



**City of  
Santa Clara**  
The Center of What's Possible

**Neighborhood – University  
Relations Committee**  
Mayor Lisa Gillmor (Chair)  
Vice Mayor Raj Chahal  
Councilmember Anthony Becker

**AGENDA**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**Monday, October 18, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Mayor Lisa Gillmor, Chair

Meeting called to order at 18:01 hours  
Roll call of panelists

**II. Public Presentations**

No Public Presentations

**III. Reports and Discussion**

**A. Planning Division Update**

Reena Brilliot, Planning Manager

**Code Enforcement Update**

Review of enforcement statistics, trends, and upcoming changes  
Students moved in for this semester approximately 30 days ago  
Code Enforcement staff participated in the annual Walk About. The walkabout is a welcome to the City and educational materials are provided to students living off campus.  
Recruitment process underway for new code enforcement official

**Zoning Code Update**

Topics included, occupancy limits, short term rentals, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), updates to zoning districts. Proposed requirement for off-site parking for construction sites.  
Draft Zoning Ordinance will be posted for public comment soon, approx. 45 days.

Vice Mayor Chahal asked about citation types, majority were for trash and furniture.

**B. Santa Clara University Update**

John Ottoboni, SCU Senior Counsel

Finn Residence Hall Equipment chiller has been fixed. Issue was found to be a blown fuse (40A).  
COVID Update, 98% Vaccination Rate for students, vaccination clinics are available for students on-campus. Positivity rate .05%, testing is free to all students. Walkabout contacted 157 residences, regarding being a good neighbor, city codes, and where to get information. Sobrato Campus for Discovery has opened, lab and teaching facility. University to host Women's Soccer Cup.

Mayor Gillmor, spoke of houses with party noise, trash, and harsh lighting.  
Kim Gilkey, responded with additional information and processes.

Vice Mayor Chahal, spoke of high vaccination rate at the university. Asked about contact tracing for students, in-house unit traces exposures. Requested additional outreach to students, SCPD provided signboards for display around the campus. Asked about responding to posting on Nextdoor, found not practical.

### C. Santa Clara Police Department Update

Summary of outreach SCPD has provide for students. The increase of issues coincides with the increase in student population. Meetings with property owners, expectations set, increased communication. Administrative citations are down, over the previous year, but special responses are up. No blue tags written to date.

Mayor Gillmor commented how the previous year created two new student classes. Wanted to know the timeline for a blue tag house. Blue tags are generally removed at the end of the school year.

Vice Mayor Chahal, had a similar question about the blue tags and holding property owners responsible.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mark Kelsey thanked SCU staff and helping with the coordination of meetings. Commented on Nextdoor complaints. Expressed the need for the public to reach out to officials.

Qasim Ali, had question about the Finn Hall Noise. Was worried that the noise could come back, David Schoenwetter (SCU) commented that fix is permanent.

Bob O'Keefe commented about how important the NURC meetings are and how great it is improving. Expressed appreciation for senior staff at the University. Commented about SCU not testing off-campus students for COVID, Craig Stephens (SCU) commented that the positivity rate was very low and that the university has expended over one million in funds on testing, blanket testing is not efficient.

Janet Stevenson commented about the good job the university did with managing COVID.

Johnathon Evans, thanked staff, spoke of directing information via the correct channels.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjournment at 7:30 p.m. The next regular schedule meeting is February 7, 2022.