

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Council Chambers, Audrey Beck Municipal Building

Minutes

Present: P. Barry, M. Hart, J. Hintz, R. Orr, A. Moran (*on behalf of Mayor Paterson*), C. Paulhus, J. Saddlemire, N. Silander, W. Simpson, W. Wendt

Staff: C. van Zelm (*MDP*); L. Painter, M. Capriola (*Town*); K. Price, A. Roe (*UConn*)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

2. February 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Silander made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Barry. The minutes were approved as presented with Deputy Mayor Moran abstaining and no objections.

3. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: van Zelm provided an apartment and commercial leasing update. 2 commercial leases have been signed since the last Committee meeting and over 75% of the apartments have been leased. A Storrs Road construction update was also provided.

b. *Mansfield Community Campus Partnership*: Silander and Hintz provided an update of MCCP activities including the Healthy Campus Grant Initiative, Recycling Initiative at Celeron and Hunting Lodge Apartments, and planned spring door-to-door visits. Hintz distributed recent press coverage of MCCP activities and initiatives.

4. UConn Hazardous Materials Facility

Orr provided an overview of the environmental impact evaluation (EIE) of current and potential sites for the Hazardous Materials Facility. The statutorily required EIE process is expected to take 9-12 months and will provide public comment opportunities. The EIE will be conducted by consultants not affiliated with the University. The facility stores ordinary waste materials commonly found at research universities before it is transported to a permanent storage location. Medical and biological waste is removed weekly, chemical waste is removed every 90 days, and low level radioactive material is removed once a year. Ken Price, UConn's Director of Health and Safety, was available to answer questions of Committee members.

5. Off-Campus Parties and Related Activity

Hart, Saddlemire, and Hintz provided an update. Operations' planning is well underway by the Town, University, and Connecticut State Police (CSP). Restrictions (i.e. parking restrictions, no guest policy in dorms, etc.) used last year will be utilized again this year. Many landlords/apartment complexes are assisting with efforts by issuing orders

of no-trespass that can be enforced by UConn PD and CSP. X Lot is now privately owned; it is anticipated that the current owners will re-issue an order of no-trespass.

6. Other Business/Announcements

None.

7. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

Tulay Luciano, Warrenton Road, Mansfield. Spoke to concerns regarding the Hazardous Materials Facility.

Sandy Pliskin, Pomfret. Spoke to concerns regarding the Hazardous Materials Facility site location and the importance of safe drinking water.

Pat Suprenant, Gurleyville Road, Mansfield. Had questions regarding the Hazardous Materials Facility. Based on Alfred University initiatives, she offered suggestions to the University re: Spring Weekend.

Quentin Kessel, Codfish Falls Road, Mansfield. Spoke to site location of the Hazardous Materials Facility, watershed issues, and his participation in the 2003-2004 EIE Steering Committee experience.

Jean de Smet, Willimantic. Spoke to site location of the Hazardous Materials Facility and advocated for UCONN and the State to not be involved with conducting the EIE.

8. Adjournment

Paulhus made the motion, seconded by Silander, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Capriola, M.P.A.
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