Mayor’s Task Force Meeting Notes  
April 16, 2015  
SUNY Delhi, Bush 131

Present: Richard Maxey, Barbara Jones, Monica Roth, Lindsey Moorehead, Greg Smith, Bari Marshall, Shawn Jackson, Elizabeth Outsen, Elizabeth Sova, Betty Reed, Irving Reed, LouAnn Matthews-Babcock, John Huber, Mike Mills, Joyce Sen, John Nader, Anthony Cucci, Amy Beveridge, Joel Smith, Tim Hess, Michael Kudrewicz, Tom Liddle and John Padovani

- Richard Maxey, Mayor of Delhi, welcomed the committee members, and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- Amy Beveridge, Director of Fund Development & Compliance at O’Connor Hospital, described the Complete Streets Project. All hospitals in Delaware Country in conjunction with public health have created a New York State prevention agenda which includes safe automobile, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. This agenda will promote physical activity in the community as well as safety. The project would expand sidewalks, create hiking trails, and increase resources and outdoor activities. When projects in the community are being proposed, this project should be considered and how proposals can put the Complete Streets policy and practices into place. Barbara Jones, Vice President for Student Life, mentioned marking the College campus for distance and walking trails. Elizabeth Sova, Director of O’Connor Center for Community Engagement, has been discussing with Service-Learning professors regarding ways for students and classes to incorporate this project and assist in beginning and completing projects. Barbara asked if there were any other SUNY Campuses that have taken on this initiative. Amy will reach out to the Complete Streets representative to see about other campuses. Anthony Cucci, Student Senate President, commented about his excitement for this program. Safe and appropriate paths should be created for students and community members, especially from the Price Chopper plaza up to campus. Mayor Maxey and Amy spoke about specific sidewalk projects in the Village that will begin this summer and some future goals.
- John Nader, Provost, talked about the New York State School of the Arts (NYSSA) summer production taking place at SUNY Delhi. We would like to get more people to attend the performances and would like assistance with inviting the community and friends of the college to attend. This discussion led to a conversation of how to better advertise for events and activities in the community. Mayor Maxey suggested an electronic signboard in town. Lindsey Moorehead, Greek Council President, suggested an electronic touch screen. Information could be uploaded regarding local businesses, area activities, and provide a map of the local and campus community.
- Barbara Jones, spoke about the upcoming college transition to four year athletics with the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). The College is also in transition as we search for a new University Police Chief.
- Joel Smith, Vice President for College Relations & Advancement/Executive Director College Foundation, discussed the use of Riverview Townhouses as rentals over the summer. Five units would become a motel or bed & breakfast style rental for visitors to the area. We are looking at this opportunity to increase accommodations in Delhi (for weddings guests, golf course members, etc.), which will increase the amount people in the area benefitting local businesses. Chief Mills commented...
that police trainings done in the area usually have members staying in Oneonta. This would be a tremendous help to scheduling and lodging. This opportunity will also meet the needs of the students, as a Hospitality faculty member will be overseeing the operation with a chance for students to fulfill internship requirements.

- Interim Chief Hess, said the Spring Meetings to speak to off-campus students will be scheduled soon. As the spring weather continues to arrive students will get outside more. We will encourage students to be good neighbors by speaking to them informally about responsible behavior. It has been a successful year so far regarding off-campus incidents and policy violations. LouAnn Matthews-Babcock, Director of Judicial Affairs, along with Monica Roth & Shawn Jackson, both Community Assistant’s (CA), will offer a Social Responsibility Workshop for students who violate off-campus policies. This new program gives information to students and reinforces the subject matter through written exercises.

- Monica & Shawn delivered over 30 ‘What I Like About You’ cards around Valentine’s Day. Students were invited to write notes to local businesses and neighbors telling them what they let about them. LouAnn, Monica & Shawn have also been discussing with Kim MacLeod, Director of Communications & New Media, about creating a combined website for the CA’s and the Commuter Student Association to better serve off-campus students. The CA’s will also be participating in the upcoming Village Clean-up Day on Sunday, April 26.

- Elizabeth Sova brought up the upcoming Medical Counter Measures Drill taking place at the Legion field. They are looking for volunteers to assist Nursing students with putting theory to practice. Community Service projects and opportunities will be in abundance as soon as the Spring weather hits full force. Service-Learning students have written reflections about taking service-learning courses and how it has benefitted their education. These reflections have been put together and published into a book, which Elizabeth shared with the group. There will be a Community Partners get-together on Wed, May 6 at 6pm in the Sanford Hall Centennial Lounge. Everyone is invited to attend, spread the word and RSVP with the O’Connor Center. Elizabeth, along with many other departments across the College, submitted the application for and was approved to be awarded the Carnegie Classification. This rare classification was bestowed on SUNY Delhi from 2015-2025.

- John Huber, Director of Student Activities, was excited that Greek Life received “Best in Class: School Representation” award for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade last month. He has been wrapping up with end-of-the-year programming and is already looking at next Fall.

- Michael Kudrewicz, landlord, gave some feedback regarding the new process for students receiving their refunds. In January, the College begun using Higher One cards as a faster way for students to receive money. Michael mentioned students being very confused and not aware of the change. Elizabeth Outsen, Student Life Division Secretary, gave an overview of the several ways students, and parents were informed multiple times, through different platforms by Student Financial Services and the Student Life Office about the Higher One card and the process. Michael suggested additionally educating the landlords about the process to assist students.

- Tom Liddle, Code Enforcer, commented on the potential for increased “outside noise” regarding music coming from open windows and students spending time outside. Now that the snow has melted, garbage pickup should be on the agenda for students and landlords around their property. Joyce Sen, Village Resident, said Franklin St. has been much cleaner this year!
- John Padovani, Director of Residence Life, talked about students getting ready to complete their Housing Information or to begin looking for off-campus housing.

- Lindsey Moorehead, discussed the typical stereotyping and negative connotations local residents have against Greek Life. There is a difference between Recognized Organizations which are regulated by the College, and Unrecognized Organizations, which are not (a list can be found on the Greek Life website: http://www.delhi.edu/campus_life/student_activities/greek_life/index.php). Greek Life students contributed to over 5000 hours of local community service just this semester. Lindsay wants everyone to keep an open-mind when speaking to students who are wearing letters. Suggestions from the group to create a positive relationship between Greek Life students and local residents:
  - Students introducing themselves when they move in to their neighbors – or residents taking the same approach and getting to know the new students in the neighborhood.
  - At the Annual Community Assistant BBQ in September, more Greek Life students should be in attendance to meet with community members.
  - Greek organizations could police each other and educate organizations about the values of community and BroncoCHECK.

- Betty Reed, local resident, wanted to say thank you to both the College and the Village for all that they do and how they have accomplished to create a sense of community.

Upcoming Events
- Village Cleanup Day – Sun, April 26
- Active Shooter Training – Tue, April 28 – Thurston Hall, SUNY Delhi
- Community Celebration – Wed, May 6 – Sanford Hall Centennial Lounge, SUNY Delhi