

Bellingham-Western Washington University Campus Community Coalition

Friday, November 5, 2004

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM

Old Main Board Room (Old Main 340)
Western Washington University

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Alanna Ahern, WWU Associated Students
Ambur Hoffman, WWU AOD Lifestyle Advisor
Anna Carey, WWU New Student Programs
Anne Mackie, York Neighborhood Assn.
April Markiewicz, Samish Neighborhood Assn.
Barbara Brandt, South Hill Neighborhood Assn.
Barbara Hudson, NW Rental Owners Association
Barney Goltz, Cornwall Neighborhood Assn.
Bob Hofstetter, WWU Campus Recreation
Brian Pahl, WWU Prevention and Wellness Services
Brian Tines, The Royal/ Fairhaven Pub & Martini Bar
Brian Waller, The Beaver Inn
Buff Schoenfeld, WWU President's Office
Carr Lanham, Bellingham Police Department
Chris Berry, Lutheran Campus Ministries
Chris Neumann, Happy Valley Neighborhood Assn.
Christine Burkhart, Bellingham, Police Department
Christopher Runyon, WWU Student
Christy Valle, WWU Student
Craig Mullarky, Sound Beverage
Dale Monroe, Puget Neighborhood Assn.
Dave Dettman, WWU Resident Life
Dena Bunton, Northwest Indian College
Eileen Coughlin, WWU Office of Student Affairs
Elva Giddings, WWU Prevention and Wellness Services
Emily Gibson, WWU Student Health Services
Frank Ward, Property Owner
Jasper MacSllarrow, Representative Rick Larson's Office
Jessica Evans, WWU Lifestyle Advisor
Jim Shaw, WWU University Police
Joe Van Laeken, York Neighborhood Assn.
John Hymas, Happy Valley Neighborhood Assn.
Katherine Carpenter, WWU Parent
Kent Nelson, Ace Distributors

Kevin Moe, WWU Student
Kristi Lovick Coy, Muljat Group Realtors
Kunle Ojikutu, WWU Office of Student Affairs
Kurt Dunbar, Puget Neighborhood Assn.
Kurt Nabbefeld, City of Bellingham Planning Department
Lauren Anderson, WWU Student
Leslie Ochs, WWU Physical Education, Health, and Recreation
Lidia Tillman-McAdoo, Property Owner
Linda Becker, DSHS Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse/Prevention
Louise Bjornson, Bellingham City Council
Maggie Hanson, NW Rental Owners Association
Margaret Vlahos, Whatcom Community College
Marie Sather, WWU Campus Recreation
Mark Young, Bellingham Police – Crime Prevention
Melissa Locke, Bellingham Police Department
Michael Schardein, WWU Office of Student Life
Nate Porter, WWU Student
Pat Fabiano, WWU Prevention and Wellness Services
Paul Cocke, WWU Office of University Communications
Rachel Zommick, WWU Associated Students
Renee Collins, WWU Office of Student Affairs
Richard Maneval, Roosevelt Neighborhood Assn.
Roger Hoen, Washington State Liquor Control Board
Sarah Rankin, WWU Prevention and Wellness Services
Sheri Emerson, Sehome Neighborhood Assn.
Steve Kirkelie, City Attorney's Office
Susan Adams, WWU Prevention and Wellness Services Intern
Van Hudson, NW Rental Owners Association
Vanessa Beronilla, WWU Student
Vince Crocker, Landlord

Welcome and Introductions

Pat Fabiano welcomed the group and gave special recognition to guests Linda Becker, Roger Hoen, Katherine Carpenter and Associated Students President Rachel Zommick and Vice President for Campus and Community Affairs Alanna Ahern. She also welcomed students participating in service learning projects with the Campus Community Coalition this quarter.

New Grants

Pat Fabiano discussed two grants recently awarded to the CCC, one from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), and one from the DSHS Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention. These grants that will help sustain and expand the work of the coalition over the next three years. Pat stated that they were awarded because the proposals were based on strategies that are known to be effective or promising to reduce alcohol misuse among college students, and because the problem has been accurately identified as underage/illegal alcohol use and intoxication. She also described the CCC's approach of seeking comprehensive solutions, drawing on many perspectives, and using environmental, as well as individual, strategies.

[Please see accompanying handout "A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing Alcohol Abuse: Context and thinking behind the grant supporting the Bellingham-WWU Campus Community Coalition."]

Pat gave an overview of the goals and proposed grant projects in three main areas:

- **Increasing enforcement activities** and media coverage of enforcement. She noted that research shows that the perceived risk of being caught has more impact on behavior than larger fines, so increasing media coverage is an important way to increase the perceived risk of being caught, which in turn leads to decreased alcohol consumption.
- **Increasing late night activities on campus** to give students, especially underage students, alcohol free alternatives to drinking/parties on weekend nights. The goal would also be develop Western's campus into more of a social, as well as academic, hub.
- **Increasing student integration and accountability to neighborhoods** in which they live, or the Neighborhood Engagement and Students (NEST) project. This is an innovative approach that recognizes that the majority of students do not cause problems and regards students as assets and part of the solution. Some of the proposed NEST projects include developing a "transition to off campus life" training program for students moving off campus, working with the Center for Service Learning to incorporate neighborhood –based service learning projects into WWU classes, and developing a conflict mediation program.

Pat noted that the grant from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism is a research grant, which will require an evaluation, including comparing the CCC's interventions to several other campus-communities in the state.

[Please see accompanying handout "Proposed Campus Community Coalition Activities 2004-2007"]

Leslie Ochs, who went with Pat to the NIAAA grantees meeting in Washington DC, commented that Western has a great opportunity to work with other universities in the nation, to learn from them and share the special things our Campus Community Coalition is doing.

Alanna Ahern stated that she is excited about late night programming, as it appeared that having the World Music Festival on the first weekend of fall quarter may have contributed to that fact that the Bellingham Police Department received fewer loud party calls that night.

Louise Bjornson noted that she thinks neighborhoods reaching out to students has great potential.

Linda Becker commented that the CCC's prevention efforts are great, but the high school alcohol use should also be addressed. She is collecting data with a survey of high schools students, asking where they are getting the alcohol. Lara Welker responded that Sergeant Lanham has recently started tracking high school attendees at parties that the Party Patrol responds to.

Coalition Work Groups

Lara Welker explained that for now the CCC will use its existing work groups to move forward with the grant projects. She briefly described the current CCC work groups and asked attendees to indicate which work group they would like to continue with or join. She also invited people to write in potential new members for the Hospitality Resource Alliance.

Coalition Activities Updates

- **Bellingham Police Department Party Patrol.** Sgt. Carr Lanham reported on party Patrol for Fall Quarter. Over the six nights of Party Patrol, there were a total of 62 loud party calls, and the Patrol responded to 11 parties. The following citations were given: 157 minor in possession of alcohol; 12 furnishing alcohol to minors; 3 noise ordinance violations, and 22 disorderly conducts. There was an increase in number of parties reported from last fall. It was noted that the nights of September 24th and 25th there were fewer party calls, perhaps because of the late-night event in the Viking Union on campus, the world music festival held on campus, and the Battle in Seattle football event.
- **City Attorney's Office neighborhood community service option.** Steve Kerkelie and Richard Maneval reported on the new neighborhood community service option to be used as a sanction by the City Attorney's Office. Students who receive alcohol related citations or a noise ordinance violation would participate in community service in the neighborhood in which the offence occurred. The intent is to tie students back into the neighborhoods in a direct and positive way. The idea will be presented to the Association of Bellingham Neighborhoods Association meeting on Monday November 15th and discussed further with neighborhood representatives at a later meeting.
- **Neighborhoods welcoming students.** Sheri Emerson reported on the "Neighborhoods" table set up at the WWU Info Fair the week before classes started Fall quarter. The table was staffed by neighborhood representatives and included a map of Bellingham neighborhoods, which gave students the opportunity to identify the neighborhood in which they live. Information about the neighborhood associations was distributed and approximately 100 students signed up indicating that they would like to be contacted by their neighborhood association. There were also buttons for each neighborhood and 453 buttons were handed out. President Morse stopped by and noted that WWU should be a neighborhood, too.

Anne Mackie reported on student involvement in York neighborhood. She stated that the York Neighborhood Association Board has made a commitment to engage students, saying "We can't paint students with a one negative brush stroke." WWU student Chris Neumann was on the board last year and helped to organize dumpster day and a picnic this summer. Joe Van Laeken and another WWU student are currently on the board. Joe and another WWU student hosted a Night Out against Crime at their house in August. Anne mentioned other students who organized a night out against crime and a fundraising party. She provided copies of the York Neighborhood Association Fall Newsletter, which profiles students' contributions to the York neighborhood.

- **On-Campus Late Night Activities.** Susan Adams, a graduate intern at Prevention and Wellness is organizing a meeting of departments on campus interested in discussing late night programming as an alcohol reduction initiative. The meeting will explore what has already

been done, what we want to do in the future, what barriers exist and what resources are available.

- **Neighborhood service-learning projects.**

Nate Porter and Chris Runyon reported on service learning projects they are doing with the CCC this quarter. Nate, a student in an urban sociology course, is researching quality of life indicators to measure neighborhood satisfaction. This will be used in the design of the evaluation for the new grant projects.

Chris Runyon, from a Communications class on civil discourse, described their CCC action project which requires students to attend neighborhood association meetings and interview CCC members to gain a broad range of view points about the issues of student alcohol misuse and neighborhood issues related to students and long term neighbors.

Hospitality Resource Alliance. Pat acknowledged the presence of people representing the hospitality industry and their important role in the CCC. She noted that there seem to be many new establishments in Bellingham and encouraged people to let her or Lara know if there are additional owners or managers who should be a part of the Hospitality Resource Alliance so they can be contacted and invited to participate.

Announcements

There will be a public work session on rental property issues on November 16th from 7 to 9pm in the dome room of the Bellingham cruise terminal. The public is invited to participate to give ideas regarding ways to address the issue of “problem properties.”