Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership (MCCP)
Mansfield Town Hall, Council Chambers
March 14, 2013 – 4:00PM – 5:30PM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Kevin Grunwald, Nancy Silander, Adam Fountaine, Mayor Betsy Paterson, John Armstrong, Derek Debus, Caleb Calame, Tom Ryba, Fran Raiola, Robert Yanez, Ande Bloom, Liza Makuch

1. Welcome
   a. Call to order at 4:00PM

2. Minutes
   a. February 14, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

3. Updates
   a. Town/University Relations (Nancy Silander):
      i. Discussed updates regarding water supply in Mansfield. Discussed issues in other towns regarding new water options.
      ii. Mansfield Downtown Partnership gave an update. Geno’s Bar and Grill will likely be open at the end of March. The Oaks on the Square is having no issues with leasing the new building.
      iii. Northwood Apartments to Hunting Lodge will have a sidewalk presumably by the end of 2013.
      iv. Discussed the Governor’s removal of PILOT from the budget. Mayor indicated that the Town Council met last night regarding Governor’s plans and there is a belief that the plans will not come to fruition.
   b. Law Enforcement Updates:
      i. Officer Ryba: Reported business as usual but police are preparing for April weekends. Parking regulations and bans will not change much regarding April weekends.
      ii. John Armstrong: Not many complaints coming through OCSS. Students are focused academically on midterms prior to break
   c. Housing Office Updates:
      i. Derek Debus: No main issues. Maintaining enforcement.
      ii. Mayor Paterson: No major issues with EDR/Oaks on the Square except for a few isolated incidents at the beginning of the year.
      iii. John Armstrong: EDR has very strong plan for April 25 - 27 and they are taking the initiative to ensure all considerations for safety. There is an unrelated issue with a house at a Dog Lane House. Fran would like to visit that property with John.
      iv. Public parking garage will be open during April 25 - 27, but there will be a state trooper to ensure that the garage is secure.
d. Property Managers:
   i.  *Caleb Calame*: No major news for Carriage/Cedar Ridge. Leasing is starting to pick up because of the Housing Fair. Regionals managers are working on the April plans for the property.
   ii. *John Sobanik*: April plans are similar to the rest of the semester for Celeron. Site monitors on for Thursday –Saturday nights. Celeron is starting to see an increase in path traffic on select nights, but nothing consistent.
   iii. *John Armstrong*: Off-campus students are discussing that they are “shopping around” for specific amenities that they find with on-campus housing. Property managers may need to make appropriate accommodations.
   iv. *Robert Yanez*: Business as usual in ResLife during April. Guests will not be able to spend the night during the weekend of April 25 - 27. There is an honor system in place, but staff will be proactive. Any programming will not include alcohol during April.

4. OCSS Outreach/Programming and Housing Fair Overview
   a. *Adam Fountaine*: Students will be riding the Purple Line to disseminate information regarding Spring Break Safety. Students are attempting to organize a pedestrian safety event for Late Night to ensure that we are reaching on-campus and off-campus students who walk at night. Students are also teaming up with the Fire Marshal’s office to help conduct fire inspection visits at Carriage and Celeron and organize a safety presentation afterwards on April 8.
   b. *John Armstrong*: Housing Fair attendance was down despite the most advertising ever completed for the Housing Fair. Busy week for mid-terms. The office is going to try and revamp the program for next year.
   c. *Adam Fountaine*: Students have expressed concern over the safety of the crosswalk at Carriage and Celeron. Fran is looking to bring it up in Traffic Authority Monthly Meeting. Nancy agreed that the crosswalk is an issue.

5. April Programming
   a. *John Armstrong*: See attached handout for all University sanctioned programming on April 25 – 27.
   b. Additional Programming:
      i. Friday, April 12th – UCONN Club Sports is hosting a “Glow up the Night” 5K run to benefit the Sandy Hook Memorial Scholarship Fund
      ii. Friday, April 19th – Verge Campus Tour Spring Concert (featuring Kendrick Lamar and Steve Aoki) at Gampel Pavilion
   c. All the events for April have been met with enthusiasm by students and the University is still very mindful of regulating campus guests to ensure that students are the primary individuals taking advantage of the programs. For example, the University is only allowing students to buy 1 student ticket and 1 guest ticket for the spring concert and the guest must be with the student to be allowed to enter the concert.
   d. Questions posed regarding community outreach on-campus:
i. Why are students not outreaching to local community too? *Students want to focus specifically on campus this year, but may expand in the future.*

ii. Are unions approving these service projects on-campus? *Yes.*

iii. Has Matt Farley been invited to these meetings? *No, but John will try to invite him for April.*

iv. Is there a backup plan for rain for any of the events between April 25 – 27? *Yes, the ballroom will be utilized for some events.*

e. *Fran Raiola:* Local bars plan to be open on April 25 – 27. Will be reviewing occupancy rules and regulations with Sgt. Cournoyer, UConn PD and FD.

f. *John Armstrong:* There will be no letter sent to other regional universities or schools regarding the weekend of April 25 – 27 to ensure the “Business as Usual” theme.

g. *Mayor Paterson:* Mike Kirk made it clear that the University does not want to bring excessive attention to the weekend.

h. *Kevin Grunwald:* The superintendent sent it to K-12 last year. Someone should touch base with him.

i. *John Armstrong:* We are hoping to create a new tradition moving forward.

6. Other

a. *Mayor Paterson:* It is important to keep bringing student concerns to the table at these meetings.

b. *John Armstrong:* John would like to explore inviting Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Matt Farley, and Office of Community Standards to these meetings.

c. *Mayor Paterson:* The Mayor requested that John make a presentation to Council in August regarding OCSS outreach to the community.

7. Conclusion

a. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

b. Next meeting: April 11, 2013
UCONN LEARNS, UCONN SERVES, UCONN CARES

April 25th – April 27th Themes
- Thursday, April 25th – UConn Learns
- Friday, April 26th – UConn Serves
- Saturday, April 27th – UConn Cares

UConn Weekend Policy
- UConn will reestablish services and building access, including bus transportation, student affairs-managed inside and outside space and student recreational services.
- UConn will no longer send out a message to students and/or their families to vacate campus.
- Events and activities can be planned for the weekend, but must be for UConn students and family exclusively. Exceptions to the exclusivity expectation will be made for specific academic focused gatherings and athletic events.
- No guests will be allowed in the residence halls or dining halls, as in the past two years.
- All space reservations must be submitted to the Spring Weekend Programming Committee before they are approved by Event Services. This student committee will approve reservations based on adherence to policy and fit within the broader Spring Weekend schedule.

Events
Thursday, April 25th – UConn Learns
- Fresh Check Lecture, 4pm in the Student Union Theater
- Outdoor movie (TBD), 8pm on the Student Union Mall

Friday, April 26th – UConn Serves
- Service Day – including landscaping, putting together kits for various local organizations, etc. All over campus, all day.
- USG’s Student Appreciation Day, 11am-2pm on Fairfield Way
- Food Truck Festival with WHUS DJs, 8pm-12am on Fairfield Way and/or the Student Union Mall from 8pm-12am
- Late Night Serves, 8pm-12am in the Student Union

Saturday, April 27th – UConn Cares
- Oozeball, all day, North
- Fresh Check Wellness Fair, 12pm-4pm on the SU Mall
- UConn Music Competition, 6pm-11pm on the SU Mall
- Late Night Cares, 8pm-12am in the Student Union