

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 14, 2013
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Minutes

Present: J. Armstrong, P. Barry, B. Chandy, M. Daniels, M. Hart, M. Kirk, E. Paterson, C. Paulhus, H. Rynhart, J. Saddlemire, N. Silander, W. Wendt

Staff: M. Capriola, F. Raiola (*Town*), van Zelm (*MDP*)

1. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

2. December 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Paulhus made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Saddlemire. Motion passed with 8 voting in favor and 2 abstentions (Paterson, Chandy). Hart was not present for the vote.

3. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership:* van Zelm reported on Winter Fun Week events. MDP sent out a housing survey and is currently collecting responses. Apartment rental and commercial leasing updates were provided. Snow operations and parking issues were discussed.

b. *MCCP:* Armstrong has met with a number of area property managers regarding potential April off-campus activity. Off-Campus Student Services conducted storm preparation outreach (re: February blizzard) with off-campus students. Students were well prepared and Off-Campus Student Services received no complaints. Off-Campus Student Services commended the Mansfield Public Works Department for their snow removal efforts.

c. *Town/UCONN Water Supply EIE.* The public comment period was extended through the end of January. Over 300 comments were received. Responses to the comments are being prepared, with a target completion date of April. A number of factors for the three options are being considered such as costs, environmental impact, mitigation measures, and zoning impacts.

4. Proposed Sanctioned Spring Activities

Saddlemire and Rynhart provided an overview of planned sanctioned spring activities. Planned activities will be UConn-centric and student oriented with theme days such as "UConn Learns" (notable lecturer, outdoor movie), "UConn Serves" (community service and campus beautification projects), and "UConn Returns" (Oozeball). A number of restrictions will remain in place during the weekend formerly known as Spring Weekend such as parking restrictions and guest restrictions in the dorms and dining halls.

5. University Use of Bergin Correctional Institution

Kirk noted that discussions between the University and the Department of Corrections continue. Potential University uses of Bergin will depend on costs and length of a lease.

6. Other Business Announcements

The Governor's proposed budget and its impact on Mansfield were announced.

The first issue of the UConn Community Update was recently mailed to Mansfield residences. The new publication will be mailed monthly or bi-monthly.

7. Communications

Paterson requested that the communication from W. Simpson be provided in a future Council packet.

8. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

None.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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