Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership (MCCP)
June 10, 2010

Present:  Jim Hintz, Mayor Betsy Paterson, Maria Capriola, John Jackman, Akeya Peterson, Ashley Trotter, Ande Bloom, Chris Kueffner, John Sobanik, Tina Hadley, Kevin Grunwald, Derek Debus

1.) Welcome:

May 13, 2010 minutes were approved.

2.) Updates:

A. Town University Relations Committee- On Tuesday, June 1, 2010 the expansion of well water usage Agronomy Farm was discussed. Members of the University gave a presentation which was well attended. The 2010 Spring Weekend Report will be drafted to show statistical data and recommendations can then be made.

Steve Rhodes from the President’s Office will no longer be with the University. The Town Manager, Matt Hart and Mayor Paterson are trying to setup a meeting with Interim President Austin to get a new co-chair for the Town/University Relations Committee.

B. Quality of Life Committee- The former Chairperson Joe Briody resigned and Toni Moran was appointed the new Chairperson. Currently there are still two vacancies on the committee; one is a representative for the University. Discussions on how to better involve the public have resulted in two recommendations. One is to offer an open-ended dialogue for the first fifteen minutes of each meeting around items on the agenda. The second is to allow for regular comment in the beginning of each meeting. No final decisions have been made around these two recommendations.

C. Grants- Kevin Grunwald: Currently, the focus is on figuring out how to keep the collation grant for the underage drinking going while also looking at other grants that are available. A meeting on June 24, 2010 could offer ideas on how to keep the involvement.

A grant was submitted to help with the building of sidewalks from Separatist Road to N. Eagleville. The N. Eagleville to Northwood Apartments sidewalk construction/funding is still a work in progress. It will involve University funding and design from the Town.
D. **Hunting Lodge Road Litter Plan & Adopt-A-Road Program** - Jim Hintz: Lon Hultgren, Town of Mansfield Director of Public Works and Virginia Walton, Town of Mansfield Recycling/Refuse Coordinator presented a set of pilot strategies being discussed by the Town of Mansfield to address the litter, specifically on Hunting Lodge Road at the last MCCP meeting. The conversation around which days are better for trash pickup for student housing is still in discussion with the Public Works Department. At this time dumpster pickup will continue to remain on Thursdays because it is better to prevent fires from occurring on the weekends.

3.) **Mandatory Server Training Ordinance:**

   Kevin Grunwald: This ordinance can be a tool to assist package store and bar owners to have better skills around distributing alcohol. Offering free training to cover everyone in Town that this ordinance could affect is something to consider.

   Andee Bloom: Concerns about who is training and that trainer then becoming a part of the “company” is something that the committee should look at. Can members of the committee who act as agents of TIPS become a problem? Can this program still be understood down the road if the MCCP or its current members are no longer here to explain?

   John Jackman and Kevin Grunwald will work together around the language of the ordinance as well as wavers, fines, and an appeals process. Wavers need to be available because of one day liquor permits.

   Kevin Grunwald and Maria Capriola will work together to put a letter together to send to Council so they can review the Ordinance as well as material around what other communities have done and if this is something that the MCCP should continue to peruse.

4.) **Fall Outreach:**

   A. **Welcome Visits** - Traditionally the MCCP Welcome Visits have been to areas of a high density of students. Welcome Bags are put together and delivered door-to-door by teams of volunteers consisting of members of the university, town, students and other interested parties. These visits have started as early as 3:00pm and as late as 6:00pm, unfortunately there is never a perfect time. The idea is to get out the visit dates early so people can add it to their calendars, commit to volunteer, and allow materials for the
bags to be submitted to Off-Campus Student Services. The final dates have yet to be determined but keep the first two weeks of September in mind. Final dates and locations will be sent out via ListServ later next week.

B. **Cookouts** - the MCCP cookouts are a way to bring the neighboring communities together with the students in rental housing/apartments. Last year Off-Campus Student Services hosted a community cookout on Separatist Road at Phil Barry’s house. The event was well attended. The hope is to do a similar event this year potentially on Hunting Lodge Road where it is more accessible to students. The cookout on Separatist Road is also another possibility to host again this year. Information and dates for these events will also be sent out via ListServ.

6.) **MCCP Promotion at Events:**

A. The Festival on the Green is on September 11, 2010 at the Mansfield Community Center and the MCCP will have a table. The Mayor would like to see volunteers and use this as an opportunity to get out information about the MCCP. Mayor Paterson will speak with the Festival Planning Committee about an activity for the event.

B. The Know Your Towns Fair will be held on September 12, 2010. It is possible for the MCCP to have a table. Jim will send out an email asking for volunteers.

C. The MCCP display board was purchased and is now in need of design. Volunteers and ideas would be appreciated. Akeya Peterson will assist in this project.

7.) **New Issues:**

- Maria Capriola - the UConn Police Department and the State Police are willing to do a presentation about what they do and who they are for the MCCP committee. It would be best to host this meeting on campus to make it more accessible to students. If possible the MCCP could put an advertisement or announcement in the Daily Campus about this presentation. The potential date for this presentation is September 9, 2010.
- There will be no MCCP meeting for the month of July, however we will resume in August.
- Kevin Grunwald - Party Patrol is something that has been discussed in the past and is an opportunity for police and citizens to work together. There is a Connecticut State Trooper who does presentations about this collaboration. It would be an interesting topic and presentation for the committee. If possible, this could be a topic for October’s meeting.
- John Sobanik - Is there anytime in a college students career that they receive information or a presentation around alcohol and anger management?
Jim Hintz - Alcohol.edu is expected to be completed in the beginning of a student’s first semester at the University. Freshmen also receive information at their orientation around alcohol use as well as a copy and explanation of University Policies.

- Jim Hintz - In November the State Wide Collation is bringing in someone from the University of Nebraska who is working with Beth DeRicco. This is another opportunity to advertise as an upcoming event. This same collation is also bringing in the President from the William Paterson University; this could be an opportunity for another dialogue with the committee.

Motion to end meeting at 5:30pm.