

# Mansfield Community Campus Partnership

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## Meeting Agenda

December 1, 2006

- 1) Work Groups
- 2) Work Group report out
- 3) Web site update
- 4) Off-campus search update
- 5) Water quality
- 6) Housing inspections update
- 7) Downtown Partnership update
- 8) SIDNE Cart
- 9) January meeting date
- 10) Other



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## Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2006

The meeting began at 3:00.

Present: Julie Bell-Elkins, Mayor Elizabeth Paterson, Ande Bloom, Chantal Bouchereau, Colin Brennan, Sherry Chapman, Cathy Cocks, Michael Collins, Sgt. Sean Cox, Kevin Grunwald, Matt Hart, Jennifer Kaufman, Master Sgt. Linda Killarney, Catherine LeVasseur, Liza Makuch, Andrew Marone, Cary Morgan, Liz Prince, Officer Thomas Ryba, Michael Sarra, Bob Slattery, Tom Szigethy, Colleen Velturo, Christine Wilson

Sherry Chapman of Mourning Parents ACT discussed the organization's mission, goals, and initiatives.

- The organization was founded by parents of children who died as a result of auto accidents.
- The organization presents at area high schools and community organizations at no charge – the organization has not yet presented at the University of Connecticut.
- S. Chapman distributed informational materials.
- Mayor Elizabeth Paterson and Julie Bell-Elkins thanked S. Chapman for her efforts and for speaking to the Partnership

Tom Szigethy spoke about Alcohol Awareness Week events and programs.

J. Bell-Elkins spoke about Spring semester initiatives for the Partnership. She asked members to establish goals for the upcoming semester.

- Michael Collins asked about the MCCP budget. E. Paterson said that the Partnership currently does not have a budget, and fundraising may be a goal for the future.
- Master Sgt. Linda Killarney asked about the status of the UConn Off-Campus Services position. Matt Hart said that the search committee will be meeting shortly to review resumes. Cary Morgan asked about the position – Colin Brennan explained.
- Kevin Grunwald suggested initiatives that will increase publicity and visibility of the group as a Spring goal.
- M. Hart suggested a campaign targeted at safe partying, possibly with kickoff events at local apartment communities to increase awareness.



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- Aliza Makuch suggested Spring Weekend Planning as a Spring goal. E. Paterson said that several groups are examining Spring Weekend Planning through the Spring Weekend Committee and Alcohol Policy Committees.
- E. Paterson said that she is impressed at the level of collaboration and cooperation among the group.
- Sgt. Sean Cox said that the group needs to define what Spring Weekend is and what the Town and University want the event to look like.
- J. Bell-Elkins said that the group could look at ways to reach people who are not part of the community but who come to Spring Weekend.
- Jennifer Kaufman said that for area residents Spring Weekend is predictable, but partying on other weekends is more problematic and is becoming more common.
- K. Grunwald suggested inviting Governor Rell or a delegate to Spring Weekend this year.
- S. Cox said that UMass Amherst officials are interested in coming to the area to speak with us. They are interested in Partnership efforts and also have issues with an Aspen Square property located near the UMass Amherst campus. We may be able to work together with Aspen Square on resolution of these issues.
- C. Morgan said that fall weekends are becoming increasingly hostile – people not affiliated with the University are sometimes violent.
- M. Hart said that ING has recently purchased a number of apartment communities in the area and is looking to expand. The company has expressed interest in working with the community to improve the condition and security of its properties.

J. Bell-Elkins discussed goals for the Spring as established by the group.

- Visibility and outreach
- Publications—Party Smart
- Possible outreach to news media & local cable community access channels
- Weekend interventions
- S. Cox recommended recognizing Town and University officials for their efforts at a press conference.

K. Grunwald provided a grant update. Liz Prince discussed the opportunity for a new grant.

T. Szigethy spoke about an upcoming MCCP presentation at the NASPA/ACPA joint conference in April. Partnership members will be co-presenting on successes and activities of the Partnership.



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Andrew Marone discussed the UConn Guard Dogs program. Launch of the program went well and there has been significant demand. The first weekend featured 120 rides on Friday, 190 rides on Saturday. Phone lines were shut down at 1am because of extended wait times. There is discussion of needing another vehicle in the near future.

Cathy Cox discussed incident reporting and processes through which the Office of Community Standards handles off-campus student behavior.

Catherine LeVasseur discussed new state laws regarding underage drinking.

M. Hart provided an update on the rental unit inspections. There is a need to address rapid deterioration of properties that may occur following inspection.

- Anyone can call in a complaint at any time.

Colin Brennan discussed water quality issues at area apartment communities. Knollwood Apartments distributed notices of lead in water supply to its residents. Ande Bloom will look into the issue. A. Marone said he has been approached about this issues as well.

The meeting ended at 4:40.

