

## **Parking/Landlord Subcommittee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

Campus Center Room 3

Members present were Sue Arter, Tom Augustus, Anita Morris, and Joyce Powell; representing the City of Westerville were Susan Banbury, Rich Kight, and Ed Ungar; and staff from Otterbein -- Larry Banaszak, Bob Gatti, Jennifer Pearce, Julie Saker, and Doug Williard.

**Update on Parking – Survey.** Banaszak provided a summary of the parking survey conducted during the weeks of October 5-9 and 13-16. He reported there were plenty of empty parking spaces on campus, with the total number of parking spaces increasing from 1,753 last year to 1,765 this year. 60 Collegeview Center continues to be the most underutilized parking lot, followed by The Arts and Communications lot, the Center Street lot and the Davis Hall parking lot. The survey indicated that most of the empty spaces were found after 5:00 p.m. The College continues to encourage all students to purchase parking decals and to park on campus. There is no need to restrict parking on campus at this time.

No neighbor parking concerns were noted except for Morris, who stated that during homecoming some vehicles were illegally parked blocking her driveway. She did not call the police but intends to do so in the future. Banaszak will remind the athletic director to ask the coaches and athletes not to park on Sunset if possible. He will also have the police officer working special duty at Martin Drive and Sunset to check Sunset for illegally parked vehicles and have the vehicles ticketed or towed if warranted.

**Good Neighbor Program.** Saker provided an update on the Good Neighbor Program. A Facebook page for off-campus student was created in the 2009 spring quarter. OCOC (Otterbein College Off Campus) includes a variety of resource information for off-campus students. Examples of the articles include: Building Positive Relationships with your Neighbors; Fire Safety Tips; Party Planning101; Avoid Getting Kicked to the Curb; Noise Complaints; and Renters' FAQ: What All Tenants Should Ask Themselves.

A neighborhood event was held at 72 W. Plum on September 22, 2009. More than a dozen neighbors joined Otterbein students and staff for a cook-out hosted by Pi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The event was a successful effort to help students and neighbors meet and to be more open to the needs of each other following numerous noise complaints last spring and summer. There have been no complaints since the event.

**Campus Facility Update and Renovations.** Gatti provided an update on campus facilities and renovations. Both the Science Building addition and renovation and the new Otterbein Center for Equine Studies facility are completed, and neighbors were invited to tour both facilities. Gatti mentioned this completed the long-range facility plan that was developed in 1995. The college will be establishing a new facilities planning committee that will address future needs of the college. Gatti noted that in the past three years the college had added almost 400 beds to inventory. This year we have empty beds, so, there is capacity to expand on-campus housing. The college will be requiring incoming freshmen to live on campus for three years, instead of the current two years.

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**Feedback on Student Affairs' Future.** Saker indicated that Student Affairs is updating its strategic plan, and a discussion followed regarding student affairs.

Saker noted the strategic plan committee will be meeting with stakeholders. Discussion focused on: neighbor awareness of student affairs services; neighbor interaction with Otterbein students and student affairs staff; and suggestions for improvement. Feedback for the discussion will be included in the data reviewed for the Student Affairs Strategic Plan.

**Open Discussion.** Augustus pointed out that Pi Kappa Phi fraternity members have been offering assistance to rake leaves and shoveling sidewalks in the neighborhood. He also indicated that he has found the students in his neighborhood to be extremely respectful and willing to listen to his concerns.

Since there was a low turnout in attendance of neighbors, there was a discussion about whether this committee should continue to meet. It was the general consensus of all in attendance that we should continue to meet on a yearly basis, unless, the need arises for more frequent meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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for Student Affairs

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