Windham/Eastern Community Action Network (W/E CAN)
Town and Gown Minutes
Thursday, October 13, 2011
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Eastern Attendees:  Mr. Ken Bedini, Ms. Megan Bell, Dr. Walter Diaz, Chief Jeff Garewski, Ms. Jeliesa Gregory, Mr. James Howarth, Ms. McKenzie Hyde, Mr. Scott Nolan, Ms. Stephanie Nolting, Mr. Angelo Simoni

Community Attendees:  Mr. Dick Grillo, Mr. Joel Meyers, Mrs. Shirley C. Mustard, Chief Marc Scrivener, Mr. Matthew Vertefeuille, Mrs. Pamela Viens

Agenda Items In Review

1. Community Concerns.

   Noise Complaints.
   Mr. Joel Meyers expressed that in general, things have been quiet since the last meeting. His biggest concern is at 2:00 a.m. when the bars close and there are groups of students wandering the streets, knocking on random doors and going up to porches.
   - In this situation, call the Willimantic Police.
   - Shuttles are operating from Noble and Burr so students can be transported back to their residence halls.

   Parking.
   Parking has been an issue this semester. One resident stated that students honor parking restrictions when their vehicle gets ticketed and suggested that students be more informed of the parking restrictions on the community streets that border campus.

   Trash.
   A community member expressed concern about the trash found in the streets, in driveways and front lawns. Though this is disrespectful, they feel that by the time they call the Police or Mr. Simoni to respond, they could have picked up the trash themselves.

   Another community member expressed that while she knows there are things that the students should not do, they are the future. Eastern is where many companies will come to recruit employees. Too much pressure is being put on the university and she feels as though it is causing a divide between the community and the campus.
2. **CLIP Grant Update**
   - Monthly meetings continue and a new University Assistant was hired.
   - The purpose of the DMHAS grant, awarded to the University, is to examine the disruptive behavior and consumption of alcohol by students that takes place on and off campus and improve relations with neighboring residents and the community.
   - PITA, a full-time marketing consultant group, was hired to solidify marketing campaign ideas.
   - Focus groups, to be held in November, will include membership from the town and community.

3. **WPD Ride-Along Update**
   - Mr. Simoni took a ride with the Willimantic Police from 10:00 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. Overall, it was a quiet evening.
   - Police are doing a great job keeping things in order.
   - It was mentioned that the State only allocates the town $3 million a year to take care of all the emergencies and this year the police have been needed less, but fire/public safety incidents have been higher regarding matters at the University.

REMINDER: Next Meeting will take place Thursday, November 10, 2011.

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