NDSU ADVISORY BOARD FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS
November 17, 2014
Meinecke Board Room
Meeting Minutes


Member Absent:  L. Oster-Aaland, C. Craddock, C. Ray

Guests Present:
   City Commissioners – Mike Williams
   Roosevelt Neighborhood Association - Josh Boschee

Meeting called to order:  5:00 pm

Vice Chair Election:  J. Teubner & Z. Kiffmeyer nominated; Zach Kiffmeyer was elected Vice Chair

Guest Speakers:
Josh Boschee provided some history regarding the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association. The group formed about 10 years ago in response to area schools threatened to be closed. He considers the collaboration between RNA and NDSU on the good neighbor campaign to be one of the greatest successes in recent years. The neighborhood has seen an increase in burglary, theft and violent acts as of late. FPD is experiencing transition in officers and some leadership positions. There is a shared concern about safety of those who live and move around in this neighborhood.

Mike Williams shared how he became involved in city government. In 1996 he worked on an initiated measure and discovered that you didn't have to be elected to make a difference. He talked about different models for community growth and expansion that don’t necessarily involve greater land mass (i.e. Population density comparisons). The younger generation is leading the way. He had the opportunity to interview high school students and found that 6 or 7 of 10 intend to stay in Fargo. As little as 10 years ago, only 3 of 10 would plan to do so.

Topics of discussion included:
- Safety within the neighborhood – students and non-student residents
- Transportation issues – Herd Hauler changes, MAT bus availability, safe means for people to move about the neighborhood; Missoula model where students run the bus service for the community.
- Lighting issues – low density of lights, mature trees, shadow effects, etc.
- Student movement through the neighborhood - people with backpacks back & forth between campus and neighborhood, given recent concerns regarding with the robberies and thefts, noises are disconcerting; students are encouraged to use sidewalks rather than cutting through yards, etc.
- Partnerships between NDSU, City of Fargo and the RNA - Opportunities to engage in the community in terms of social life; be proactive rather than reactive; connect our work so as not to replicate efforts; people want to be involved but don't know how; what would a partnership look like? How can Off-Campus student Senators be involved in creating solutions?

JoAnne Miller commented that a relationship is based on getting to know each other; traditions can be very important. Encourage neighbors (students and non-students) to exchange contact information so that
they can call or text rather than call police when a problem arises. Events where students can meet neighbors help create the culture of the community. Examples of traditions might include:

- cookie exchange with Horace Mann;
- caroling event;
- lighting event
- pick-up games in area green spaces;
- The Big Event as a thank you event for the community;
- RNA Johnson park clean up event twice per year.

Thanks to Josh and Mike for attending; we appreciate the conversation and are interested in seeing where we go from here.

**December meeting:**

LaDonna will send an email to set up December meeting
Topic: Residence Life/Dining Services & Proposed Fee Increases

**ABSA Meeting program schedule:**

January
- Facilities Management - Bruce Bollinger, VPF&A; Mike Ellingson, Director of FM
February
- Athletics - Matt Larsen, Director
- Sexual Assault Prevention Programs - Dean of Student Life Janna Stoskopf
March
- Bismarck Nursing Program
April
- President Bresciani
- Brainstorm topics for 2015-16

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janna Stoskopf
Dean of Student Life