University Community Relations Alliance  
October 24, 2017 Meeting  
Teaching Lab room 1025, UNCW’s Campus

Call to Order: 4:01 pm

Motion to approve minutes and minutes approved: 4:02 pm
- change from Rush to Thrush under CAGNA report

Corey Boyett: City of Wilmington, Solid Waste (Update provided by Amy)
- Compliance activity from 07-06-2017 to 10-16-2017:
  111 notices were given, 25 final notice letters sent, and 21 civil citations issued.

General updates:
- The Compliance Officer attended the “Part Time Job/Student Services Fair” during UNCW Welcome Week. This fair was August 16 from 9:30 AM to 12 PM. The Compliance officer spoke to 100 students about Solid Waste and Stormwater compliance issues.
- The number of Citations has increased by 5. There was a high number of incidents between 7.12.17 and 8.2.17 and then the number of incidents tapered off between 8.17.17 and 10.12.17.

Previous compliance activity listed on the prior Alliance meeting report:
- Compliance activity from 4-19-2017 to 7-06-2017:
  100 notices were given, 27 final notice letters sent, and 16 civil citations issued.
- Thank you for the continual calls reporting trash can/bulky violations.

Amy Beatty: City of Wilmington
- Identifying where we are having issues is the 1st step in managing those issues. They have created a boundary for tracking issues based on previous history. Two maps created. Larger maps (posted on walls) are tracking violations of public nuisances, parking violations, more than 3 unrelated people living together, recreational vehicles, solid waste. Large maps are too large in size to look at on a computer, they become distorted. Smaller maps (passed out). Maps will be updated quarterly. These maps are from mid-August to end of September.

Question (Sharon) – what is your end result going to be used for? 
Answer – we don’t have documentation of which street violations are occurring. Point is to document and identify trends to adopt new strategies.

Question (Sharon) – will these be based only on the university year? 
Answer – these would track all year and be done per quarter.

Question (Sharon) – And what do you hope to accomplish with the maps? 
Answer – We don’t have data to track right now so we want to be able to track the data moving forward. 

Question (Sharon) – So the previous calls we have made are not being tracked? 
Answer – They have been, but are in different systems. This will put them all in one system to track easier.

- On parking violations, on maps there were 17 violations from mid-August to end of September, but no citations. When Chris went out to look for violations and told them to comply, people had complied when inspection happened so no citations issued.
- On graph, we notice a big downward trend after first week of school – hopefully attributable to the walk and talk and police talking to students. We have done a much better job, I think, about communicating with UNCW about citations.
Stephanie Ganser: UNCW Update
-pie chart of which people are students and which are not
-first time citations receive warning letters, second time citations meet with Stephanie one-on-one
-ODOS met with student leaders in several groups about expectations
-walk and talk on College Acres Drive – we will do another in spring
-did a video on how to be a good neighbor off campus. Lee participated in the video.
-will show Orientation video after this meeting.

Andrea Weaver: UNCW Update
-brought copies of most recent UNCW magazine
-UNCW celebrating 70th anniversary, brought stickers
-College student for a day coming up

Lt. Denoia: UNCW Police Report
-bike larcenies for quarter down
-Alcohol and noise violations up
-Aug. 17 – Sept. 18 – UNCW only called to one large party, no citations issued, but UNCW issued 2 referrals. This was the only call UNCW received during that period.

Chris Hatcher: City of Wilmington, Code Enforcement
-doing bi-weekly surveys every other Wednesday and patrolling areas for public nuisances and parking.
-Also patrolling randomly so there is no pattern.
-Do fall and spring housing fairs
-Parking violations – sent out 25 notices over parking, all complaints were valid, 21 in violation, 4 current cases

Sharon Dorsam and Lee West: CAGNA
-Thank you to everyone who participated in the walk and talk, homeowners have said it has improved
-Want to talk about trash generated at party houses. Joe Garnett said they have up to 2 weeks to pick up that trash. I think it should be picked up within 24 hours because it blows into other yards. Not a good site when going to church that morning. This type of trash is different than other kinds of trash so they should not wait 2 weeks.
Amy – I will look into the 2 week period and see if that is correct.
Sharon – also a problem with people dropping trash as they walk down the street. I can ask homeowners to provide you with video surveillance footage
Amy – this is hard to deal with at times because police usually have to observe someone dropping the trash

Neal Shulman: Dixon Acres
-been quiet, another neighbor and myself did our own walk after we saw good neighbor packets on the ground. I have yet to meet anyone who has read the packet. We told them we want them to enjoy the neighborhood, but the city has rules they have to follow. They had no idea of 90% of the things we talk about. This group has no rules and is not serving its purpose. If the group is doing a walk and talk then we need to vote and everyone needs to be involved in the walk and talk. There needs to be an icebreaker – I took my dog. This group needs to get a mission statement. It shouldn’t take talking to legislatures to get this group to do their job. How are you going to get students to watch the video? They aren’t going to watch it if you send it to them. How are you ensuring your return on investment?
Otherwise you should hire another policeman. My neighborhood has been quiet, but I have told them what I expect. Just across the street they have parties every night, but I do not hear them and that’s ok. They are trainable and that’s what this group should be doing.

Public Comment
- Dean Walker – on behalf of university want to thank Richard for his service
- Neal – we are losing a good member to this group, someone who is data driven, and listens to the people in this community. I am sorry to see him go and I think he will be missed sorely.

- Neal – the only thing in neighborhood property owners is asking for is speed bumps because young people think it’s a drag strip and speed bumps would solve that problem.
Amy – neighborhood traffic management suspended years ago due to budget, but they are looking at revamping that. Trying to address speeding, bicycle safety, etc. We surveyed people in the area in the past and people were split half and half on whether they wanted speed bumps and split equally divisively on what the speed limit should be. There is a program that is looking into it, but there is division among the neighbors.
Neal – what if neighbors came together to pay for the speed bumps
Amy – that’s not the issue. Neighbors are divisive and there is conflict on whether they actually work because people speed up between the speed bumps

Neal – Stephanie you did not answer my question about how you will make sure students watch the video.
Stephanie – I didn’t want to take up your time before, but I can answer your questions now. We will show them at orientation, can show video to student leaders when we meet with them, etc.
Neal – what about showing in the first class every year?
Jennie – that is outside of our realm.
Neal – why can’t you show it in the first class?
Jennie – you are asking Stephanie that question and that is outside our realm. We do not have authority over a professor’s class
Neal – I guess that will be something the legislature will need to get involved with

Neal – have you asked any students whether they read the good neighbor packets?
Jennie – yes
Neal – how many?
Jennie – I can’t say exactly. I know our student workers have all read them and know what’s in them.

Jennie – want to introduce two new people – Megan Walters with SGA and Densay Sengsoulavong