

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 14, 2014  
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building

**Minutes**

**Present:** J. Armstrong, P. Barry, J. Coite, R. Cournoyer, C. Devecchis, M. Hart, S. Kegler, M. Kirk, A. Kuegler, E. Paterson, H. Rhyhart

**Staff:** M. Capriola, L. Painter (*Town*); C. van Zelm (*MDP*); C. Casa (*UCONN*)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

**1. Meeting Minutes**

Barry made the motion, seconded by Kuegler to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Community-Campus Policing**

Rhyhart and Cournoyer provided an update. UCONN Police and Mansfield Resident Troopers continue to conduct joint patrols to address off-campus activity. Large off-campus crowds have subsided. Small house parties at single family homes are being addressed and have often been associated with student groups. Nuisance ordinance tickets have been issued.

**3. Updates:**

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership.* van Zelm provided an update on the commercial leasing in Storrs Center. CVS has opened and Bruger's Bagels and Jamba Juice will open in October. Construction on the Education Playcare building is underway. 2 of the 3 spaces in the building next to Price Chopper have been leased and will be open within the next few weeks. Wilbur Cross Way will remain closed until March. Construction on the owner occupied townhomes is expected to be complete in 2016. Staff reported on bus service and programming at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center.

MDP is hosting a "Pet Crawl" event on October 18<sup>th</sup>; proceeds will benefit the Mansfield Animal Shelter. MDP is also hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual downtown trick or treat event on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm, followed by the Parks and Recreation Department's annual Trick or Trunk event from 5-6pm.

b. *MCCP.* Armstrong provided an update. UCONN's Director of Counseling and Mental Health Services and the University's CARE team will host an event in January for town staff, property managers, and the religious community. The event will discuss the services provided by the CARE team to students. Armstrong reviewed recent events and outreach conducted by his staff with off-campus students.

c. *USG.* Kuegler and Devecchis provided an update. USG is working to re-establish Guard Dogs (Safe Rides). USG participated in the Festival on the Green by having a

booth and providing volunteers to help staff the event. USG is currently working on its legislative agenda. USG is trying to plan another community/family movie night on campus for November.

d. *Four Corners Project*. Hart announced that the Town Council has scheduled a bond referendum vote for the Four Corners Sewer project for November 4<sup>th</sup>. If the project is approved, funding sources for the project were provided.

e. UCONN Master Plan. Kirk provided an update. UCONN is presenting its draft master plan to the Town Council on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The draft plan will be released to the public on October 16<sup>th</sup>. UCONN will host a community information session at Town Hall. The Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission will prepare joint formal comments on the plan and will seek feedback from the relevant advisory committees.

#### **4. Other Business**

Coite stated that the Stage 2 mandatory water conservation notice for its water users and customers is still in place. Water conditions are reviewed and analyzed weekly and adjustments to the conservation notice will be made as needed.

#### **5. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager  
Town of Mansfield