

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Council Chambers, Audrey Beck Municipal Building

Minutes

Present: P. Barry, L. Chiappa, M. Hart, J. Hintz, N. Hunter, R. Orr, C. Paulhus, N. Silander, W. Simpson, W. Wendt

Staff: M. Capriola (*Town*), C. van Zelm (*MDP*), A. Roe (*UCONN*)

1. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. Members reintroduced themselves.

2. August 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Silander.

3. Co-Chair Reports

Hart reported on Mansfield's new (interim) resident trooper coordinator, Sgt. Cournoyer. Orr reported on the University President's upcoming inauguration events, scheduled for September 16th.

4. Updates:

- a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: van Zelm provided a Storrs Center construction update. The Celebrate Mansfield Weekend will occur September 23rd – 25th; planning is underway.
- b. *MCCP*: Hintz provided an update. MCCP recently had a discussion regarding the various police services options presented in the study. An overview of recent grant funded activities was provided. Fall welcome visits for students living in off-campus housing are scheduled to begin this week.
- c. *Town/UCONN Water Supply Project*: Roe provided an update regarding the joint Town/UCONN water study. The study will analyze groundwater options and options that connect to existing water supply systems (Windham, Tolland) for the Tech Park and additional municipal uses. Financial and environmental factors will be considered in the analysis. Roe outlined next steps in the process.

5. Fall Semester Off- Campus Activity

An overview of recent fall weekend activity was provided by Hart. Also provided was an overview of ordinance enforcement activity and the referral process to Off-Campus Services. Cournoyer and Hintz have been working cooperatively to improve the referral process.

6. Storm Recovery Operations

Town and University members commended each other for their storm recovery efforts. The Town and UCONN worked cooperatively on a number of issues.

7. Other Business/Announcements

US News and World Report announced their college rankings today. UCONN moved from #25 to #20; this is the first time UCONN has made the top 20 list.

8. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee
Quentin Kessel, Codfish Falls Road. Kessel spoke to several issues such as the University's water system capacity and finding an alternative location for the hazardous waste transfer station.

9. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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