



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**Monday, February 8, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

**Committee Members:** Mayor Lisa Gillmor

Vice Mayor Raj Chahal

Councilmember Karen Hardy

**City Staff Members:** Director of Community Development, Andrew Crabtree

Planning Manager, Reena Brilliot

Principal Planner, Lesley Xavier

Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Olejnik

Police Officer, Randy Van Diemen

Police Sergeant, Aric Enos

Police Chief, Pat Nikolai

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**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gillmor at 6:00 p.m. who welcomed Vice Mayor Chahal, Councilmember Hardy, employees and attendees.

**II. Public Presentations**

There were no Public Presentations

**III. Reports and Discussion**

**City Updates:** Planning Manager Reena Brilliot, provided an update on the following items:

- Development Activity & Zoning Code Update  
El Camino Specific Plan overview – draft plan posted on city website  
Development Applications - Monroe Street mixed use project, Downtown Precise Plan, Community requested that the historic homes be preserved.  
Zoning Code Update, public review for April 2021. Study sessions to be scheduled (TBA)
- Code Enforcement Activity  
Recap of Notices of Violation (NOV's) since the last meeting.  
Inspections are occurring once a week due to staffing.  
Current activities, types of violations include, trash, furniture, and beer pong tables.

Public Comments

Jonathan Evans invited residents to obtain additional information via email from the Old Quad Neighborhood Association

**Santa Clara University Update:** Kim Gilkey, SCU Assistant Dean for Off Campus Student Life, provided the following update:

- New signage posted around for COVID related issues, masks, social distancing, etc.
- SCU Staff reaching out to property owners in off-campus housing
- Student Government, daily updates to students via social media
- Dean of students emailed students that they will be held accountable for activities that occur off campus.

Robin Reynolds, SCU Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services, provided additional information on remote learning since March 2020. A Resilience & Recovery Program was created to keep campus and community safe. Free testing, contact tracing, quarantine space provided, and additional support. HVAC filters upgraded; wastewater testing program put place. Current positivity rate 1.7%, testing numbers available on the SCU website. No SCU neighborhood Units occupied until 2022.

#### Committee Questions

Mayor Gillmor asked if students are in on campus housing and for the parties that have been reported, are their penalties for students who break the rules. Kim Gilkey responded that there were approximately 50 students. SCU tests students using lab developed tests. There are suspensions and fines for breaking rules. We are also working with property owners and send letters of violations to students. Campus police are patrolling vacant units and would contact Police if students are found in violation.

Councilmember Hardy asked about responses from property owners, Kim Gilkey responded that there was a 50% response rate, we continue to try and improve relationships with property managers and owners. The Councilmember then asked if positive tests are reported to the County, and about the distribution of vaccinations. Robin Reynolds replied, all positive tests are reported, vaccinations will be given as they become available to students and could be opened up to community.

#### Public Comment:

David & Shawna, asked about equipment installed on the roof of Flynn Hall making noise, Park Court Area. Robin Reynolds stated that they would inquire with facilities on the status of the issue and will report back.

**Santa Clara Police Department Update:** Officer Randy Van Diemen provided and update on police activity:

- Strict enforcement model, given the extensive outreach and education, first offences can result in citation, fines range \$300-\$1000.
- Any citations issued are given the property owners.
- Requests for Responses are slightly down, citations are also down.
- Any house that is deemed a nuisance receives a "Blue Tag"; stays for 90 days, immediate citation for violations during this period.
- Staffing increasing for Team 200 Officers, later start time to aid in coverage.
- Police response to the large party on 01/23/21 as seen by the media. Property owner was issued a citation, SCU is working the household to ensure it does not happen again. Large parties are reported to the County for COVID enforcement.

#### Committee Questions

Mayor Gillmor asked if the University zone included the Caltrain Station and El Camino Real. Officer Van Diemen stated that its included, and some of area does not include student crimes. Councilmember Hardy asked why the responses are still high despite low student population. Officer Van Diemen attributed the increased to the improved reporting system. Kim Gilkey stated that off campus population remains approximately the same.

#### Public Comment

Bob O'Keefe, stated that the students seem to be at the same level as in previous years, problems are worse than before. Asked if the parties are broken up, more dedicated officers paid by SCU. Mayor Gillmor asked about COVID enforcement by the County.

Mark and Kathy Kelsey, thanked the City for holding the meetings and SCU staff. Agreed with Bob O'Keefe about the student levels and the issues caused by them. Worried about going to the Safeway to get food when the students could be spreading COVID. Problems could get worse as the weather improves.

Sergeant Aric Enos stated that COVID violations are referred to the District Attorney. Currently working with prosecutors. Parties are to be broken-up upon discovery. Chief Nikolai clarified that Team 200 Officers are paid for by the University.

Kim Gilkey stated that SCU is working with County to get Health Orders applied, SCU limited when students are not living on-campus.

Vice Mayor Chahal was surprised at the levels of issues, asked about increasing the Team 200 presence.

Mayor Gillmor concluded that it was students that are stuck at home attributing to the behavior issues.

#### **IV. Scheduling of Next NURC Meeting**

Next regular scheduled meeting is May 17, 2021

#### Committee Comments

Robin Reynolds commented that SCU is considering adding students to on-campus housing, but not at normal levels. Only will implemented if it could be done safely.

Councilmember Hardy praised the cooperation with SCU, acknowledged improvements, asked for additional controls for students.

Mark and Kathy Kelsey want to keep working with University, and want additional restrictions on landlords to control students.

Mayor Gillmor asked about pandemic related enforcement or additional language to hold landlords accountable.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is May 17, 2021.