

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 10, 2008
Audrey Beck Municipal Building
Council Chambers
4:00 pm

Minutes

Present: P. Barry, M. Beal, T. Callahan, B. Clouette, J. Elkins, M. Hart, J. Hintz, R. Hudd, A.J. Pappanikou, E. Paterson, S. Rhodes, W. Simpson

Staff: M. Capriola, G. Padick, A. Hudd, M. Nintean

1. Opportunity for Public to Address the Committee

None

2. May 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of May 13, 2008 were passed unanimously.

3. Mansfield Housing Code

Mr. Nintean conducted a presentation on the Mansfield Housing Code which included highlights of the housing code program, quantitative data (i.e. number of inspections), and an overview of the landlord registry. Mr. Hart commended the efforts of the Department and the success of the program to date. Mr. Hintz discussed some of the ways his office communicates with students about the Mansfield Housing Code. Mayor Paterson commented on the strong successful partnership between the Town and the University (Building Department and Office for Off-Campus Student Services).

4. Campus Community Relations/Spring Weekend

Ms. Elkins and Mayor Paterson provided an update on the Mansfield Community Campus Partnership (MCCP).

5. UConn Compost Facility

Mr. Padick stated that the University is committed to composting and that a committee continues to seek a site for the proposed facility. When a site is selected a public information session will be held and notification to abutters will occur.

6. Mansfield Downtown Partnership (MDP)

Mr. Hart stated that Town Council is having a special meeting on June 12th for a Storrs Center update. Mayor Paterson informed the Committee that she and President Hogan co-authored an op-ed piece for the Chronicle in support of the MDP.

7. UCONN Off-Campus Student Services

Mr. Hintz conducted a presentation on his office, the Office for Off-Campus Student Services. Mr. Hintz presented on the mission, services, and outreach efforts conducted by his office. Mr. Hintz introduced Ms. Hudd, whom has been hired to fill a new full-time position in his office; Ms. Hudd will be assisting with office duties and working directly with students. Mayor Paterson and Mr. Clouette commended the efforts of Mr. Hintz and thanked him for the positive impact he has had on the Mansfield community.

8. Other Business

Mr. Pappanikou asked questions about the potential budget referendum. Mayor Paterson described the verbiage that would be on the ballots and the process for obtaining absentee ballots.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Capriola
Assistant to Town Manager