

## MEETING REPORT

**TO:** John Sardino; Rami Badawy; Laura Madelone; Darya Rotblat; Harry Lewis; Capt. Paul Dillon; Beth Rougeux; Diana Napolitano

**FROM:** Diana Napolitano, Office of Government and Community Relations

**MEETING**

**DATE:** November 8, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Neighborhood Safety Patrol

**PRESENT:** John Sardino (SU Dept. of Public Safety); Rami Badawy (SU Judicial Affairs); Laura Madelone and Darya Rotblat (SU Orientation and Off-Campus Programs); Harry Lewis (SEUNA); Capt. Paul Dillon (Syracuse Police); Beth Rougeux and Diana Napolitano (SU Government and Community Relations)

### I. Welcome/Introductions

Beth Rougeux opened the meeting and the group introduced themselves. Beth stated that the new SU Community Relations Associate, Corey Driscoll, would be starting on November 19, 2007. Corey will be attending NSP and other community-based meetings.

### II. NSP Schedule/Coverage

Laura Madelone reported that the NSP spends approximately \$4,000 per payroll. As of October 14, NSP has spent \$15,835.24 of the \$75,000 2007-08 UNSAAC grant. Therefore, there is approximately \$59,164.76 remaining. Last year, the NSP ended with funds remaining. When that happens, those funds return to the City's general fund. The current funding does not fully cover the academic year. Laura and Harry Lewis have therefore written the 2008-2009 UNSAAC grant application to include more patrols. John Sardino pointed out that a 'surplus' can be very quickly whittled down just through four or five nights of extra patrols.

Harry Lewis reported that the neighbors are glad to see the SU-marked patrol cars. There seem to be more drunken "mobs" walking through the neighborhoods. John stated that in the past, the frequency of students walking through the neighborhoods late at night would decrease a few weeks into the semester, but that has not been the case this year, perhaps because of the warmer weather.

There was discussion of how best to increase patrols. The group looked at historical documents and calendars that charted NSP coverage throughout prior academic years. Harry Lewis suggested waiting till after Christmas to see how much we end up spending up till that point. Laura concurred, saying that when the weather breaks will determine when the parties begin. Bar raids on Marshall Street cause more parties to retreat to the neighborhoods.

It was determined to increase patrols in the following time periods:

A. Fall Semester ('07): leave as is.

B. Semester Break: the NSP committee will meet in early January to determine next semester's coverage.

C. Spring Semester ('08): Assign extra coverage to weekend before classes start. Rami stated that we should consider extra coverage during rush week. The coverage for March 21-22 and April 22 will be changed from one Syracuse Police officer for four hours to two Syracuse Police officers (in one vehicle) for seven hours.

**ACTION ITEM: Rami to find out dates of rush week.**

Laura stated that her office is receiving fewer complaint calls, so if there are certain issues, she is not aware of them. Beth suggested that at every NSP meeting, the group discuss recent calls. John Sardino will have Public Safety go back and look at the number and types of calls.

Capt. Dillon stated that in his work, it is quite apparent to him that the east neighborhood has become a party magnet for underagers and suburbanites. Even Orange Watch is limited in its effectiveness against disruptive activity because its patrols and limited powers are easily figured out by those who would avoid arrest.

**III. Billing**

There had been a misunderstanding with the City about where bills should be sent. Harry reported that he has resolved this.

**IV. Funding for 2008**

Laura and Harry applied for \$98,496 from UNSAAC, to cover extra patrols on days such as St. Patrick's Day and May Fest. The safety patrol takes care of the issues that the neighbors consistently complain about, such as code enforcement and parking tickets. Any extra patrol would contribute to better quality of life. The safety patrol fulfills the spirit of the Service Agreement and it is in the neighborhoods' best interest for UNSAAC to fully fund NSP's request.

**V. New Business**

Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Services

- Adopt-A-Street has more participating student organizations (29) than last year. The program covers a wide neighborhood area.
- On October 28, the office distributed doorhangers about leaving porch lights on. On November 11, another was distributed about leaving one's home secure during school breaks.

Office of Government and Community Relations

- Please let Beth know if there are any off-campus, work-study students willing to coordinate the snow-removal program, which was a pilot last year.

SEUNA

- SEUNA met with Judge McKinney, and now invites Rami to attend a meeting to talk about SU's sanctions for improper or criminal student conduct.

**VI. Next meeting**

January 3 at 2:00 p.m., in the Department of Public Safety "Roll Call" room (Sims Hall).