SCLC Meeting #15-08 March 12, 2015
Location: City Hall Hearing Room
3:10-5:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present
Joi Sullivan - Cal Poly - ASI President, SCLC Chair
Scott Chedester - Cuesta - ASCC President, Vice Chair of SCLC
Debbie Arnold - SLO County-Board of Supervisors
Steve Gesell - SLOPD – Chief, SLO Police
Kevin Gong – Cal Poly – Greek Representative
Kristen Henry - Cal Poly – Greek Representative
Dr. Keith Humphrey - Cal Poly – Vice President for Student Affairs (arrived at 4 p.m.)
Frank Kassak – SLO - Residents for Quality Neighborhoods (RQN)
Marcy Maloney - Cal Poly-ASI Executive Director
Jan Marx - City of SLO –Mayor
Steffanie Medina - Creative Mediations-SLO Solutions
Christine Wallace - SLOPD-Neighborhood Outreach Manager

Voting Members Absent
Anthony Gutierrez - Cuesta College - Coordinator, Student Life & Leadership
Katie Lichtig - City of SLO-City Manager
Sandee McLaughlin - Cuesta College-Vice President of Student Services
Brittany Reyes - Cuesta-Student-at-Large
Jake Rogers - Cal Poly – Student-at-Large

Non-Voting Members Present
Carlyn Christianson - City of SLO – City Council Member
John Ashbaugh - City of SLO – City Council Member
Joy Harkins - Cal Poly – Dean of Students Representative
George Hughes - Cal Poly - University Chief of Police
Kathryn O’Hagan – Cal Poly – Coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life
Travis Roberts - Cal Poly – Coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life
Tracy Watson - Cal Poly-ASI/SCLC Administrative Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent
Jean DeCosta - Cal Poly – Dean of Students
Kimberly Hampton – Off-campus Coordinator – Cal Poly
Andrene Kaiwi-Lenting - Cal Poly - Orientation Programs Staff
Jenn Rhodes - County of SLO – Drug & Alcohol Services
I. Call to Order
   a. Joi Sullivan, Chair of SCLC, called the meeting to order @ 3:12 p.m. She postponed the Adopt a Neighborhood agenda item until next month and added a Neighborhood General Discussion before Open Forum.

II. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes from meeting #15-07, February 16, 2014 stand approved as written.

III. Introductions
   a. Joi facilitated introductions and silent roll call was taken.

IV. Business/Discussion Items
   a. Neighborhood General Discussion

i. Joi stated that President Armstrong's Open Forum provided an environment that was candid and respectful in regards to the St. Fratty's Day incident and she thought that SCLC is the perfect group to continue the discussion. She stated that the forum was for students, staff and community members. She stated that she was proud of Cal Poly students in that the majority of students care for other students and their community.

ii. Chief Gesell gave the facts on the incident stating that approximately 3,000 people (not all Cal Poly students) gathered in the early morning hours for a St. Fratty's Day party. The Police Department was caught off guard having only five police officers on duty. He wondered how students knew about the event and Administration or City officials did not know. He felt, from a police standpoint, it was a failure by not knowing and they must do better in the future. He stated that they were fortunate to be able to dissipate the crowd quickly. He stated that there was only 4-6 noise complaints received before the roof collapsed which indicates all the neighbors must have been participants. Chief stated that it cannot escalate to the point of riot and we need the student community to ensure that it doesn't happen again.

iii. Chief Hughes stated that he was glad to see the tone of President Armstrong's comments. He stated that there is frustration on both sides with Cal Poly and the City officials. 1)The City wants Cal Poly to “do something about it” but they don’t want to have 100 police officers walking the streets and 2)Students complaining about it happening because of social probation. At last year's event there was over 1,000 people and they were not on social probation. Bottom line is that you cannot take over a city street.

iv. The following are statements from members and guests:
   1. Relationships are being tested. We are creating an “us vs. them” mentality when it is the entire community not just Greek organizations.
   2. Responsibility lies in the entire communities hands, however, variables show that the last two years; the epicenter was at a Greek satellite house.
3. As a student initiative, UCSB, students take a pledge stating not to invite friends to town for Deltopia. UCSB students are tired of being tagged as a “party” school.

4. Students have the opportunity to show the city and the community that the culture can change during other big holidays such as Cesar Chavez, etc. What is the expectation?

5. Students need to take responsibility and ownership of their city. Figure out a way to remind students of what “could” happen. If you live through a scary situation, you have a sense of fear on what “could” happen and then begin to change it.

6. Assault on a neighborhood by deliberately avoiding a city ordinance borders on gang activity. Challenge students to grow up. Students need to take responsibility and should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Cal Poly should take a stand; permanent residents should not have to live this way.

7. Students need to know that this behavior is totally unacceptable. Students are adults and should be treated as adults. Someone should have picked up the phone.

8. Through education and language, this is a teachable moment. Speak as a community not just too a specific group. We are all in this together as a community.


10. Proactive solutions – iTip. Call dispatch and remain anonymous. Tapshield is an anonymous program that connects directly to SLOPD & UPD.

11. Students need to understand “no large parties.” They are smart enough to know right from wrong. Don’t make assumptions on who was behind it.

12. Understand the degree of danger and the “mob mentality.”

13. Where is the “I’m sorry?” We have all done things we are not proud of. Verbiage and ordinances are in place. How do we enforce what is already created? 2/3 of housing are rentals. Be a responsible landlord. Better monitoring on social media. Get rid of the fear of retaliation. Suspected drug dealer? Be able to communicate with police without the fear of retaliation. 3 strikes you’re out or academic sanction? This is the digital footprint age and leaving behind a legacy. People have felt assaulted. Need students to be the best and the brightest that they are.

14. Students are not intending to be criminals. They are doing so at a risk and not processing what “could” happen. Allow consequences to happen. Prevention can be associated with mentally thinking while in a situation. “If I am in a large group, I can be in danger if…”

15. History of St. Fratty’s Day: Tradition for 7-8 years. The Greek organization that began the event is no longer on campus. The “pink” house is not affiliated with Greeks. Social media was through Snapchat. Emails were sent to Greeks – Do NOT attend this. IFC strongly discouraged social activity for the next two weeks.

16. This incident injured the progress of what has been done and is now a teachable moment. Responsibility and consequences and then heal some
wounds. Provide community service. Long term suggestion is to have a task force to review the unruly gathering ordinance.

v. Joi thanked members and guests on their comments for the good candid conversation. She stated that there are a few tangible items to look at. There are two options, 1) create a divide with a wedge or 2) maintain optimism and move forward. She added that we need to continue this positive language and to have faith, that we will make progress.

V. Open Forum
   a. None

VI. Community Reports
   a. ASI President-Joi Sullivan
      i. No report
   b. ASCC President-Scott Chedester
      i. No report
   c. City Manager Representative –Katie Lichtig
      i. No report
   d. Residents for Quality Neighborhoods-Frank Kassak
      i. No report

VII. Voting Member Reports

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment
   a. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.