University Community Relations Alliance Agenda

July 25, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Azalea Coast Room, UNCW Campus

Review & Approval of Minutes – 4:05 pm

- Neal requested a change in the minutes. He says he did not state that Holly Grange was at that meeting. Instead, Neal is saying that he said Laura Holt was there representing Holly Grange.

UCRA Reports

- Amy Beatty, City of Wilmington
  - The interactive map where entire city is mapped with code violations, open cases etc., now has the second quarter of 2018 loaded in there.
  - Question from Neal: What all is shown on the site?
    - Amy: I can send you all an email after about what all is included on the site.
  - There is an online form that you can submit for violations. We do check the submissions regularly. Go to [www.wilmingtonnc.gov/departments/communityservices/codeenforcement](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/departments/communityservices/codeenforcement) and you should see it on the first page.
  - When we have a minimum housing case, the house is boarded up with plywood and in the past, that has been a problem with crime. Now, we will be using a polycarbonate material called “clearboarding” and it should be a much better solution.

- Stephanie Ganser, UNCW
  - Five graduation ceremonies in May
  - Ended the year with 115 noise citations (July 2017-July 2018)
    - 70- warnings
    - 33- first level $250 fee
    - 12- second level $500 fee
  - Good Neighbor packets will be mailed or delivered in August
    - Rose Ave, College Acres Drive, Nash Drive, Hillsdale Drive, Andover Drive wants 5 packets, Carleton place wants 20 packets, others as a needed basis
  - Packets include information from UNCW, letter from the vice chancellor, code enforcement, zoning, fire department, Wilmington police department
    - Question from Margaret: we have some students on our road, can I come pick up some packets, go introduce myself to them, and give them the packets?
      - Stephanie: Yes, you can. Connect with me after the meeting.
    - During transfer orientation, I present to transfer students about off-campus behavior and expectations.
      - UNCW Dean of Students Mike Walker and District Attorney Ben David present to incoming UNCW freshmen during orientation about off-campus behavior expectations
      - UNCW hosts an off campus housing fair for transfer students during an invites 20+ apartment complexes.
      - ODOS has various meetings with student groups including Greek life, athletics, and international students.
Yesterday attended the Wilmington Apartment Association July meeting where I was able to connect with Miranda and property managers of the apartment complexes in Wilmington

- Andrea Weaver, UNCW
  - End of Lumina Festival - concerts, plays, opera – take a look at website (www.uncw.edu) if interested. Event listings on homepage.
  - Going to be closing Cahill Drive this weekend due to construction for the new Veterans Hall.
  - Monday at noon will be one of the annual full-volume siren tests.
  - Move-In Day is August 18 – I would suggest avoiding the area of Trask that morning.
  - Newest edition of UNCW Magazine was mailed out.

- Lt. DeNoia, UNCW PD
  - Bike larcenies down from quarter, down from average
  - Drug violations down from quarter, down from average (there was a slight spike up in April)
  - That same week there will be the concert and fireworks. Fireworks are pretty short (10 minutes).

- Wilmington PD
  - UNCW and WPD walk and talk will be set up once Lt. Ingram returns.

- Corey Boyett, City of Wilmington
  - Compliance activity from 04-17-2018 to 07-19-2018:
    - 62 notices were given, 10 final notice letters sent, and 16 civil citations issued.
  - General updates:
    - The Compliance Officer provided Solid Waste regulation information pamphlets for the 350 good neighbor packets.
    - There were a fair amount of tenant changes over the last few months and that resulted in a large amount of bulky pickups. I have called many rental agencies and home owners regarding Solid Waste regulations.
  - Previous compliance activity listed on the prior Alliance meeting report:
    - Compliance activity from 02-01-2018 to 04-16-2018:
      - 65 notices were given, 7 final notice letters sent, and 11 civil citations issued.
    - Thank you for the continual calls reporting trash can/bulky violations.

- Roger Sims, City of Wilmington
  - Code Enforcement ongoing with continuing education and outreach with biweekly inspections.
  - April 1-June 30
    - Parking violations – sent 7 notices to owners/occupants, 2 invalid complaints, 7 voluntary compliances, still have 3 active cases
    - Public nuisance violations – 32 notices sent to owners/occupants, 0 invalid complaints, 31 voluntary compliances, 1 closed citation, 17 active cases
    - Public nuisance right-of-way – 7 notices to owners/occupants, 2 invalid complaints, 7 voluntary compliances, 1 active case

- Lee West, CAGNA
  - I want to bring up parking again. There is a man (Phillip White) who has been emailing pictures of parking concerns. He is not the only one who has these issues and concerns. Issues specifically 4813 College Acres Dr, but also the whole 4800 block of College Acres Dr.
At our last CAGNA meeting, we discussed how the current policy is not really helping in that area. They may be giving out citations, but it is not really working. Is there anyway we can get together to review the policy?

- Amy: We took recommended changes from this group to the city in the past (maybe 4-5 years ago) and the residents were about 50/50 on the changes.
- Roger: The policy is that we have to address each violation as it comes forth.
- Lee: I realize that every agency in the room is probably understaffed, but is there a way to shorten it up so that we don’t give them as much time to comply or something? This gentleman’s home is literally surrounded down there.
- Amy: This is Chris’ area, not really Roger’s. I think a good first step would be to get that information to Chris so we can move forward. Maybe we can check into open zoning violations as well.
- Lee: That would be good.

- Neal: Isn’t all of this happening during the 9am-5pm hours?
- Lee: Yes
- Neal: Wouldn’t it be better for Lt. Ingram to cross train his officers to do this as well? They get called out for a party, the officers could take pictures of the vehicles.
- Amy: I would defer to Wilmington Police for that.
- Neal: I have talked to Lt. Ingram about this before.

- Neal Shulman, Dixon Acres
  - Due to Mat Ingram’s help, we emptied three houses on Hillsdale Rd – One for drugs, one for animals they weren’t supposed to have, and one for too many people living there.
  - Mr. Curry at the last meeting made certain comments that weren’t true and if he is going to manipulate what was said, he needs to make sure there isn’t a paper trail. I have documentation from Holly Grange’s office here and UNCW didn’t do what they were supposed to do, they only did a 30 day agreement.
  - The legislators asked the UNC campuses if they had any complaints from neighbors and the legislators were told no. The Chancellor and Dean Walker asked me to please not call them anymore.
  - On Hillsdale, we do our own walk and talk and we say if you are going to be a good neighbor, great. If not, we are going to make your life a living hell. Even if a mouse farts. If you park on my grass, you will have to go down to Earl’s to get your car because it will be towed. My record is nine in one night. There are several people in my area that are all on board and we have just had enough of it.

Public Comment:

Mike C.: One complaint that I voice almost every meeting – the speeding and the cutting through (Rose Ave, Mallard Dr, Hooker Rd). They did some speed checking at one time, but it is bad again.

Neal: We tried the trailer at one time and one of the kids hit it and damaged it.

Mike C: What trailer?

Neal: The trailer that measures speed.
Sgt: I will pass this along to the traffic unit.

Mike C.: I passed that along at the last Alliance meeting and nothing has changed since then.

Moderator: Could you maybe get this man’s name and number and follow up with him?

Sgt: Sure what’s your name?

Mike C.: Mike C____ *gives phone number as well

Woman: I would suggest speed traps during the first month of classes, but it’s not just students speeding.

Neal: One of the things we have also done in Dixon Acres is make it harder for landlords to rent their properties. They were posting signs everywhere and we got them documented for zoning violations. They were concerned because if they get documented so many times, they can lose their licenses. You need to call about their signs.

Katherine Thurston (Wilmington Zoning): Having the signs there is not a zoning violation. They can have their signs, but they just have to have them within five feet of the property line.