**College Council on Community Policy Minutes**

**October 7, 2011**

**Members Present:** Susannah Howe, Susan Levin, Diane Tsoulas, Vera Shevzov, Daniel Kramer, Mairin Brady, Ashavan Doyon, Ana Gorman, Donna Safford, Danielle Ramdath, Stacie Hagenbaugh, Pamela Nolan Young, Scott Graham, Laura Smiarowski, Samuel Masinter, Chelsea Williams, Catherine Leung, Mohini Banerjee, Barbara Williams, and Pamela Schwartz.

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1. **Welcome and introductions of new members**
2. **Update on Elm Street Pedestrian Safety Project – Gary Hartwell**

* The recent crosswalk construction project was completed in response to a traffic study that monitored volume and speed of traffic in 2009. One of the primary goals of the project was to reduce vehicle speed to less than 25 mph.
* The improvements that were made include: reduction of turning radius to decrease crossing distances and vehicle speed, extension of curbs with improved drainage, increased surface paint to highway standards, extension of bike lanes up Elm Street, narrowing of the traffic lanes from 12 feet to 11 feet to create “visual friction,” addition of a “speed table” with raised height and texture, and double the amount of safety signs with more effective colors.
* There have been no accidents since the fall of 2010, and there are often 3-4 accidents per year.
* Pamela Schwartz reported that the City of Northampton is looking to do a similar renovation to the South Street crosswalks.
* Gary’s opinion is that the “visual friction” is the most successful aspect of the project, and feels that maintaining the paint should be a priority. This cost would be approximately $10,000 to refresh all of the paint.
* Some staff members were concerned with pedestrian safety when crossing Elm Street at the speed table. Cars can be confused where to stop because of the coloring of the table. Gary said that the yellow textured area is designed for visually impaired pedestrians, and he said that steel posts are going to be installed to prevent cars from going around a car turning left.

1. **Other News**

* The positions of Vice-Chair and note taker are open for this year. Please nominate yourself if you are interested in either position.
* Smoke-Free Committee update: the committee will schedule a meeting with the Campus Planning Committee to discuss the improved signage and immovable Smoke Genies as was discussed last year.
* Stacie gave an update about the Vendor Code of Conduct. This code has been established and revised by a student-led committee that only exists when there is interest. Currently, no one is actively participating in the committee.

1. **Next meeting: Friday, November 4, 2011, Campus Center 103/104**