

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND RELATIONS TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, through discussions regarding the proposed changes to the "Public Good Order" ordinance, it has become evident that there is a significant community need to address these issues in a more collaborative manner; and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Body President and Vice President are requesting a City of Eau Claire Task Force to be created that includes cooperative dialogue, research, and recommendations that promote ownership of the changes to improve the public good; and

WHEREAS, a request via email from The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Body Vice President was sent to a council member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eau Claire that the Neighborhood Safety and Relations Task Force be formed with the following:

Task Force Membership

The following shall be considered, but not limited to, for voluntarily membership on the Task Force:

- 2 representatives from the Chippewa Valley Technical College Student Government Association
- 2 representatives from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate
- 1 representative from the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Association
- 1 representative from the Randall Park Neighborhood Redevelopment Corporation
- 1 representative from the Third Ward Neighborhood Association
- 1 representative from a tavern located on Water Street
- 1 representative from a Taxicab and/or Motor Bus business
- 1 representative from the City-County Health Department
- 1 representative from Eau Claire Healthy Communities
- 1 representative from the City of Eau Claire Attorney's Office
- 1 representative from the City of Eau Claire Police Department
- 1 representative from the Chippewa Valley Technical College Public Safety Office
- 1 representative from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Police Department
- 1 representative from the Chippewa Valley Technical College (Administrator)
- 1 representative from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Dean of Students Office

A Path Forward

Background

- Behaviors associated with excessive drinking are a longtime, known problem for our community
- Significant issue – Not only impacts our community, neighbors and neighborhoods, it impacts our operations and demands considerable resources

- Most agree, problems should be addressed.
- Many comments last night – “we are close”
- Staff has met with many stakeholders individually 1 on 1
- Ordinance was significantly modified following in these 1 on 1 meetings

With a Postponement

- Convene joint meeting of the interested stakeholders
- Define and agree there is a problem that should be addressed
- Set ground rules for how the group will interact and make decisions
- Take questions and discuss options to improve the ordinance’s effectiveness to address the identified problem
- Encourage ideas on alternate and additional options to address the identified problem
- Review problem and possible solutions in terms of ratings data, best practices information and evidence based programs and policies related to alcohol use

Timing Rationale

- If possible, try to conclude and come back for 1st Council meetings in May (7 & 8)
 - August and early September best times to address students and set expectations for the academic year
 - Opportunity to work with student leadership currently engaged and knowledgeable in addressing this important issue
 - Opportunity to address before students leave for the summer
 - If able to move forward, allow for summer to:
 - Develop educational materials and approach before students return
 - Develop diversion program

Adopted,
March 13, 2018

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