



**Planning and Coordination Council Quarterly Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
November 20, 2014**

**Harrison Institute
Byrd/Morris Room
University of Virginia
2:00 p.m.**

PACC Members in Attendance: Pat Hogan, Colette Sheehy, Tom Foley, Dede Smith, Maurice Jones, Diantha McKeel, Liz Palmer

Others in Attendance: Anthony de Bruyn, Marge Sidebottom, Tim Longo, Mike Gibson, Steve Sellers, Charles Werner, Dan Eggleston, Helen Wilson, Megan Lowe, Julia Monteith, Mary Hughes, Miriam Dickler, and community members

1. Call to Order

Pat Hogan, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of May 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of May 15, 2014 meeting were approved.

Mr. Hogan gave a brief summary on steps the University is doing in the wake of the Rolling Stone article. Student, staff, patients, visitors' safety is top priority for U.Va. Student Sexual Misconduct Policy is listed on website, <http://www.virginia.edu/sexualviolence/policy/>. Heavy emphasis on prevention through education (Hoos Got Your Back). University is taking details in article very seriously. Excellent cooperation from the city and county.

Liz Palmer: Requested an understanding of what the University is doing to change culture/change aspects at Fraternity houses.

Pat Hogan: Students very involved in this issue in trying to help identify strategies. President's Office, Student Affairs involved in conversations with student groups underage drinking/alcohol abuse. Need to bring in right people for this conversation. BOV meeting in Sept., panel of students gave summary of efforts. U.Va. looking for best practices around the country. Additionally, U.Va. is working with businesses that serve/sell alcohol. This could be an agenda item for the next PACC meeting.

Dede Smith: Seriousness of article goes beyond campus rape. Culture needs to be addressed.

Liz Palmer: Reputation of party school drawing serial rapists.

Pat Hogan: Shocked and deeply concerned if details in article are true. Investigation will find out truth. U.Va. surprised by details also.

Maurice Jones: Important for safety advisory group city, county, non-profits to become involved with issue.

Diantha McKeel: Positive outcome could be schools talking with each other. Communication might have been helpful in the Hannah Graham case.

Pat Hogan: Unless there is a charge, allegations cannot be shared. This was the case in Jesse Mathews.

Tim Longo: These discussions should wait as they might affect legal outcome.

3. Safety Improvements in the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County and on University Grounds

Pat Hogan: Community Safety Advisory Group (University, City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and Blue Ridge Apartment Council representatives) have identified opportunities for collaboration in enhancing safety in the local community. This group has met three times and has identified the following areas and will continue to meet quarterly.

Key areas are:

- Engagement and Education
 - Communications and Community Outreach
 - Off Grounds Housing Safety
- Prevention and Awareness
 - Design and Physical Space and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- Enforcement
 - Public Safety

Maurice Jones: City of Charlottesville will be discussing security cameras, increased lighting in neighborhoods in addition to increasing staffing levels of police department in our community, not just the University area, at the next city council meeting. City is considering a lighting study.

Tom Foley: County committed to working together with University and City. Police are using GEO model which puts more officers in the community. Good start, lot of work. Staffs are working together to solve problem.

President Sullivan formed a Safety Working Group this fall. Areas of focus:

- Personal Technology – Safety software for students/faculty/staff. TipSoft rolled out in the summer, but other options being examined

- Lighting/walking areas and pathways
- Emergency Phones – Reviewing placement/functionality
- Transportation and Parking – Modes, location, availability being accessed
- Cameras – Reviewing placement and upgrading equipment
- Safety Communications – Continuously being reviewed and tested

Mike Gibson: U.Va. police will be expanding coverage on the Corner beginning mid-January with a temporary police sub-station to be manned during critical times, Thursday thru Saturday. The option of private security patrols and/or “ambassadors” are being considered. The goal of security presence would be to engage and communicate with students about safety, not necessarily reporting.

Best practices are being reviewed, among them the University of Pennsylvania and VCU. Police presence is valuable, balance key. Goal of the uniformed trained ambassadors, some on bike patrol, would be to be familiar faces in the community. Neighborhoods would need to support effort and understand role of security personnel.

Pat Hogan: Building relationships with neighborhood residents and students is an important step toward fostering a sense of community. Madison House is an example of U.Va. students interacting with community needs.

Maurice Jones: More comprehensive approach to enhanced lighting needed and this is an opportunity to partner with the University. Lighting study would help identify key areas.

Pat Hogan: University prepared to cover cost of security personnel and police station, which would be used by City and County safety personnel, in order to move forward and implement quickly. City and County could be financially responsible for other costs such as lighting and additional safety improvements.

Dede Smith: Requested data on past U.Va. safety efforts.

Diantha McKeel: Remarked on the importance of working with neighbors when placing lighting.

Colette Sheehy: Comprehensive study was done on lighting improvement on Grounds. First phase to enhance cross walks has been implemented. Second phase, adding or replacing roughly 250 light fixtures, should be completed by summer 2015. Locations for lighting enhancements and vegetation overgrowth are identified and prioritized on night tours.

Marge Sidebottom: Additionally, there are over 600 cameras across Grounds with the majority being on the medical side.

Mike Gibson: Many departments have installed their own cameras over the last 4-5 years. Department is currently working to improve networking to capture data which has been very helpful in solving crimes.

Marge Sidebottom: Roughly 500 emergency phones on Grounds and in residence halls. All are operational and tested regularly. The functionality for adding additional surveillance on some of the

cameras is being investigated. Additionally, U.Va. is committed to providing point to point transportation to night staff, particularly in the medical center.

Mike Gibson: Emergency phones go directly to University Police with only small percentage being used in an emergency as cell phone usage has increased, but individuals are critical when they find an emergency phone that does not work. Call can be traced by phone in the case of an emergency to determine location of call.

Pat Hogan: Phones also in residence halls and are useful for emergencies such as fire or intruder if needed.

Marge Sidebottom: There are numerous emergency notification systems across Grounds and the Health System which are tested annually. Roughly 54,000 alerts are sent through pagers, LED screens, desktop alerts, outdoor sirens, public address system, phones and the U.Va homepage within 3 minutes.

BRAC (Blue Ridge Apartment Council) is very interested in working with Chiefs Longo and Gibson toward improving safer environment for residents. Check list for improvements to include better lighting and cameras.

Albemarle County will be hosting meetings in 2015. Agenda items should be sent to Tom Foley.

Possible agenda items discussed:

- Involve RAs and students
- Reach out to school superintendents to learn what councilors are sharing with high school students
- Invite U.Va. faculty to share research on behavioral changes
- Future PACC topics

4. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.