suggestions for topics for the NURC work plan.

Immediate and simple to implement

Review and make recommendations to the City Council to provide additional authority to Code Enforcement and SCPD to address continued violations. This additional authority for Code Enforcement and SCPD should include a minimum fine of \$1000 with escalating fines to “blue tag” status. The committee could make a recommendation to consolidate Code Enforcement and SCPD citations and violations by property so that problem properties are more quickly identified and addressed. The committee could also recommend making easily accessible public records of citations and fines so that current and future residents can review these records.

Review and make recommendations to improve pedestrian safety at crosswalks around SCU. Multiple intersections have already been identified as needing safety improvements. This includes painting curbs red in compliance with the new State Daylighting law, increasing parking enforcement in these areas, and adding flashing lights or stop signs at intersections. These improvements have been identified for years and yet little action has been taken.

Review and make recommendations for prioritizing city resources by identifying and focusing on the smaller areas with the most issues. Based on data from SCPD, Code Enforcement and SCU, the committee could identify and focus on smaller areas with the most issues to be addressed. Reporting to the committee could highlight progress in these areas.

Intermediate term implementation

Propose voluntary Responsible Property Owner standards. The model developed by SCU for their Neighborhood Units could be the basis for these standards. This would include lease provisions with expected student tenant responsibilities and behaviors, expected adherence to city codes and ordinances, and property maintenance expectations. The committee can invite involvement and participation by all owners and property managers in the SCU area.

Review whether the current city parking restrictions which are a hodgepodge of time limited parking, loading zones and no parking zones in the blocks immediately around SCU serve the purposes intended. Review current parking enforcement provided in this area as enforcement efforts have not mitigated or resolved the issues. The area might be better served with a collaboration with SCU to manage parking and parking fees on campus and off campus together.

Longer term implementation

Development of collaborative plans with SCU to manage the increasing off campus housing demand for both students and staff. The committee should review the growth of SCU in recent years and future growth plans of SCU as this is the underlying factor driving increased housing demand by students, staff and faculty of SCU. SCU has stated that it enrolled its largest first year class ever in 2025 and plans to enroll larger classes going forward. This should include a review of the SCU Use Permit to understand how well it addresses current and future situations and to make recommendations for updating the Use Permit as needed.

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