Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership (MCCP) Meeting
June 9th, 2011 4:00pm-5:30pm

Present: Jim Hintz, John Jackman, John Sobanik, Kevin Grunwald, Nancy Silander, Ashley Trotter, Carolyn Lin, Maria Capriola

1) Welcome

2) Minutes

3) Updates
   a. **Town-University Relations Committee** - Mansfield Downtown Partnership building permits are in and updates will be sent out to the community soon. The 2011 Spring Weekend Report has not yet been released however the overall consensus was that the policing was great, and the no guest policy for on campus housing was successful.

   b. **Quality of Life Committee** - The new Tech Park was approved and passed by the State Legislature. The Mansfield Police Study is out and being reviewed by various parties. The Nuisance Ordinance is currently at the Attorney General’s Office awaiting review & will then be updated before going to council. The next Quality of Life meeting will be on July 14th.

   c. **Healthy Campus Initiative Grant Update** - Focus groups were conducted with students before the end of the school year with the help of Celeron Square Apartments. Carolyn Lin is analyzing the results from the CORE Survey data provided by the University. The group will brainstorm to develop fall activities around current issues and trends. Two upcoming parts to the grant are the training for police and training for the landlords both of which will take place at the end of July. These trainings are to help increase policies and enforcement. Carolyn will be asking the MCCP throughout the summer to provide feedback on some of the developed strategies and plans.

4) NE Regional Town-Gown Meeting- Jim Hintz and Ashley Trotter attended the NE Regional Town-Gown Meeting on June 7th at the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts. The meeting was announced throughout the MCCP ListServ. Colleagues from surrounding towns such as Eastern Connecticut State University also attended the conference.

5) Mansfield Police Study- A draft will be available shortly and provided to the MCCP for a review. The draft covers citizen participation, focus groups and the online survey. In the next few weeks Maria Capriola, Matt Hart, Fire Chief Dagon and Mayor Paterson will meet with the UConn Police Department and the State Police to review the report. A final version should be issued within the next month and then given to four advisory
committees to review. Maria Capriola asks that the MCCP be an advisory committee and provide pros and cons of the report as well as a matrix to work through. The MCCP will review this draft at September’s meeting so students are able to attend.

John Sobanik- When will the town decide on a final model to go with?
Maria Capriola- The anticipated deadline is the fall. Council will ultimately decide and needs time to review a budget, and plan from a financial perspective.
Jim Hintz- Will email a draft of the review to the MCCP ListServ.
Carolyn Lin- Who was invited to the focus groups?
Maria Capriola- Residents, students, elected officials, landlords, business owners and many more. Three groups were selected and gathered to review and individual interviews were also conducted.

6) Spring Weekend – Jim Hintz- since the last MCCP meeting was canceled, it is important to debrief and understand individual’s experiences and thoughts. Spring Weekend was not like it has been in the past and a variety of factors played into that. It happened to fall on Easter weekend, the weather was bad and there was an increased effort from landlords and police. One takeaway from this was that strategies were able to be tested with smaller crowds. Deterrent factors such as a no guest policy, little parking, perimeter fencing on properties and roadblocks were messages that were made clear and also made it difficult for gatherings.
John Jackman- One complexity is to try to rank factors such as effectiveness. Weather is not a huge factor since in the past, they still partied. Easter is an interesting part and over the last five to ten years everyone has tried different strategies. Next year it is important to set expectations that are clear with sufficient staff from all involved to help establish standards and get messages accepted. There cannot be even one weekend where these rules don’t apply.
John Sobanik- Reduced numbers made it easier to handle at Celeron Square. No guests, no bike path, and secured perimeters were interesting strategies that hopefully will make for another successful and safe Spring Weekend next year.
John Jackman- Has Celeron Square thought about installing a more permanent fencing for the rest of the academic year?
John Sobanik- There has been conversations about how that would work and how to legally go about installing a permanent fence.
Kevin Grunwald- It is important to keep up this momentum because people said it would take four years to get rid of this event. This has been an opportunity that we want to continue to keep up.
Carolyn Lin- Students always want to find things to do so therefore they should be provided with activities, incentives. UConn can have University sanctioned activities with no guests and spread these activities out amongst weekends.
John Jackman- One initiative this year was to stop all activities, even sanctioned ones by the University. This allowed parking bans to be put in place and policing to be effective.
Jim Hintz- If there is another year of good enforcement there is the possibility to integrate events back into Spring Weekend. However, at some point there could be a pushback from students. The administration would need to react appropriately and then coordinate behind the scenes.

John Sobanik- Will meet with planners for bike path fencing with the help of John Jackman.

7) New Issues/Ideas for Future Meeting Presentations- The MCCP summer schedule will be to take July off from meeting and reconvene in August. Fall planning will be the primary goal of Augusts’ meeting. Jim Hintz will email everyone potential dates for the MCCP Welcome Visits and Cookouts.

8) Other- John Jackman will meet in early August with local property managers to talk about fall events and private property issues.