Windham/Eastern Community Action Network (W/E CAN)

Town and Gown Minutes
Thursday, November 10, 2011
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Eastern Attendees:** Mr. Ken Bedini, Ms. Megan Bell, Dr. Walter Diaz, Ms. Eleni Fatsis, Mr. Jim Howarth, Lt. Tom Madera, Ms. Stephanie Nolting, Dr. Elsa Nuñez, Mr. Angelo Simoni, Dep. Chief Gregory Sneed

**Community Attendees:** Mr. Don and Mrs. Winnie Chase, Mr. Ernie Eldridge, Mr. Dick Grillo, Mr. Kevin Hoxie, Ms. Shirley C. Mustard, Chief Marc Scrivener, Mr. Matt Vertefeuille

**Agenda Items In Review**

1--Community Concerns.

**Noise Complaints**

The Police have been busy this month. According to residents, the houses to carefully monitor are 74 Pennywood, considered a hotspot, and 124 Ridgewood, which has been active as well. Students seem to be making progress in understanding the seriousness of these off-campus issues because they don’t want to get arrested and spend the night in a holding cell.

**Parking**

The police have been doing a great job giving out tickets and getting vehicles towed if students are not adhering to parking bans.

**Other Concerns**

Residents become impatient when the Police do not respond quickly to their calls. This may be true because the Police are involved with other incidents at the time of the call. The residents also feel that students are not as concerned about getting in trouble with the Police as the consequences that they will face at the University.

Mr. Simoni and Dr. Diaz assured the community members that they both follow up on every single student that has been arrested the next morning. If residents have concerns, they can contact either Mr. Simoni or Dr. Diaz directly.

Ms. Mustard stated that the students sent to her to help with yard work as community service have been wonderful. They were respectful and got the jobs done to the best of their abilities. Mr. Simoni expressed that if any resident needs help with simple jobs or
yard work that students can do as community service, they can contact him so that he can find students to send and help.

2--CLIP Grant Update

- A marketing firm has been hired which conducted an electronic survey sent to the community. They have already received 1200 responses and are hoping to get more.
- This is the third year of the grant and the second year of the coalition.
- Discovery workshops will be conducted for small groups on Tuesday, November 15th and Thursday November 17th. The marketing firm will be asking questions to community members about prevention.
- The marketing firm will be collecting answers and giving updates; it is supposed to be a social norm campaign which is targeted toward students and neighbors.
- The next CLIP Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 12 – 1:30 p.m.
- The residents at the meeting expressed that some of them were not included in the electronic survey. Their request will be honored as soon as possible.
- The goal is to create a core survey after information is gained in regards to the opinions of the community members and students which identify off-campus issues.
- A resident was concerned about the exact purpose of the grant. Originally, it was geared towards the Police bringing about change through enforcement, but he felt this has changed from the original proposal two years ago.
- Mr. Bedini responded by saying that the Police have been doing a very good job with enforcement and originally that was the main focus. Now it seems important to deal with liquor sales and other issues in the area besides enforcement. Research and history found that enforcement is not solely where the money needs to go.

3--Thanksgiving Meal

All Eastern students, staff and community members are welcome to join in the Thanksgiving meal in Hurley Hall on Wednesday, November 23rd from 12:00 - 3:00p.m.

REMINDER: The next Town Gown meeting will take place on Thursday, February 9, 2012, Johnson Room 204 of the J. Eugene Smith Library on the Eastern campus.

Please visit the W/E CAN website, www.easternct.edu/towngown for more information and useful links.