Attendees

Ron Alting, State Senator
Emily Arontson, Purdue Graduate Student Government
Jeffrey Barbee, Neon Cactus
Carol Ben-Davies, Office of the Dean of Students
Peter Bunder, Good Shepherd
Sara Carvell, University Residences
Eric Chin, Purdue Police
Sheila Cochran, Neon Cactus
John Copeland, Indiana State Excise Police
Jason Dombkowski, West Lafayette Police Department
Hamid Hanjani, Neon Cactus
Pat Harrington, Prosecutor
Abe Honegger, Boiler Market
Ann Hunt, West Lafayette City Council
William Jaffe, Purdue Professor
Kasi Jones, Student Access, Transition, and Success
Kate Kerrigan, Drug-Free Coalition of Tippecanoe County
Sam Klemet, WBAA
Brian Lancaster, West Lafayette Fire Department
Aaron Leedy, WLFI
Ryan Liggitt, WLFI
Tammy Loew, Student Wellness Office

Pablo Malavenda, Office of the Dean of Students
Sandy Monroe, Office of Vice President for Student Affairs
Cheryl O’Brien, N.A.P.S. student organization
Alicia O’Keefe, Prosecutor’s Office
Stephanie Orstad, Student Wellness Office
Andrew Park, Brothers Bar and Grill
Kyle Pendleton, Office of the Dean of Students
Mike Piggott, Purdue Community Relations
Jolene Prather, Jake’s
Karah Rawlings, Drug-Free Coalition of Tippecanoe County
Bev Shaw, City of West Lafayette
Courtney Slauter, Scotty’s Brewhouse
Lindi Smedberg, Office of the Dean of Students
Lisa Smith, Court Services
Gary Sparger, West Lafayette Police Department
Dan St. John, Village Bottle Shoppe
Jeff Stefancic, Office of the Dean of Students
Mike Tilstra, Brothers Bar and Grill
Adam Toering, Jake’s
Katy Travis, Drug-Free Coalition of Tippecanoe County
Wyatt Vukobratovich, Scotty’s Brewhouse
Katie Wilkinson, Student Wellness Office

Meeting Notes

Jason Dombkowski, West Lafayette Police Department:

- Football weekends:
  - This year, the barricades were changed from Thursday-Saturday to Friday-Saturday. The barricades were effective as there were no injuries this year. Bar staff noted that Breakfast Club attendees were down this fall from previous years. The lines generally weren’t as long. Homecoming had the strongest attendance. A Purdue staff member mentioned that the Breakfast Clubs seemed well controlled, well patrolled, and maintained.
  - The West Lafayette Police noted an increase in attendance by those from outside of the area and that most arrests were from this population. Bar staff mentioned that the majority of students seem to be “trained” on how to behave, but out-of-towners tend to create more problems. The police were also surprised at the number of students who brought their parents to Breakfast Clubs.
  - Regarding the shuttle service that operated between the Levee and Chauncey Hill: Very few used them on the typical football weekends, but the number was significantly higher during Homecoming weekend.
  - The Neon Cactus held Breakfast Club this year for the first time and offered breakfast to attendees. They intend to offer Breakfast Club at select games next year. The West Lafayette police commented on how well the Neon Cactus monitored lines, kept sidewalks clear, and managed bar fights. The West Lafayette Police will consider more presence on the levee during Breakfast Club if needed.

- Recent shooting on Levee:
  - The West Lafayette Police were not informed that a special event was taking place. The scene was chaotic and unsafe, and they recommend that some protocols be developed to better ensure safety. For example, if a business is intending to rent out their facility for a large private event, please let the West Lafayette police know about it beforehand.
  - It is a red flag when a company wants to bring in an outside party with their own security.
  - The Excise Police commented that if someone reports they will “assume all responsibility,” that’s not true. If you hold an event in your venue, you are responsible. They encouraged bar owners to call them ahead of time for more information and guidance in order to better protect their business.

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The Purdue Alert was activated at approximately 2:00 a.m., with the instructions for students to “shelter in place.” The Neon Cactus immediately secured their venue—people could leave but no one else could come in. A discussion was held about how to best notify businesses in an emergency situation— for those in Chauncey Hill when something happens in the Levee, and for those in the Levee when something happens in Chauncey Hill. More discussions are needed on this topic.

Ron Alting, State Senator:

- Senator Alting Chairs the Public Policy Committee at the Statehouse. There are several bills coming before his committee during the upcoming session that address gaming, alcohol, and other drug issues. Here are a few legislative issues that were discussed:
  - The Sunday sales of alcohol, liquor and cold beer will dominate the session. Those who are in favor of the bill report that it will generate nine million dollars in additional revenue. A recent study out of Ball State suggests the data may not be true and may just spread six days of selling alcohol into seven. The biggest benefit of this bill is the convenience for the consumer.
  - Last year the legislature passed a mandatory ID law for every person who purchases alcohol. This year, it will be revisited with several legislators authoring or sponsoring bills to change the age to 40. The legislators report they are receiving many negative letters from their senior citizen constituents about this bill.
  - K-2 Spice will be addressed during the legislative session. However, the issue has been addressed at the federal level, which may impact the wording of the bill in Indiana.
  - Regarding a state level smoking ordinance: A statewide ordinance would be beneficial because it is consistent for purposes of competition and would not pit communities against one another. The discussion on the wording of the bill has killed it in the past because some groups want exemptions and others do not.

Wyatt Vukobratovich, Scotty’s:

- Wyatt shared information about a friend who was killed in a car crash after being overserved at his place of employment.
- Many bar staff do not take the server training classes seriously. He encouraged trainers and servers to pay closer attention to the class and remember that it’s the responsibility of the server to monitor the amount of liquor served.
- The objectives of server-training course are to take responsibility, understand Indiana laws, recognize signs of intoxication, handle intoxicated persons, and to protect “the overall lives and well-being of the public.”
- Since Wyatt became involved in the Server Training program at Scotty’s, the staff there are much more comfortable cutting off service to patrons.
- Wyatt is very interested in facilitating and helping inform others about server training. He encouraged people to contact him at Scotty’s at: vukobratovich@scottysbrewhouse.com.

Cheryl O’Brien, NAPS:

- Cheryl is a graduate student involved with a student organization called Nightly Assault Prevention Services (NAPS).
  - During conversations with students, Cheryl has heard that students are unaware of the resources/safe ways to get home. When they’ve said they’re aware, students have indicated that they are not comfortable calling/utilizing resources.
  - Their organization will be doing some assessment and hope to write a training manual, conduct a survey on safety and transportation needs, and run a pilot program, which will include teaching students to recognize symptoms of alcohol poisoning.
  - They would like to expand the nighttime transportation services and make them available for students who live on and off campus.
  - Cheryl asked if the bars were interested in a designated driver’s card that includes information about a safe walk home.
    - Neon Cactus already has a key check. This consists of designated drivers receiving tickets for soda/non-alcoholic beverages, and they are informally assessed when they leave for levels of intoxication.
    - Purdue Police reported that the Purdue Safewalk information is already printed on student identification cards.

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