Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership (MCCP)
April 8, 2010

Present: Mayor Betsy Paterson, Jim Hintz, Ashley Hudd-Trotter, Erin Sanford, Kevin Grunwald, Nancy Silander, John Sobanik, Tina Hadley, Beth DeRicco, John Jackman, Maria Capriola, Andrew Fitch, Kate Pepe, Akeya Peterson, Bill Simpson, Derek Debus

1. Welcome- Minutes from 3/18/10 were approved

2. Updates:
   a. The Parking Ordinance for the Town of Mansfield will be presented to Town Council on April 26th, 2010 at 7:30pm.
   b. Quality of Life Committee:
      - Jim Hintz- On April 7th, at the Quality of Life Meeting there was feedback surrounding the new parking ordinance for the town.
      - A student tenant registry for the Town of Mansfield will not be moving forward at this time.
      - Model lease language will be presented at the next meeting and the town staff is looking into drafting a proposal for a nuisance house ordinance.
   c. Grants
      Kevin- the underage drinking grant is wrapping up with a student presentation and town hall meeting on April 15th at 6:00pm. The goal is to get more information out and challenge parents to ask their children more questions. Dinner will be provided and an RSVP has been requested but is not necessary. This meeting is open to the public.

4. Spring Weekend Visits
Jim- the MCCP Spring Weekend visits will take place on April 14th at Carriage House Apartments and on April 15th at Celeron Apartments. Volunteers will meet at 4:30pm at these two locations to go over talking points around awareness, laws, risk reduction and parking. Alcohol and Other Drugs ambassadors will be doing a demonstration on risk reduction and drinking. The visits will last about an hour and a BBQ will be provided for students from 5:30-6:30pm. Volunteers are also welcome to come to the BBQ.

5. Subcommittee Update
Kevin- the discussion at the last subcommittee meeting was based around specific ideas and outcomes for the committee. The three outcomes were discussed at the last MCCP meeting. The group should and can exist as a forum to be accountable so that action is taken.
Mayor- a good example is that residents don’t know what the MCCP does and how this committee can help. If the University and Town can show a positive relationship, then good things can happen. MCCP needs to get its name out and become recognized by the community.
John Sobanik- if the committee could do a meet-and-greet after meetings it might be an opportunity to get the word out.

Mayor- this year 90 nursing students volunteered to work on Spring Weekend. Unfortunately, no one hears about this or other positive press. The MCCP should promote this and other positive events on their behalf.

Akeya- If an MCCP newsletter went out then more people could know what the committee is about.

Nancy- when landlords register with the town information about the MCCP could be provided to them.

Jim- the committee has discussed the Adopt-a-Road program. This could be a positive program and an opportunity to get the MCCP name out.

Mayor- MCCP should look at community sponsors to pay for signs such as the UConn Co-op.

Kate Pepe- a problem with trash is students put it out on Thursday nights and then students end up knocking it over or adding their trash to the bins. Public works will not pick up the recycling when there is other trash in the bins.

Maria- will discuss this issue with public works and see what they can do. Maybe looking at another weekday for trash pickup can be a solution.

Kevin- will speak with Ginny about recycling.


- Kevin- the MCCP should consider the life of the partnership by making sure that there is a summer plan with momentum and recruitment. Reach out to USG to see if they have representatives available for the summer.

- Jim- Census update: the Census deadline is 4/19/10. The on campus count will take place next week.

- Nancy- What happened to the TIPS trainings?

  Kevin- the Town of Mansfield is looking at an ordinance to require liquor sales representatives to require TIPS, or similar training. The Quality of Life Committee did not address this issue due to their full agenda. The draft of this ordinance is ready to go.

  Mayor- MCCP will review this draft at our nest meeting and we can send it to council.

- Jim- Spring Weekend Updates: Property Managers will not allow visitor parking on properties. This will help to reduce visitors. University police will announce parking restrictions closer to the date. USG will be providing food and water to students on the Friday and Saturday night of Spring Weekend.