



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, December 2, 2010

7:30 p.m.

**Mansfield Town Hall
Council Chambers**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Appointment of Recording Secretary
3. Approval of November 4, 2010 Minutes
4. Opportunity for Public to Address the Committee
5. Chairperson's Report
6. Communications
 - UConn Student Affairs Community Standards Report
7. Old Business
 - a) Staff Update "Large Assembly" Ordinance
 - b) Action Status and Town Council Charge to Committee
8. New Business
 - a) Review/Approval 2011 Regular Meeting Schedule
 - b) University Communication Regarding Response of Campus Community (*John Saddlemire*)
9. Adjournment

Committee on Community Quality of Life
DRAFT Minutes
Thursday November 4, 2010

Members Present: TMoran (Chair), EPaterson, DMorse, DKeane (arrived 7:45pm), JReisen, JFried, JFriedman (alternate)

Members Absent: JSaddlemire, CKeuffner (alternate)

Staff Present: MNinteu, JHintz, MHart

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

2. Appointment of Recording Secretary

Jake Friedman was appointed Recording Secretary

3. Approval of October 7, 2010 minutes

Motion to approve minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously, with 2 abstentions: DMorse and JFriedman

4. Opportunity for Public to Address the Committee

W. Alan Hirsch of Hunting Lodge Road commented that his house was broken into, beer stolen and vintage car vandalized late last Saturday night, during the typical Halloween parties in the area. He noted that adjacent homes were quiet and it was more likely due to partygoers walking to/from parties at Carriage House Apartments. He would like to see the Committee direct its efforts at addressing behavior problems rather than parking, % of ownership or number of people per house. He would like to see more UConn involvement in behavior issues and more UConn Police presence off campus during weekend evenings/parties to address behavior issues that are not necessarily associated with a particular property.

5. Chairperson's Report

No report for this month

6. Communications

Discussion of Fall off-campus parties. MHart commented that this year's Halloween weekend party sizes at Carriage House were larger than typical, about as large as Spring Weekend parties. JFried expressed a desire to see more involvement at the state level, by state politicians. JHintz gave his perspective on the issue, pointed out the need to hold party hosts accountable, explained the general process/options for enforcing the Student Code/consequences. He passed out a list of consequences and can ask Cathy Cox (of the Community Standards office) to attend a meeting of this committee if desired. Some interest was expressed in having her attend. JHintz passed out recent survey results, outlining feedback on his office's "welcome packets" (these are handed out to students living off campus at the start of the semesters). DMorse encouraged use of more substantive questions in the survey and a wider array of materials in the packet, such as information on not for profit organizations (e.g. Food Co-op, etc.) that students may not know about. DKeane proposed encouraging "home town students" (who grew up in town and now attend UConn) to act as ambassadors during the door-to-door "welcome walks". Members of the committee and community at large are encouraged to provide further feedback to Jim's office.

7. Items of Business

a) Nuisance House Ordinance:

MNinteau described the intent of the ordinance- to address repeat nuisance behaviors. Changes were made to the draft from the last review, as described in the 10/7 meeting minutes.

JFried motioned to recommend the draft as written to the Town Council for approval. Seconded by DMorse.

JFriedman proposed a friendly amendment to remove reference to age- the term "younger"- in Section 3 (Findings and Purpose) of the draft. Motion failed with at least 5 against.

JFriedman proposed a second friendly amendment to change wording in Section 6C (Enforcement) from "twice in any one year period" to "three times in any one year period." DKeane proposed a friendly amendment to read "twice in any six month period or three times in any one year period." Motion passed unanimously. Wording shall be changed to read "twice in any six month period or three times in any one year period" when referring to fines against a landlord.

Motion to recommend the revised Nuisance House Ordinance to the Town Council for approval passed unanimously.

b) Large Assembly Ordinance:

Staff is reviewing with the Town Attorney and will have an update at the next meeting.

c) Housing Code- Definition of Owner:

MNinteau described the proposed change as an effort to close a loophole in the current Housing Code, where parents may purchase a property for their student/child and deed them a small portion to avoid home inspections/fees. Around 16 homes are expected to be affected by the change.

JFried left at approximately 9:20pm.

JFriedman expressed concern over the proposed change, opined that it is excessively intrusive to private property rights.

DKeane motioned to recommend the change as described for adoption by the Town Council. Seconded. DKeane, JReisen, DMorse, TMoran, EPaterson in favor. JFriedman opposed. Motion passed.

JHintz passed out data on parking, as requested on 10/7.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

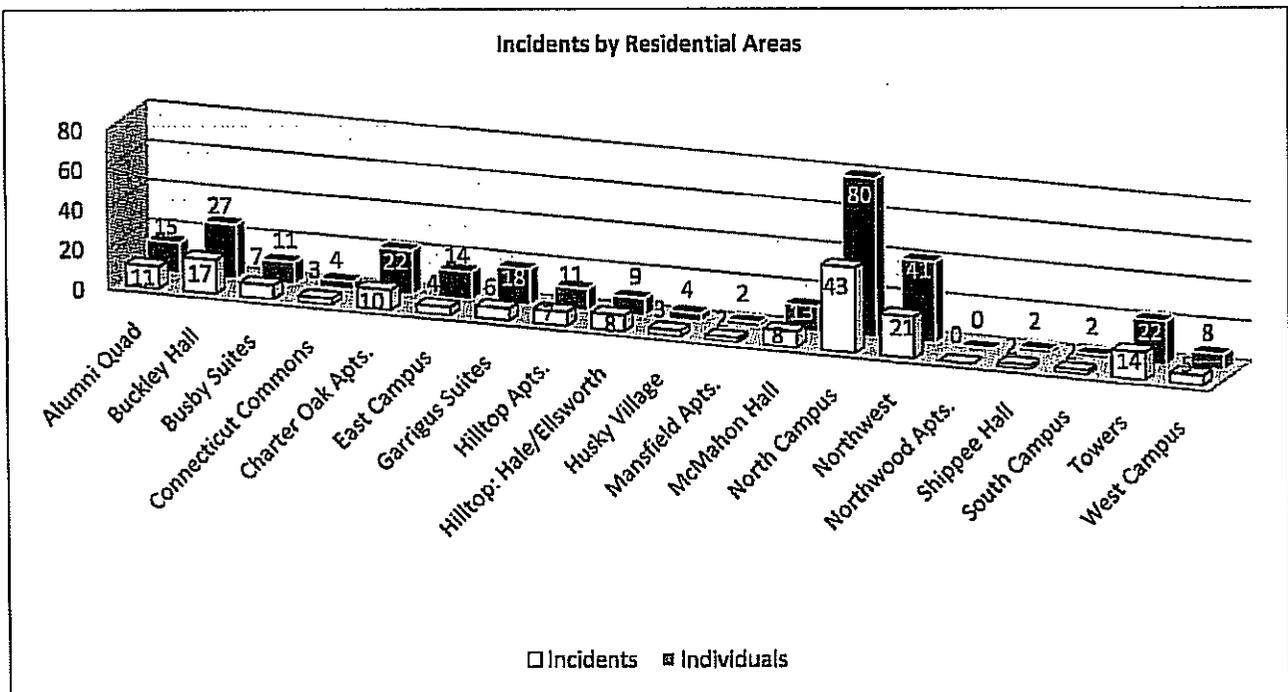
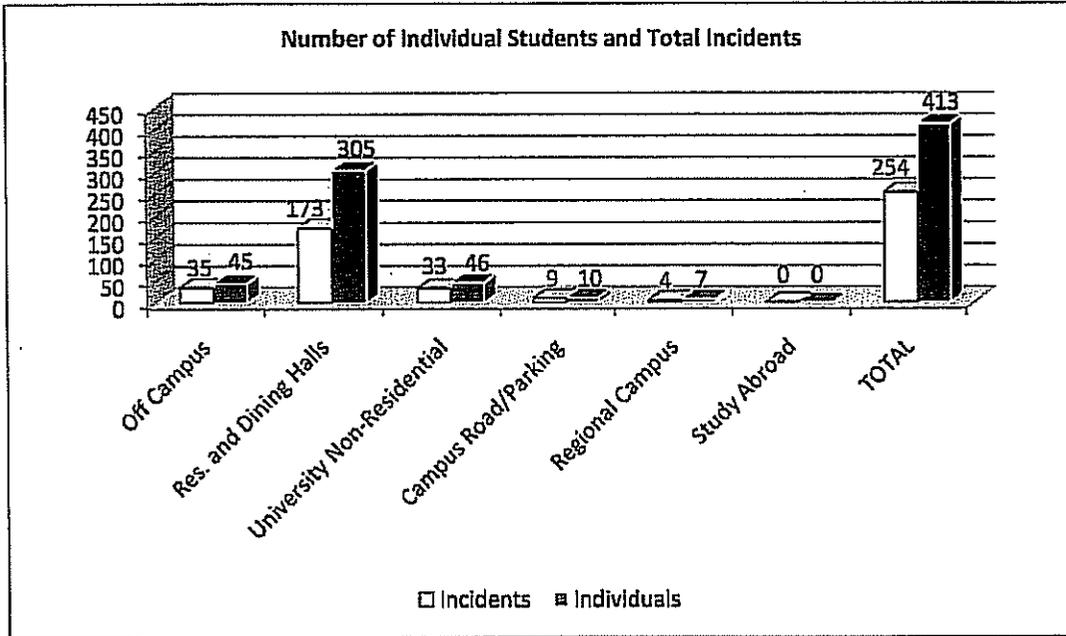
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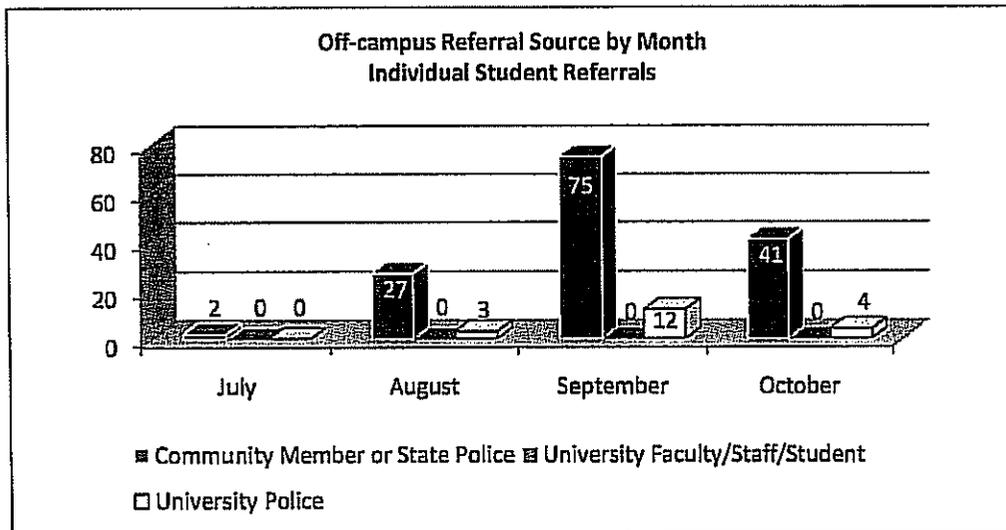
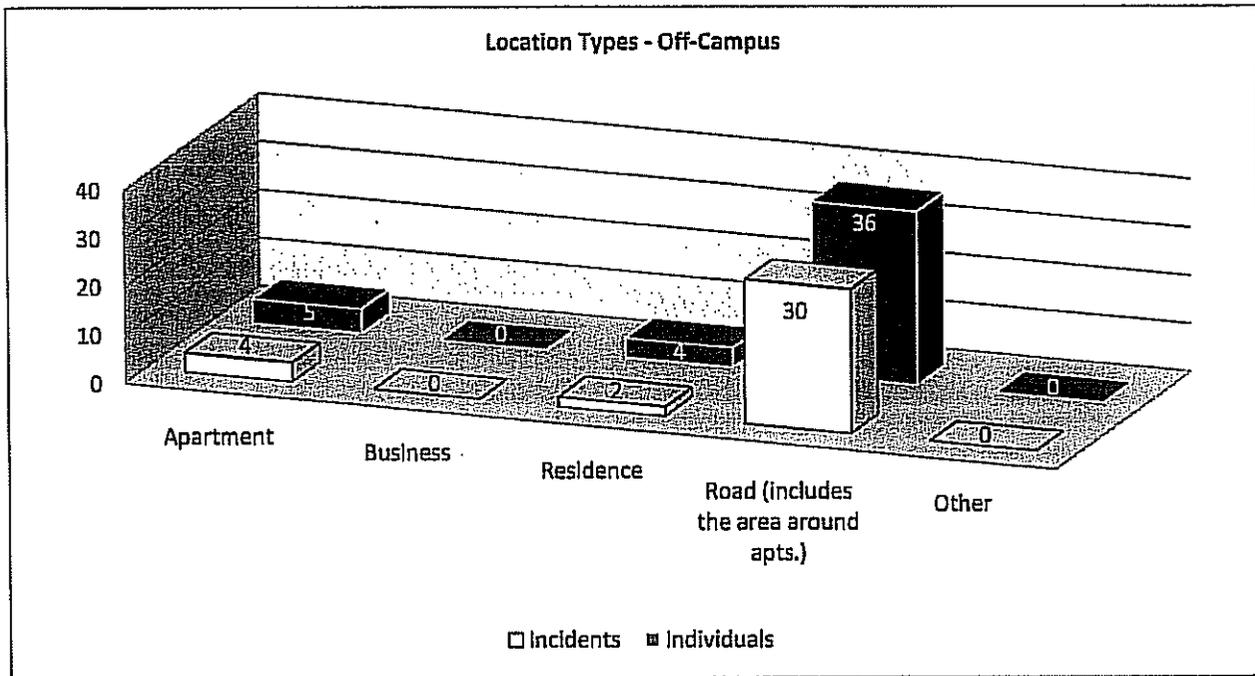
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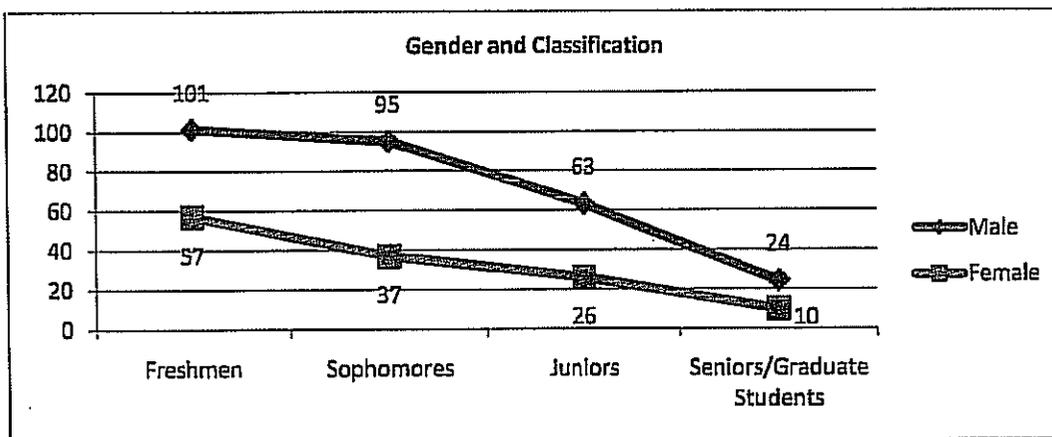
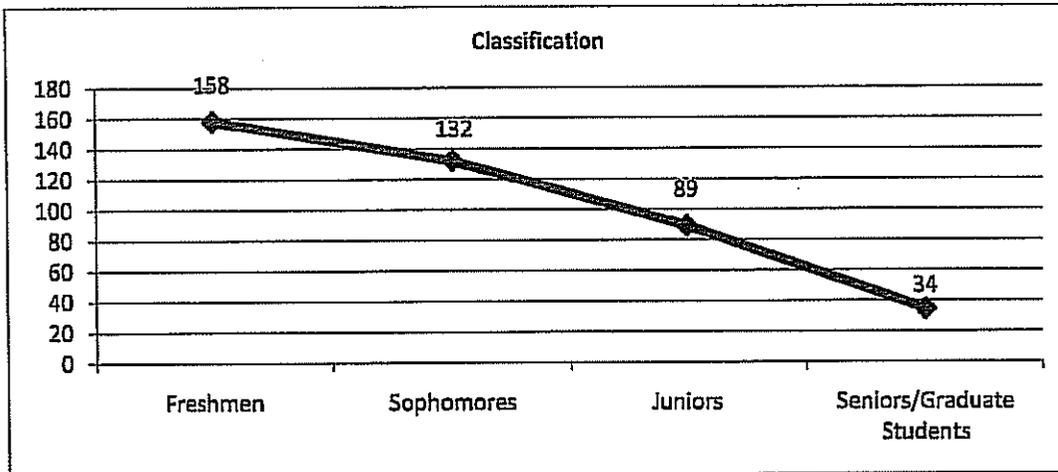
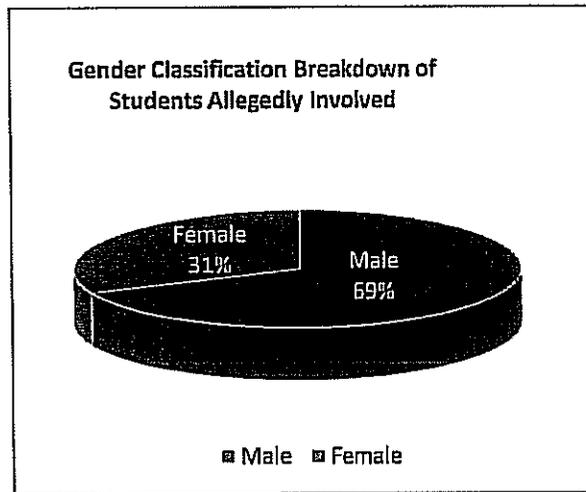
University of Connecticut
 Division of Student Affairs
 Community Standards

Monthly Report
 October 2010

Please note that the below information is preliminary in nature and does not reflect final statistics for the month of October. Final statistics will be available in the summer of 2011.







Cumulative Sanction Report from July 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010

Sanctions Assigned	Students
University Expulsion	3
University Suspension	1
University Probation	74
Warning	361
UCompass (engagement component)	188
UCompass (suspension component)	1
AOD: BASICS	68
AOD: MAPP	34
Educational Project	69
Loss of Privileges	25
Meeting with specific University staff member	18
Removal from Housing	3
Restitution	4
Total	849

Priority	Action	Status	Date
1	Model Lease Provisions	Pending Action	12/2/2010
2	Assembly Permits	Attorney Review	12/2/2010
3	Uconn Responsibility of Campus Community	J Saddlemire Presentation	12/2/2010
4	Neighborhood Dialogue	Pending	?
5	Police Response Time	Police Study	TBD
6	Community Patrols	Police Study	TBD
7	Noise Enforcement	Police Study	TBD
8	Neighborhood Watch Groups	Police Study	TBD
9	Model Security Plan	Tabled	
10	Student Rental Zoning	Tabled	
11	Tenant Registry	Tabled	



**Town of Mansfield
TOWN COUNCIL**

Adopted July 14, 2008

Amended September 22, 2009

Amended October 13, 2009

Amended January 11, 2010

Amended June 14, 2010

**RESOLUTION TO RE-ESTABLISH AND ISSUE CHARGE TO COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE**

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to evaluate and make recommendations concerning quality of life issues within the community, particularly as these issues relate to off-campus student housing and behavior and neighborhood deterioration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to establish an Ad hoc Committee to assist with this task:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A six-member Committee on Community Quality of Life is established for an indefinite term and is authorized to perform the following charge:

1. Evaluate quality of life issues within the community, particularly as these issues relate to off-campus student housing and behavior and neighborhood deterioration. Specific tasks include, but are not limited to:
 - reviewing potential enhancements to the Mansfield Housing Code
 - contemplating improvements to existing public safety and nuisance abatement ordinances
 - considering the adoption of additional ordinances and regulations designed to promote and protect community quality of life
2. Consult with various regulatory bodies and stakeholder groups, such as the Planning and Zoning Commission, the University Office for Off-campus Services, the Town/University Relations Committee, the Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership and neighborhood associations, to generate ideas and suggestions, and to solicit feedback on various committee recommendations.
3. As appropriate, make recommendations to the Town Council.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE**

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to re-establish a Committee on Community Quality of Life to evaluate and make recommendations concerning quality of life issues within the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED TO:

Appoint a Committee on Community Quality of Life to consist of the following members:

- 1) Three members of the Town Council
- 2) One representative from the University of Connecticut
- 3) Three citizens at-large other than those appointed under the categories above.
- 4) Two citizen alternate members

Amended September 2009 to increase the number of at-large members from 3 to 5

Amended October 13, 2009 to reduce the total number of members to 7 including 2 Town Council members, 1 UConn representative and 4 citizen members

Amended January 11, 2010 to increase the number of Town Council members allowed and adjust the number of citizen representatives accordingly.

Amended June 14, 2010 to make the number of Town Council members absolute at three members and citizens at large at three members and to add two citizen alternates



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT
2011 Meeting Schedule**

Members shall meet regularly at **7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers** on the **1st Thursday of each month** to evaluate and make recommendations to the Town Council concerning quality of life issues within the community in accordance with the following schedule:

January 6, 2011

February 3, 2011

March 3, 2011

April 7, 2011

May 5, 2011

June 2, 2011

July 7, 2011

August 4, 2011

September 1, 2011

October 6, 2011

November 3, 2011

December 1, 2011