

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Minutes

Present: B. Clouette, T. Haggerty, M. Hart, J. Hintz, R. Hudd, C. Paulhus, S. Rhodes, N. Silander, W. Simpson

Staff: M. Capriola, L. Hultgren, G. Padick, C. van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm.

2. February 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paulhus to adopt the minutes of February 9, 2010 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Updates

a. *Spring Weekend 2010 Planning Update.* Mr. Rhodes provided an update. Some students are attempting to organize a non-sanctioned Wednesday night event during Spring Weekend; efforts are underway to curtail such an event. Members discussed planning efforts underway for Spring Weekend.

b. *Mansfield Community Campus Partnership (MCCP).* Mr. Hintz provided an update. MCCP is developing goals and action items for the group.

c. *Draft Residential Parking Ordinance.* Mr. Hart and Mr. Padick provided an overview of the draft ordinance. The draft ordinance originated from work of the Committee on Community Quality of Life. The Town Council has held a public hearing and referred the draft ordinance to their sub-committee on ordinance review.

4. Storrs Center Streetscape Project

Mr. Hultgren and Ms. van Zelm provided an overview of the Storrs Center Streetscape Project. The project has several stretches along Storrs Road: the intersection of Routes 195/275 to Flaherty Road; the intersection of Routes 195/275 to the EO Smith/Town Hall parking entrance; EO Smith/Town Hall parking entrance to Bolton Road; and Bolton Road to Mansfield Road. Components of the project will include: ornamental lighting, wide walkways, on-street parking, turning lanes, improved visibility of crosswalks, transit and pedestrian access, benches, trees and landscaping, underground electric utilities, realignment of Dog Lane, improvements to Mansfield Road. UCONN is making improvements to Mansfield Road this year. Design for the streetscape improvement project is currently (approximately) 30% complete. After the CT DOT comments on the design a public information session will be held. The DOT will review and comment on the design at the 75% and 90% points of completion. Each DOT review process takes approximately 30-45 days. The Town anticipates that it will receive the necessary approvals this year and will begin construction next year.

5. Other Business/Announcements

Mr. Rhodes announced that the public hearing on the USDA/UCONN project was not held in February; it will likely be held in April.

6. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee
None.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Clouette made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paulhus to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

Next Meeting: April 13, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager