

Campus Community Coalition Meeting Minutes

The Bellingham—WWU Campus and Community Coalition met Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at 11:45 am in WWU's Old Main Board Room (room 340).

Present:

Amber Darland, New Student Programs	Kunle Ojikutu, WWU Asst VP Student Affairs
April Markiewicz, Samish Neighborhood	Larry Kwiatkowski, Alabama Hill Neighborhood
Barbara Brandt, South Hill Neighborhood	Leslie Ochs, WWU Faculty
Barney Goltz, Cornwall Neighborhood	Lidia Tillman-McAdoo
Brian Pahl, WWU Prevention and Wellness Services	Maggie Hanson, NW WA Renters Association
Brian Tines, The Royal and Fairhaven Pub	Marcia Ford, Puget Neighborhood
Brian Waller, The Beaver	Margaret Vlahos, Whatcom Community College
Buff Schoenfeld, WWU President's Office	Mary Fraser, York Neighborhood
Courtney Hiatt, Associated Students VP Student Life	Meagan Rylander, WWU Student
Craig Mullarky, Sound Beverage	Officer Melissa Locke, Bellingham Police
Lt. Dave Doll, Bellingham Police	Michael Schardein, WWU Judicial Office
David Auer, South Hill Neighborhood	Mike Sledge, WWU Residence Life
Dena Bunton, Northwest Indian College	Nancy Barga, Sehome High School
Donna Peyton, WWU Student	Pat Fabiano, WWU Prevention and Wellness Services
Doug Starcher, Bellingham Planning Commission	Paul Graves, Associated Students President
Eileen Coughlin, WWU VP for Student Affairs	Peter Rosenburg, WWU Residence Life
Elva Giddings, WWU Prevention and Wellness Services	Chief Randy Carroll, Bellingham Police
Emily Gibson, Student Health Services	Renee Collins, WWU Dean of Students
Frank Ward, Sehome and South Hill Neighborhoods	Richard Maneval, Roosevelt Neighborhood
Ian Relay, Up and Up Tavern	Sheri Emerson, Sehome Neighborhood
Jamie Albert, WWU Student	Steve Kirkelie, City Attorney's Office
Jeff Sawyer, Happy Valley Neighborhood	Susan Gribbin, Whatcom Coalition for Healthy Communities
Jessica Evans, WWU Student	Tanya Rowe, University Communications
Jim DeGolier, STAR Task Force	Tom Barrett, Samish Neighborhood
Chief Jim Shaw, WWU Police	Tom Dixon, WA State Liquor Control Board
John Hymas, Happy Valley Neighborhood	Vanessa Melton, WWU Student
Kent Nelson, Ace Distributors	

Guests: Rick Garza and Roger Hoen, WA State Liquor Control Board

Welcome and Introductions:

Pat Fabiano gave a special welcome to new members and to the Liquor Control Board guests. She also thanked Lidia Tillman-McAdoo for the recent donation to the Coalition made by her foundation, Maravillas. She then introduced Lara Welker, hired in November as Coalition Coordinator.

Lara noted Coalition members' enthusiasm, commitment, relationships, and successes and outlined her goals for the coming year:

- Reestablish the work groups
- Clearly define the Coalition's goals
- Increase student participation
- Strengthen internal and external communication

Past, Present, and Future Directions

Fabiano gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Campus Community Coalition to give context for a small group exercise to brainstorm goals for the coming year. Included in the presentation were slides outlining the success of such enforcement efforts as the Bellingham Police Party Patrol and the Liquor Control Board compliance checks.

Bellingham Police Lt. Dave Doll commented that the 58% decrease in MIPs issued by the Party Patrol from last year to this year indicates to him that students are making more responsible decisions.

Liquor Control Board Agent Tom Dixon added that compliance check rates are getting better in the Bellingham area and that his office wants to continue to focus on the campus area.

Fabiano concluded that an internal evaluation of the Coalition conducted in 2002 indicated that members are in agreement that the Coalition has developed strong relationships, but there is less agreement about whether it is achieving its goals.

Welker then framed the small group exercise to:

- Prioritize top three next steps for the Campus Community Coalition
- Suggest others who should be involved in the Coalition
- Elect representatives from each small group to sit on a planning committee

Results of Small Group Exercise:

Enforcement

Top priority: To secure funding for continued enforcement efforts (e.g., Party Patrol)

Missing members: City council and others in position to influence funding mechanisms

Planning Committee Rep: Tom Dixon, Liquor Control Board, Melissa Locke, Bellingham Police, and Jim Shaw, University Police

WWU Student Leaders

Top priority: To create sense of student commitment to their community (e.g., community service for students who receive MIPs instead of \$ fines)

Missing members: "Local families"

Planning Committee Rep: Vanessa Melton, WWU student

Prevention

Top priority: To develop sister coalitions using the Campus Community Coalition as a model so that other initiatives in the community could benefit from our experience

Missing members: Other coalitions with similar or overlapping purpose to ours

Planning Committee Rep: Jim DeGolier, STAR Task Force

Neighborhood Association A

Top priority: To encourage the City to pass an enforceable nuisance ordinance

Missing members: City Council, state, local, and federal representatives

Planning Committee Rep: Richard Maneval, Roosevelt Neighborhood

Neighborhood Association B

Top priority: To increase communication and outreach (e.g., updated website with membership list and meeting minutes)

Missing members: media, state legislators

Planning Committee Rep: John Hymas, Happy Valley Neighborhood

Judicial

Top priority: To open channels of communication among constituents

Missing members: Dean of Students, more representation from Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Planning Committee Rep: Steve Kirkelie or Jennifer Tepker from Prosecuting Attorney's Office

WWU Staff

Top priority: To increase involvement of "average" students

Missing members: The "2 out of 10" students (as opposed to the majority of students who drink moderately and responsibly)

Planning Committee Rep: Leslie Ochs, WWU Faculty

Landlords

Top priority: To expand the notification process to landlords to include infractions like MIPs

Missing members: Neighborhood associations, litter control officer, property management companies (e.g., Stebner and Lakeway Realty)

Planning Committee Rep: Frank Ward

Hospitality Resource Alliance

Top priority: To educate college and high school students about the consequences of and responsibility for their behavior

Missing members: High school students, community college students, and high school students doing running start at the colleges

Planning Committee Rep: Brian Waller, The Beaver, Kent Nelson, Ace Distributors, and Dale Kinsley

WWU Administrators

Top priority: To develop the Campus Community Coalition as a self-sustaining structure with incentives to stay involved and act on what we discuss

Missing members: Property managers and the "2 out of 10" students (perhaps volunteering to serve on the Coalition as part of their diversion)

Planning Committee Rep: Kunle Ojikutu, Student Affairs, Renee Collins, Dean of Students

Closing:

Pat Fabiano summarized the results of small group exercise, noting that increasing communication, securing funding, and increasing student (esp. sanctioned student) membership appeared to be overarching priorities. She also saw a need for the Coalition to act as a broker to support city ordinances, timely notification of landlords, and mechanisms that convey responsibility.