Tiny House Meeting – 7/6/16

Attendees:

Westminster faculty/staff/students: Helen Boylan, Alexa Yoho, Danny Owoc (via Skype), Eve Kammerdiener, Rick Sherlock, Shaun Toomey

Community members: Ed Petrus, Jeremy Beatty, April Redmond*, Renee Hartwell*, Lee Winter, Sherri Winter, Missy Davies (via phone), Maeley McHale

*WC alumni

Meeting Agenda:

- Introductions
- Student Summer Help
  - Olivia Sniezek
- Fundraising
  - 2 lead donors → almost 90% to goal
  - Crowdfunding campaign planned
    - Crowdfund for materials and supplies
    - Need larger social media following in order for this to be successful
  - Proposal to Almira Foundation
    - Almira foundation – local foundation that supports community projects
    - Unfortunately, not funded
  - Local partners
    - Millers do it best hardware store
    - Wilsons lumber
- Trailer
  - Trailer design, designed by Ed
  - Being built by the New Castle School of Trades, in collaboration with us
    - George Klesser, welding instructor
    - Being built at cost of materials
    - Keeps the work local
  - Supplies list and budget paperwork has been submitted
- Residence Life and Security
  - Dr. Boylan met with head of campus security and Assistant Dean of Residence Life
  - Dormitory codes
    - 2 means of egress needed
      - Egress windows?
      - Roof window?
  - Location discussion
- Social media poll for location
  - Top location likely to be 9
  - Renee and Ed volunteered to investigate the 180-day rule about needing to move locations
    - Fire extinguishers
    - Number of people per square foot
      - Capacity limit
- Zoning updates
  - James Farris, New Wilmington Zoning Officer
  - The borough is okay with the tiny house only if:
    - Only students live there
    - Short term housing tied to educational experience
    - Handicap accessible
      - Since it is mobile and not permanent, it is up to the college
      - More than 4 tiny houses, there needs to be one handicap accessible
  - A variance was not needed
    - Because the college is zoned at institutional and the project is strictly educational, and therefore the regular zoning rules do not apply
    - Should we still go through with the variance paperwork to make it official?
    - Presentation at an upcoming borough council meeting?
      - Will be covered by New Castle News
- Social Media
  - Weekly update: #tinyhousetuesday
  - Videos
  - Tiny House Trivia
    - First installment
  - Ideas/suggestions?
- Budget and build
  - Plan finalized but may need small changes
- Finalizing window plans
  - 2 means of egress
    - Loft as 2nd exit
      - Skylight window exit?
  - Pros and cons of Marvin vs. Andersen windows
  - Style options
    - Itemized budget top priority
    - Collaboration on house build with NCST
      - Fall build? Timeline is based on trailer
      - Framed and roofed at NCST
        - Take students there
      - Bring tiny house to campus for final build/community build
      - Make borough aware of when tiny house is being transported
    - Parade?
- Outreach Event #1
  - New Castle Fireworks Festival
    - Makers Fair at Arts on the Riverwalk
    - July 9, 3-9pm
  - Schedule
    | Set up | 3-5pm | 5-7pm | 7-9pm | Tear Down |
    |--------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
    | Boylan | Rachael | Eve | Olivia | Boylan |
    | Danny | Maelev | Boylan |
  - Location
  - Social Media
    - Photo prop
  - Handouts
• Taped out dimensions
• Posters/design

• Outreach Event #2
  o New Wilmington Summerfest
  o July 15, 3-9pm
  o Schedule

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• Projects
  o Photo prop and handouts
    ▪ Friday evening at Helen’s
  o Tiny house trivia ideas
    ▪ 3-5 questions and answers
  o Video tour of tiny house
    ▪ Wayside tiny cabins (Columbiana, OH)
    ▪ Carnegie Science Center
  o Propane project research
    ▪ Cooktop, heater, water heater
  o Plumbing fixtures research
    ▪ Water saving options for kitchen and bath sinks and shower
  o Composting toilet research
    ▪ How it works for social media post
    ▪ NatureHead composting toilet manufacturing plant video tour?
  o Interior design

• Trip to NY
  o Visit to Bill Rockhill’s Shop
    ▪ Leave Friday July 22 after work
    ▪ Return Sunday July 24 late

• Other Items for discussion?
  o 3d design made available to others?
  o Various construction techniques for more tiny houses down the road

• Next meeting
  o Tues Aug 2nd 7:00pm (Patterson Hall 107, same room)