

**Narragansett - URI Coalition
Steering Committee Minutes
10/04/05
4:00-5:00 PM
Narragansett Town Hall**

Members present: Kate Bashwiner Tom Dougan, Eileen DesForges, Nancy Devaney, Krista Garrett, Jim Hurton, Maury Loontjens, Toni O'Neil, Joseph Robenhymmer, Rob Rossi, Chief David Smith, Carol Stuart, George Tracy, Pat Zito, Coalition Coordinator, Paula Santos
Absent: David DeRouin, Britney Gannon, Colleen Lally

The meeting began at 4:00pm.

1. Review/Approval of past meeting minutes

Minutes for the 9-06-05 Steering Committee were approved with a minor change to the job duties of the new Community Housing Officer. Coalition minutes for September 20 will be reviewed at the next meeting in November.

Action:

- They will be posted on the web site.

2. Jurisdiction Update

- Tom informed committee members that the revised jurisdiction policy allows the University to intervene in off-campus incidents. He thanked Carol and Eileen for their contributions and stated that students would be notified of these changes in the *Cigar* and flyers.
- Joe volunteered to distribute flyers in December when properties are inspected.

3. Introduction

- Kate Bashwiner attended the meeting for Britney Gannon who is the appointee from the Student Senate. Everyone welcomed her.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- **Communications** – Jim asked that subcommittee chairs send him their meeting notes within one week of their monthly meeting in order to take highlights from them and the Coalition minutes for publication in the local papers. If there are any special announcements or events that need to be publicized, please get them to Jim on a timely basis.
- **Common Ground** – Nancy reported that the cooperative agreement with package store and tavern owners is progressing well. There is going to be a Signing Ceremony on Wednesday October 12 at the Towers. Paula distributed an event flyer. Name corrections were made.

Action:

- Paula will send out an e-mail to the listserv notifying all members.
- **Programming** – Leslie stated that the date for the commuter housing fair is October 22. She also reported that 300 door tags were being distributed in 5 neighborhoods including Point Judith, Bonnet Shores and Eastward Look.
- **Realtor's/Neighborhood Associations** - Eileen reported she will be submitting a revised list of names on the subcommittee for posting on the website. Carol added that there are still some problems with newspapers being delivered to the houses and littering properties.

Action:

- Leslie will look into this.

5. September Coalition Meeting

Kristen Quinlan, Graduate Research Assistant working for Common Ground, will give a 10 minutes presentation on the results of the Coalition member survey administered last winter. Paula reminded everyone that after the regular meeting, there will be an open house. Each subcommittee will have a table to display its information. We hope to inform the community about the coalition and hopefully increase membership on the subcommittees.

Action:

- Paula will notify all members via the listserv, have it highlighted on the web site, submit to the local newspapers and put an ad in the *Cigar*.

6. New Business

- Nancy asked about the location of the houses on the party/nuisance house list. This information can be found on the coalition's web site or Nancy can ask Tony for it. Chief Smith reported that of the 11 houses tagged, there were no repeat offenders.
- Rob Rossi invited the Steering Committee to attend the IFC's lobster bake at no cost. This event is the IFC's kick-off for philanthropy week. It will be held Saturday, October 16 with the "powder puff" football games starting at noon and the lobster bake to follow.

Action:

- Paula will send out an e-mail to all SC members with response and driving directions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held November 1, 2005 at 4:00pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Santos
Coalition Coordinator