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College-City Commission

AGENDA

November 27, 2017

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Centennial Hall

Keene State College Alumni Center

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Review Minutes from October 23, 2017**
4. **Subcommittee Updates:**
 - a. Neighborhood Revitalization
 - b. Inclusiveness & Diversity
5. **2018 Meeting Calendar**
6. **Discussion with Mayor Lane and Dr. Treadwell**
7. **New and Other Business**
8. **Next Meeting – TBD**
9. **Public Comment**
10. **Adjourn**

City of Keene
New Hampshire

COLLEGE CITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 23, 2017

4:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Darryl Masterson, Co-Chair
Bart Sapeta, Co-Chair, City Councilor
Bettina Chadbourne, City Councilor
Phil Jones, City Councilor
Dick Berry
Chris Cusack
Paula Jessup
Kelly Ricaurte
Dottie Morris
Marcia Keyser
Bryana Weigel

Staff Present:

Tara Kessler, Planner
Kim Schmidl-Gage

Members Not Present:

Robin Picard
Joshua Jarvis, Alternate

1) Call to Order

Co-Chair Masterson called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM and roll call was conducted. Katheryn Glosser, a student majoring in journalism at KSC attended as a guest.

2) Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2017

Ms. Kayser noted a correction on page 5, where it states, “Ms. Kayser reported that the Inclusiveness and Diversity Subcommittee discussed...” should be corrected to state, “Ms. Kayser stated that in her opinion there should be some framework to do some problem solving after a crisis, for healing purposes”.

Mr. Cusack noted a correction on page 5, second paragraph, last sentence the word, “exiting” should be changed to “exciting”.

Councilor Chadbourne made a motion to adopt the minutes from September 25, 2017 as amended. The motion was seconded Mr. Berry, which carried unanimously.

3) Informational Presentation on NH RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Program

Ms. Kessler began the presentation providing a brief overview of the state law NH RSA 79-E and what would be available to the City if this law was adopted. She explained that 79-E

is a temporary property tax relief program that seeks to encourage investment in “downtowns” and to rehabilitate underutilized buildings in these areas. Ms. Kessler noted that 79-E was not a grant opportunity.

Ms. Kessler provided the following statutory limitations with respect to RSA 79-E. NH RSA is a temporary tax relief incentive that is adopted and administered at the local level, by the municipality. The RSA allows a community to grant up to 5 years of tax relief for substantial rehabilitation of an existing, qualifying building. A municipality may choose to allow for extensions to this relief period for specific types of projects. For example, a community may add up to 2 years of tax relief for new residential units; up to 4 additional years of tax relief for affordable residential units; and/or up to 4 additional years of tax relief for historic structures.

Substantial Rehabilitation is defined by the RSA as rehabilitation costs that equal either a minimum of 15% of the pre-assessed valuation or \$75,000, whichever is less. A community may choose to establish higher thresholds for what is considered Substantial Rehabilitation.

For a structure to be eligible for this tax relief, it must be located in an area designated for 79-E. The RSA states that 79-E can be applied only to downtowns or town centers. In addition, the proposed rehabilitation must be proven to provide at least one of the following public benefits. However, a community may choose to define the public benefit differently than the RSA.

- Enhance downtown economic vitality
- Enhance culturally/historically important structures
- Promote preservation and reuse of existing buildings
- Promote development of downtown
- Increase residential housing in downtown

This tax relief cannot be applied to the development of vacant land; however, it can be used to projects that replace existing structures. All applications for this tax relief must be reviewed and approved by the City Council. A public hearing will take place on the application following its submission. The tax relief would only apply to work that occurred after the application was approved.

Ms. Kessler noted that 79-E was only available in designated areas and that the City would have to determine where 79-E should occur. The NH state statute specifically states that 79-E must occur in downtowns, town centers or village centers. Mr. Berry asked how downtown was defined. Ms. Kessler replied that the statute noted that the area must be designated as a downtown via the Zoning Ordinance, or the City could designate these areas in its Master Plan. Ms. Kessler said that one of the goals of 79-E was to encourage revitalization of underutilized areas and also to encourage historic preservation.

Co-Chair Masterson asked what the City of Keene has typically designated as downtown. Ms. Kessler referred to a map indicating that the Central Business District, is Keene’s primary downtown district and this consists mostly of Main Street from the roundabout to Central Square. She reported that there were recently three new zoning districts adopted in the Marlborough Street corridor. The three new zoning districts are Residential Preservation, Neighborhood Business and Business Growth and Re-Use. She explained that the intent statements of these zones refer to them as extensions of the downtown so that these areas would be potentially eligible for 79-E.

Ms. Kessler stated that 79-E was an application based process and if this was adopted in the City of Keene, the applications would be submitted to the City Council. The City would then need to develop criteria for which the City feels there is a public benefit demonstrated. Each

application would be reviewed on a case by case basis in order to make sure that it is a qualifying structure, located in the designated area, providing a public benefit and has an appropriate tax relief period.

Ms. Kessler noted that there are limitations with 79-E when replacing an existing structure. She explained that this may occur when it has been determined that a building has no cultural or historical significance and is decided that a new structure would provide more of a public benefit.

Ms. Kessler referred to a map indicating the areas in the downtown area where 79-E might apply. She indicated Central Square on the map and referred to the red area on the map that is the downtown TIF District (Tax Increment Finance District). Councilor Jones stated that there is a conflict in that these districts are reliant on the increment in the taxable value of properties to go back into TIF to make improvements to the TIF. Ms. Kessler stated that if 79-E is adopted in the TIF area it would be in conflict because it would be putting a hold on that incremental increase on value for a period of time and property would not be contributing to the TIF. She stated that the TIF for the most part is located in the Central Business District.

Ms. Kessler reported that there were currently 32 communities in New Hampshire that have adopted 79-E. She noted that many of the communities have not processed any applications. Ms. Kessler reported that 9 of the 13 cities in New Hampshire have adopted 79-E with the exception of Manchester, Dover, Portsmouth and Keene.

Ms. Kessler provided examples of the communities that have adopted 79-E. These examples include Exeter, Somersworth, Newmarket and Concord. Ms. Kessler reported that in all of the examples she provided, the developer/owners are quoted as stating these projects would not have been possible without 79-E.

Ms. Kessler stated that a good location for 79-E seemed to be in the proposed Business Growth and Re-Use Zoning District, and Neighborhood Business Zoning District. She noted that these areas were located along the Marlboro Street corridor and significantly underutilized areas.

Ms. Kessler said that some of the questions the community will have to ask are as follows:

- **Where should it be applied in Keene?**
 - What is the impact of overlapping with a TIF district?*
 - Can it apply more than one geographic area?*

- **What are we trying to incentivize?**
 - Residential/Commercial Development*
 - Rehab of Historic Structures*
 - Multi-family housing verses single family*

- **What review criteria should apply?**

Councilor Chadbourne asked what the City Council would be determining with 79-E. In addition, she asked if a multi-family home could be converted back to a single family home or vice a versa. Ms. Kessler replied that the City Council would be determining if a structure is a qualifying structure, if the proposed work provides public benefit, and the tax relief period granted to a property owner. She explained that the City Council would adopt the program at the local level, establish the criteria and hear the applications locally. Ms. Kessler stated that she would

need to check with the City Attorney to find out if a home could be converted back to a single or multi-family.

Councilor Jones stated that he has researched the legislative process on 79-E and the answer to Councilor Chadbourne's question about going from a two-family to single family residence, is that the application must meet certain criteria. He stated that there are two criteria that must be met. How does it benefit the community? Does it increase the rate of variables?

Ms. Kessler said that it was important for communities to determine there is a public benefit and that the value of the improvement is going to give the community a return that is significant enough to warrant relieving a tax increase for a period of time.

Ms. Kessler reported that 79-E has been introduced to the PLD, placed put on more time and will come back before the PLD in November for further discussion.

Councilor Jones stated that the maximum tax relief parameters are set by the state. Councilor Jones asked if these perimeters are set in place once the zone is created or if they are created on an individual basis. Ms. Kessler replied that the perimeters are created when the City Council establishes 79-E.

Co-Chair Masterson asked if the applicants had to ask for the number of years of tax relief. Ms. Kessler replied that she believed the applicants request the period of relief, however, she will have to confirm this answer.

Co-Chair Sapeta stated that there seemed to be some overlap with neighborhoods that the Neighborhood Revitalization Subcommittee is dealing in regards to the parameters of 79-E. He asked Ms. Kessler if she aware of any neighborhoods that are beyond that boundary that are close to the college in need of investment. Ms. Kessler replied that she was could not answer that question. Co-Chair Sapeta asked if the CCC could recommend to the City Council to extend those zones. Ms. Kessler replied that the statute requires 79-E to take place in a downtown area. She explained that the City of Keene adopted the three new zones as an extension of the downtown and the challenge would be looking beyond those areas to be considered a downtown area. Councilor Jones stated that the zone could always be amended.

Mr. Cusack asked how 79-E would be used in a Residential Preservation District. Ms. Kessler replied that it would have to show public benefit. In addition, she said that it would be a lot harder in the Residential Preservation Zone to determine the public benefit when trying to convert from a multifamily to a single family home. Mr. Cusack said that he questioned the fairness of 79-E for private property housing.

Ms. Kessler reminded the CCC that the City Council has yet to define the parameters of 79-E and that there would be a public hearing at which members could attend.

The CCC thanked Ms. Kessler for the presentation.

4) Subcommittee Updates

a.) Neighborhood Revitalization

Co-Chair Sapeta reported that the Neighborhood Revitalization Subcommittee has not met since the last CCC meeting and would provide an update at the next CCC meeting.

b.) Inclusiveness & Diversity

Ms. Kayser reported that Inclusiveness and Diversity Subcommittee has not met since the last CCC meeting and would also provide an update at the next CCC meeting. Ms. Schmidl-Gage distributed copies of the Keene College City Commission Report and Recommendations to the CCC for review for the next CCC meeting.

5.) New and Other Business

Councilor Chadbourne reported that there was a Resolution before the City Council that deals with immigration and Keene being a sanctuary city. She noted that this was on more time and was in the process of being vetted by the City Attorney.

In addition, Councilor Chadbourne reported that Councilor Mitchell Greenwald brought a Resolution to the City Council that stated Keene is a city that supports diversity and does not tolerate hate crimes or bigotry. She reported that this Resolution was passed unanimously and that she would bring a copy to the next meeting.

Co-Chair Sapeta asked the CCC to review both drafts of the recommendations from the Neighborhood Revitalization Subcommittee and the Inclusiveness and Diversity Subcommittee for the next CCC meeting. The CCC agreed to have a final copy from both subcommittees available in December.

Ms. Glosser stated that she was doing a story on the immigration and refugee proposal for KSC TV. She asked Councilor Chadbourne if she would be willing to sit down for an interview. Councilor Chadbourne replied in the affirmative and provided Ms. Glosser with her contact information.

Ms. Kessler reminded the CCC that President Treadwell and Mayor Lane will be at the next CCC meeting.

The CCC agreed to make a decision at the next CCC meeting if a CCC meeting would be held December.

Councilor Jones requested that someone from KSC attend a CCC meeting to look at the capital plans for KSC due to all of the changes that have occurred at KSC. Ms. Schmidl-Gagne stated that the best time would to set-up a meeting of this nature would be in the spring.

6.) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday November, 27 2017 at 4:00 PM and the location has yet to be determined. Ms. Kessler and Ms. Schmidl-Gagne stated that they would work together to coordinate meeting space and then email the location to the CCC members.

7.) Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Co-Chair Masterson adjourned the meeting at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jennifer Clark, Minute Taker

Reviewed and edited by Tara Kessler, Planner



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KEENE COLLEGE-CITY COMMISSION REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS

“BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY”

“NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION”

NOVEMBER 2017

Prepared by the Keene College-City Commission

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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BACKGROUND

The members of the College-City Commission were named and began meeting in November of 2014. Mayor Kendall Lane and President of Keene State College, Dr. Anne Huot, formed this Commission following discussion and the creation of Commission charge earlier in the year (and its subsequent designation as a permanent City Commission in 2016). The charge of the Commission was to “facilitate long range planning and (to make) short and long term recommendations to [Keene State College] and the [City of Keene] on issues of mutual concern.” Identification of these issues followed a community meeting in March of 2014 at Heberton Hall in which four themes were identified and developed:

1. Housing and Neighborhoods
2. Infrastructure and Parking
3. Citizenship
4. Property / Tax Base

For the following two years the members met and researched the topics, presenting their report and recommendations in September 2016.

In October 2016, President Huot and Mayor Lane met with us again and asked us to continue our work in the areas of:

1. Building an Inclusive Community
2. Housing/Neighborhood Revitalization

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

If Keene is to grow and thrive and be economically successful in the future, this will mean becoming a more inclusive and diverse community. Given the changing demographics of the United States, and the Monadnock region in particular, Keene will need to put some systems in place to adequately address these inevitable changes. After we submitted our Report and Recommendations for the original College-City Commission charges in the fall of 2016, President Huot and Mayor Lane further charged the Commission to explore how the City of Keene could create a welcoming community that is attractive to people of diverse backgrounds.

To that end, the College-City Commission participated in a facilitated discussion, whereby we explored our issues and attitudes on diversity. It soon became apparent that the college has excellent resources for this but there are fewer in the community. We agreed that it would be a long, ongoing and evolving process and one that would involve creative ways to engage our current residents and newcomers of both entities in sessions to help educate and enlighten us all. It is essential to develop a sustainable and enduring plan to address this charge given to us by the President and Mayor.

THEMES

The four major themes of increasing diversity that we explored were:

1. Concerns
2. Benefits
3. Resources
4. Barriers

CONCERNS

The majority of our concerns were fears. Fears of: the unknown, potential conflicts, crime, "outsiders" taking jobs, less "of the pie" becoming available, losing rights, becoming a minority in own community, danger/not feeling safe, some feeling different, not being accepted, being marginalized and harassed

Other concerns included:

The possibility of setting up laws/policies/rules that exclude groups of people based on majority vs. minority out of fear for something new or different

Having assumptions where our own beliefs need to change

Establishing and maintaining safety for those who may be perceived as different in religion, physical appearance, abilities, gender identification, country of origin, etc.

The difficulty of having diverse groups learning to come together, including language challenges, different values and traditions and cultures, while maintaining uniqueness and acknowledging that "birds of a feather like to flock together"

That unacknowledged fears will come out as anger

BENEFITS

Benefits of being more diverse include increased opportunities to celebrate our differences and how much we have in common as well as discovering new ideas and ways of thinking.

Other benefits include increased: resiliency, learning and personal growth opportunities, experiences, understanding, community strength, quality of life, and problem-solving ability.

With increased diversity, there is likely to be an infusion of a wide array of cultures, traditions, foods, art, clothing, opinions, knowledge and ideas, philosophical and religious beliefs. In general, ours could be an even more vital and interesting community.

RESOURCES

The current interest level, size and spirit of the community and college, open access to the city government process, the rich history of overcoming problems, our strong education system and well-versed and experienced people, and "a business community that wants diversity and should be willing to partner", all combine to make this an opportune time to make advances in our ability to improve our capacity for inclusion.

Our students, faculty and staff bring so much from our various communities, and our colleges are willing to share their resources with the greater Keene area community.

Please see the appendix for some specific contact information.

BARRIERS

Lack of recognition that there is any issue, resistance to change, ignorance, fear of the unknown, insecurities, prejudice, stubbornness, isolation, narrow focus in our lives, lack of experience in spending time with others who are not the same, little economic diversity, "formal (lacking) way of working between College and City to move this forward"

Lack of opportunities to come here and limited job opportunities, current lack of diversity, few services for different groups (ethnic stores, etc.), lack of adequate support services in the City, cultural and language barriers, lack of "critical mass" for minority group support, laws and regulations.

After reviewing the results of our exercise, and recognizing the complexity of this topic, we suggest the following short, medium, and long-term recommendations. Given the current national climate on this topic there is a sense of urgency for some of our current residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the College-City Commission support and disseminate information regarding events and training related to diversity and inclusiveness in Keene and beyond, through the Keene City Council and the Keene State College Senate.

Short Term (0-6 months)

- Community Conversation, April 18, 2017 – **Completed**
- Support for Green Dot Bystander Training at Cheshire Medical Center, Fall 2017
- Coordination with The Colonial Theatre's Educational Director, Vicky Pittman, for the screening of *Shadows Fall North*, followed by discussion about slavery and other NH racial issues. This event is in Keene on Sunday, September 17, 2107. **Completed**
- Indigenous Peoples: November 2017. We will support the event that Dr. Denise Burchsted and her team are bringing to the KSC campus.
- Arrange for University of Pennsylvania's Dr. Margaret Bruchac to come to KSC in spring 2018 to speak to the community about our native Abenacki residents. Dr. Dottie Morris will arrange this.
- Research methods for Keene to reassure and protect Keene immigrant and refugee residents who feel unsafe. **Current proposed proclamation is under discussion with the City Council.**
- Draft recommendation for reporting a crime, similar to KSC's "The Silent Witness".
- Include a representative from AUNE on the Building Inclusive Community subcommittee. **This was done in April 2017.**

Medium Term (6 months - 1 year)

- Spring 2018 series of workshops: Collaboration between City of Keene, KSC, AUNE, Cheshire Medical Center, Historical Society of Cheshire County.

Possible collaborators and/or presenters would include:

- Jim Waller and others at KSC Cohen Center
- Jim Gruber and Abigail Walton at AUNE

Possible topics include:

- Bystander Training - Green Dot, Safer Scenes, Step-Up

- "Ask A _____" - Resource: Cindy Cheshire, KSC Director of Campus Ministry
 - Indigenous People: The Real Story - Dr. Bob Goodby or Kearsarge Indian Museum
 - Trans 101 or other LGBTQ topics
 - Inclusiveness and Diversity
 - How to talk to children about diversity
 - Social justice - How to be an activist
 - New Americans in Keene: Focus on new immigrants and refugees
- Research models of successful inclusion and diversity efforts (best practices) in college towns
 - Collect data - Conduct a Keene climate survey (similar to KSC Campus Climate Survey) via a variety of modes (including, but not limited to survey and focus groups)

Long Term (1 year or greater) Community/business survey

- Use data from Keene Climate Survey to inform future work – develop a plan of action
- Conduct an inventory of what Keene businesses are currently doing to promote and expand diversity. In other words, what are the larger businesses doing to successfully recruit and retain a diverse workforce and what resources do they have available to acclimate new employees to the Keene environment? Also, what steps are they taking to prepare current employees for the potential demographic shift?
- Continue to offer educational experiences and dialogue opportunities for community members – need to develop a process to determine topics
- Examine policies, procedures and practices within the city of Keene and at Keene State College using an equity lens to make sure these are in line with our goals, mission and objectives associated with diversity, multiculturalism and social justice

APPENDIX

Diversity & Inclusion Resources

Incarceration

Brattleboro Community Justice Center

brattleborocjc.org/ • (802) 251-8142

The Brattleboro Community Justice Center (BCJC) is a community organization where citizens can work together to find ways to resolve conflict constructively, using primarily Restorative Justice principles and practices. The Justice Center supports this work by providing structured opportunities to victims, offenders, and other individuals or groups affected by harm or wrongdoing in the community to meet and communicate.

230 Main Street, Suite 302

Brattleboro, VT 05301

Community Resources for Justice

www.crj.org/ • (603) 357-4804

At Community Resources for Justice, we believe that society gains when all people are given the support and tools they need to lead responsible, productive, and dignified lives. Our work is organized along three areas of practice:

- *Social Justice Services* transitions ex offenders back into mainstream society and diverts at-risk youth away from crime and toward a productive and fulfilling life;
- *Community Strategies* provides adults with intellectual disabilities a chance to grow and flourish in the community by offering residence in small group home settings;
- *The Crime and Justice Institute* provides research and consulting services which advance evidence-based practices that inform systems-level change. Around the nation, we are making neighborhoods safer and improving the quality of life for all through strong public policy development and legislation.

Guided by excellence, creativity, and compassion, we support individual transitions, strengthen families and improve community safety. We change lives and strengthen communities by advancing policy and delivering individualized services that promote safety, justice, and inclusion.

Keene Regional Office

32 Washington Street

Keene, NH 03431

LGBTQ

Freedom New Hampshire

www.freedomn Hampshire.org/

Freedom New Hampshire is a nonpartisan coalition working to educate people about what it means to be transgender and the unique hardships that transgender people face—and to grow support for legislation (#TransBillNH) to explicitly protect transgender Granite Staters from discrimination under the law.

Together with faith leaders, businesses large and small, law enforcement, community advocates, schools, and grassroots supporters, Freedom New Hampshire seeks to build a groundswell of support for #TransBillNH, and make the case that discrimination has no place in the Granite State. Based out of Concord, NH.

PFLAG NH - Keene Chapter

www.pflagnh.org • pflagkeene@gmail.com

PFLAG was founded to help parents, families, and friends of LGBTQ persons to support each other and their loved ones. PFLAG Keene promotes the health and well-being of LGBTQ people, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

First Tuesday of every month 7-9 pm

Keene Public Library

60 Winter Street

Keene, NH 03431

Trans NH Magazine

www.transnhmagazine.com/ • transnhmagazine@gmail.com

Trans NH Magazine is a free monthly magazine created for and by transgender and gender non-conforming residents of New Hampshire and their families and allies. The magazine, available online for free, features the news, events and people affecting members of the community including updates on legislation, personal stories, organizations, medical information, events, education, entertainment reviews, fiction, poetry, and much more. Based out of Charlestown, NH.

Mental Health

The Hive Mutual Support Network

bivemutualsupport.net/

The Hive is a mutual support network based out of Brattleboro, Vermont. At the Hive, we're all about creating spaces and infrastructures for people to support each other to survive and thrive. We consider this an unexpectedly subversive endeavor. Please join us in reclaiming our ability to navigate the conditions of living through mutual support!

24 Flat Street, Suite 202

Brattleboro, VT 05301

Race/Ethnicity

Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity

vermontpartnership.org/ • (802) 254-2972

Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity is a proven, effective resource that Vermont leaders turn to for assistance, support, and advocacy related to inclusion, diversity, and equity in the public sphere. Shifting state demographics have created a higher awareness of the need for fair and welcoming communities in Vermont, and shifting regional and national demographics have created unexplored economic opportunities for Vermont in the multicultural marketplace.

For the people of Vermont, we work to strengthen inclusive and equitable practices to eliminate prejudice and discrimination of all kinds. The economic relevance and visibility of diverse communities are driving forces supporting the wellbeing of all. Illuminating the challenges to diversity, inclusion, and equity, and supporting best practices which directly address those challenges are vital pathways toward the thriving of equitable, inclusive, and sustainable communities for all.

18 Town Crier Drive

Brattleboro, VT 05301

Religion

Islamic Society of Greater Keene

www.salatomatic.com/spc/Keene/Islamic-Society-of-Greater-Keene/nXHQ2TxxGU

We are a small but growing Muslim community in Keene, NH and the surrounding areas (like Brattleboro, VT). Our diverse community is committed to the establishment of a center that can be used as a place for prayer, education and networking InshaAllah. We currently rent a room in Keene as we look to establish our own Masjid in the Keene, NH and Southern Vermont area. We hold Jummah at 1:00 pm every Friday.

160 Emerald Street
Keene, NH 03431

Monadnock Interfaith Project

mipnh.org/

Monadnock Interfaith Project (MIP) is a multi-tasked organization that focuses on activism, education, policy, advocacy, and prayer to address issues of social and economic justice to help transform our community. MIP seeks to empower the voiceless; promote interfaith collaboration; bolster appreciation for diverse beliefs; and facilitate systemic change. 50 to 60 people from 12 different faith organizations from Harrisville, Jaffrey, Peterborough, Marlborough, Keene, to Walpole have put their heads, hearts, and hands together to make a difference.

Newman Center

www.newmanconnection.com/locations/detail/keene-state-college/newman-center •

Cindy Chesbire at director@newmancenterkeene.com

The Newman Center for Keene State College ministers to all college students and young adults in the area. The Newman Center is named for Blessed John Henry Newman, who in his writings encouraged the creation of societies for Catholic students at secular universities, in order that they may have a place to gather to encourage and support each other in the faith. Although the Newman Center is a ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, we minister to all students and young adults, regardless of their religious affiliation or lack thereof. Our primary ministry is to Keene State College students, but we also welcome Antioch University and River Valley Community College students, as well as young adults in their twenties.

Newman Center
161 Main Street
Keene, NH 03431

St. James Episcopal Church Social Justice Ministry

www.stjameskeene.com/social-justice/ • Eleanor Vander Haegen at elvan@ne.rr.com

St. James Social Justice Ministry advocates for justice, fairness, and economic opportunity for all people and for the responsible stewardship of our planet. Through education, discernment, actions and prayer we follow the example of Jonathan Daniels who responded to God's call in the words of Isaiah, "Here I am Lord, send me." The ministry engages in direct action through a perpetual food drive for the Community Kitchen and providing dinners for our neighbors, the 100 Nights Shelter. The group has advocated for environmental justice, prison reform, ending New Hampshire's death penalty, reduction of gun violence and economic equity. We partner with other faith groups in our efforts in advocacy and provision of assistance.

*44 West Street
Keene, NH 03431*

Others:

ACT for Social Justice

Black Lives Matter New Hampshire and Vermont

Brattleboro Solidarity

Green Mountain Crossroads

Historical Society of Cheshire County

Jonathan Daniels Center

Jonathan Daniels / Martin Luther King Committee

Justice for All

Keene Public Library

Keene Recreation Department

Keene State College

Office of Diversity and Multiculturalism

The Cohen Center

Safe Space

Step-Up (Bystander Intervention Steering Committee)

Common Ground

Candid Conversations

Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)

Lost River Racial Justice

Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention

Monadnock Developmental Services (MDS)

Monadnock Family Services

Monadnock Progressive Alliance

Outright Vermont

The Root Social Justice Center



College City Commission Meeting Schedule 2018

Meeting Date	Meeting Location*
January 22, 2017	2 nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
February 26, 2017	Keene State College, Room Location To Be Determined
March 26, 2017	2 nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
April 23, 2017	Keene State College, Room Location To Be Determined
<u>TUESDAY</u> , May 28, 2017	2 nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
June 25, 2017	Keene State College, Room Location To Be Determined
July 23, 2017	2 nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
August 27, 2017	Keene State College, Room Location To Be Determined
September 24, 2017	2 nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
October 22, 2017	Keene State College, Room Location To Be Determined
November 26, 2017	2 nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
December 24, 2017*	Keene State College, Room Location To Be Determined
January 28, 2018	2 nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall

* May be subject to change.