

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 14, 2012
University of Connecticut Bishop Center, Room 146 (1st Floor)

Minutes

Present: E. Paterson, R. Orr, M. Hart, P. Barry, J. Saddlemire, W. Simpson, J. Armstrong, B. O'Connor, W. Wendt

Staff: C. van Zelm (*MDP*), L. Painter (*Town of Mansfield*), R. Cournoyer (*Mansfield Resident Trooper*)

1. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm.

2. May 8, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Hart made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Simpson. Approval of schedule was unanimous.

3. Updates:

Discussion of the following items occurred subsequent to item 4 due to time constraints for Cournoyer.

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: van Zelm distributed an updated list of tenants and noted the following milestones:

- A Certificate of Occupancy for the EDR Apartments was issued by the Town on August 1st; the first tenants will start moving in on August 15th with move-ins staggered over the following two weeks
- Head Husky (formerly Skoras) and Travel Planners are open; Body Language has its CO and is expected to open shortly
- Garage is expected to be partially open within the next 1-2 weeks
- Abatement has begun in the 1254 building; demolition is expected to occur after Labor Day

Orr inquired about the possibility of 'Coming Soon' signs in the windows of the commercial spaces currently under construction. Van Zelm noted that the request is already under discussion with SCA.

Van Zelm also gave an overview of events planned for the 9th annual Festival on the Green scheduled for September 23rd and noted a potential change in parade route due to construction.

b. *MCCP*: John Armstrong, Interim Director of Off-Campus Services, provided an overview of activities underway in preparation for the fall semester, including an upcoming landlord luncheon, the MCCP meeting scheduled for 8/16/12, and the annual visits, currently scheduled for September 11-13.

c. *Town/UCONN Water Supply Project:* Hart and Orr provided an update on the status of the joint EIE for a new water supply, a draft of which is expected to be released in September. The EIE scope has been revised since the last meeting to include evaluation of an interconnection with the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC). Barry questioned what effect the project would have on the Fenton River; Hart noted that under most alternatives, the Fenton wells would still be in operation. One of the MDC options could allow for both the Willimantic and Fenton wellfields to be shut down.

d. *UConn Main Accumulation Area.* Orr noted that an advisory committee is currently evaluating several different sites for possible relocation of the Main Accumulation Area (commonly referred to as the Hazardous Materials Storage Facility) as a precursor to a formal EIE process. Site visits were conducted in July and the committee's work is expected to be completed this fall.

4. Fall Semester Preparations

Cournoyer provided an update on preparations for the fall semester, including the following:

- General trooper locations on weekends
- New orientation session required for all Carriage House tenants as part of their lease to learn about their rights, available services and expectations for behavior
- Collaborative efforts with UConn Police and Off-Campus Services

Hart commended Cournoyer and O'Connor for the efforts they have made to coordinate police activities and response. Barry commended Cournoyer for his efforts to meet with and educate students both before and after events.

John Sobanik of Celeron Square noted that they preparing in the same way as last year and requested similar orientation/information sessions for his tenants.

Saddlemire noted that efforts are underway to ensure that move-in weekend occurs with as little disruption as possible, including staggering of move-in dates/times and ROTC volunteers for unloading vehicles.

5. Other Business/Announcements

Orr noted that the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives recently named Chief Barbara O'Connor as the 2012 Woman Law Enforcement Executive of the year.

6. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

Chris Kueffner requested information on the possibility of landlords obtaining standing orders of no trespass and suggested that the availability of such orders should be more widely publicized to landlords in the area, perhaps as an enclosure with correspondence regarding housing inspections.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development, Town of Mansfield