

Narragansett - URI Coalition Steering Committee

Tuesday – February 7, 2006

4:00PM

Narragansett Town Hall

Members present: Nancy Devaney, Jim Hurton, Eileen Desforges, Toni O'Neil, Joseph Robenhymer, Chief J. David Smith, Carol Stuart, George Tracy, Coalition Coordinator, Paula Santos

Absent: Kate Bashwiner, Tom Dougan, Colleen Lally, Krista Garrett, Maury Loontjens, Rob Rossi, Leslie Williams

The meeting began at 4:00pm.

New Business

- **Review/Approval of minutes:**
01-10-05 Steering Committee minutes were approved. 01-24-06 Coalition minutes to be e-mailed.
- **Survey Feedback – Kristen Quinlan**
Postponed until March meeting
- **February Coalition Meeting**
Guest Speaker Lorne Adrain, Neighborhood Day Founder will be speaking; URI will issue a press release in the name of the Coalition and we'll pass out flyers, use the listserv, etc.
- **Incident Reports**
Paula said she is continuing to collect and refine the data. One concern is that data was collected somewhat different prior to 9-04 and she is hesitant to compare early data with data from 04 forward. Carol would still like to see data from the police that shows complaints reported relative to complaints recorded. She needs to discuss this further with the chief.
- **Publicity**
Coalition Corner: Jim passed out a list of proposed articles in the Coalition Corner from now until mid-May. George Tracy commented that he has seen an increase in coverage in the press lately.
March presentation: Jim asked for information about the March meeting so he can contact the URI news bureau and get a similar press release that was released for Lorne Adrain. Paula will provide that information.
- **Legislative Update**
Postponed as the chief had to leave early.
- **Cooperating Tavern Agreement – SK update**
Paula informed the members that there will be a signing ceremony for SK tavern/liquor store owners at the Neighborhood Guild on Tuesday, March 21 at 11:00am. Information will be sent to the Coalition via the listserv.

Old Business

- **Revised door hangers distribution process at beginning of school year**
Leslie reported that they have been redesigned but they will not be distributed for awhile. Participation from the Neighborhood Associations is always welcome.

- **Assessment of open house and fall orientation programs and planning for next year (postponed from last meeting)**
At the last meeting Leslie handed out an assessment of the orientation. Please take a look at it and feel free to call Leslie to make improvements.
- **Property Owner representative**
Paula stated that David DeRouin has officially resigned. It was determined that the organization that Mr. DeRouin formed is not active and therefore a position representing that group was no longer necessary on the Steering Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Santos
Coalition Coordinator