

**Narragansett - URI Coalition**  
**Steering Committee Minutes**  
**12/06/05**  
**4:00-5:00 PM**  
**Narragansett Town Hall**

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

The meeting began at 4:00pm.

**New Business**

**1. Review/Approval of past meeting minutes**

Minutes for the 11-01-05 Steering Committee were approved as well as Coalition minutes for 11-15-05.

Action:

➤ They will be posted on the web site.

**2. Review of November Coalition Meeting**

- All agreed that the revisions to the open forum worked well. Ben did a nice job as moderator.
- Having the Steering Committee seated at the head table with the moderator in the middle also improved the flow of the meeting.

**3. January Coalition Meeting**

- It was decided that a status report on the accomplishments of the Coalition should be made at the January meeting. The SC asked the Chief to have police statistics (nuisance houses, etc.) available for presentation.
- If available, the Neighborhood Day representative may speak or we may wait until February.
- It was also agreed that the Coalition will set aside time at the beginning of each meeting to welcome new members into the Cooperating Tavern Agreement program until all are on board.

**4. Status of Steering Committee/Subcommittee Goals**

1. Increased student participation by 50% - **met**
  2. Reduce the number of events that result in community complaints... - report to be presented at next SC meeting
  3. Receive final approval for application of student code of conduct to off-campus conduct – **met**
  4. Develop a comprehensive media/publicity campaign – report to be presented at next SC meeting
- It was agreed that each chair would come prepared to discuss a mid-year status report of their committee's goals.

**5. Moderator**

Doug Wardwell is unable to assume the role of moderator next semester. Current moderator Ben Matone will be asked to stay on throughout next semester.

Action:

➤ Paula and Tom will speak with will Ben.

**Old Business**

- **Door tags:** Leslie passed out sample tags to be discussed at the next SC meeting.
- **Commuter student orientation fair:** Leslie also handed out a debriefing report on the also to be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Food Drive:** Leslie reminded everyone that the is this Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at Stop and Shop and Roch's and encouraged residents from the various neighborhoods to volunteer to join the students. Bags and notices were distributed already but she gave flyers to Joe who will distribute to his renters and to Pat who will distribute in Bonnet.
- **Community liaisons:** Carol inquired which neighborhoods these students live in. Leslie will send this information out immediately. She apologized for she thought this was already done.
- **Recruitment of additional realtors:** Joe and Jim submitted information to Paula. Jim stated some of it needs to be revised. Paula presented a draft letter to Tom and the Chief.  
Action:
  - Once Jim sends Paula the corrected information, she will send out the co-chair's letter inviting the realtors to the next Coalition Meeting in January.
- **Communications plan:** Jim Hurton passed out two articles for publication in the local newspapers in a new feature "The Coalition Corner." Jim asked for corrections/ revisions. Nancy and Carol were concerned that the article did not tout the accomplishments of the Coalition and that it would be great to publish the statistics that the Chief would be preparing for presentation at the January Coalition.  
Action:
  - Jim and Paula will work on synchronizing these articles with the meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held January 10, 2006 at 4:00pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paula Santos*

Coalition Coordinator