Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership (MCCP)
Mansfield Town Hall, Council Chambers
March 8th, 2012 4pm-5:30pm

Present: Mayor Paterson, Jim Hintz, John Jackman, Kevin Grunwald, Ashley Trotter, Adam Fountaine, Derek Debus, John Sobanik, Nancy Silander, Brendan Gauthier, Dana St. Pierre, Thomas Ryba, Daniel Dinunzio, Tina Hadley, Sarah LaPrad, Marissa Martini, Shannon Wannagot, Rich Cournoyer, Angelo Simoni, Donna Korbel, Pamela Schipani, Meghan Kelly, Carolyn Lin

1) Welcome

2) Minutes- Minutes from 2/9/12 were approved.

3) Updates

a. Town-University Relations Committee- Nancy Silander: The last meeting was on February 14th and the topic of discussion was “Spring Weekend.” The same restrictions that were put into place last year will be used again this year with no voluntary moratorium.

b. Healthy Campus Initiative Grant Update- Adam Fountaine: The group has been meeting to work on a project to raise awareness and provide giveaways including posters, playing cards, coolers, cups, etc. (samples were provided to the group). On Campus campaigning has also been working hard on ideas.
Carolyn Lin- The MTV “True Life” theme was used to reach out to students and focus on issues such as uninvited guests and property damage. This will be a campaign for on campus students and the message will be consistent with the campaigns going on at Celeron Square Apartments. On April 13th there will be a large closing event at Celeron Square Apartments.
Dan Dinunzio- The posters are good and the photos send a powerful message.
Pam Schipani- The bathtub photo is upsetting, it is too similar to a drowning.
Kevin Grunwald- It was important to make sure the message didn’t cross the line or was tasteless.
Meghan Kelly- The bathtub photo is powerful but it takes it too far and I wouldn’t put it up in my apartment as a student. The other two ads are humorous and I would be more apt to put it up.
Jim Hintz- The intention behind these messages is to bring awareness to issues but also create something that students are willing to display in their apartments.
Carolyn Lin- The images and wording provide information and get students to look at the website provided for more information.
Mayor Paterson- It’s important to understand what is offensive. The message on “Rage on the Same Page” is to make students alert and aware that they need to get help before it’s too late.
4) Spring Door-to-Door Visits- Jim Hintz: An email went out asking for volunteers on the Listserv. More information on meeting times, dates and locations will be sent out soon. Apartment complexes and the homes along Hunting Lodge Road will be first priority. Mayor Paterson- How is the response for volunteers so far? Adam Fountaine- It is going well however we could use more town employees. Jim Hintz- Jim will work on putting together information to speak about during the visits with the help of Pam’s area. From a University perspective an email did go out to the university stating that there will be no programming between April 19-22 on campus. The intention is not to punish students but provide a safe atmosphere. Information on guests and parking restrictions will go out and a message from landlords will also be provided around policing and expectations of tenants.

5) Apartment Complex Recycling Initiative Update- Marissa Martini: The event held last Friday in Celeron with the new recycling bags was well attended. The bags were distributed to each apartment. Students can use them to sort items and takeout their recyclable items to the proper dumpster. The dumpster is painted in neon to identify it with recycling.

6) International Town Gown Association Conference- 7th Annual University-City Relations Conference at Eastern Kentucky University and the City of Richmond, KY, June 4-8, 2012 More information: www.itgau.org Jim Hintz: The University of Connecticut and Town of Mansfield are members of the International Town Gown Association. This was formed years ago to help towns and municipalities to create a venue for everyone to pull together and exchange ideas. The annual conference will be held in Richmond Kentucky. There is a good mix of attendees at these conferences and many representatives including university staff and town folks attend. There was a presentation about the MCCP proposed and will be presented. Jim Hintz and members of his staff plan on attending the conference.

7) End-of-Year Celebration- Kevin Grunwald: As discussed at the last meeting, the MCCP end of the year celebration will take place at our next meeting on April 12th at our regular scheduled meeting. The celebration will take place at the start of the meeting and achievements, awards and thanks will be given. John Jackman: It would be nice to recognize a town member and a university member who have volunteered and been committed to the MCCP.

8) New Issues/Ideas for Future Meeting Presentations- Nancy Silander: Possible topics for next year are looking at expanding the attendees of this meeting to include bar owners and package store owners. Mayor Paterson- It’s important to start collecting information on things to accomplish for next year. Jim Hintz- Katie DeLany, the Property Manager for Oaks on the Square will present at the next meeting. She has reported that they are currently 75% occupied.