

Health and Safety Committee Meeting

09-21-2006

Attendees:

Beth Jeffrey; Danette Rogers; Darren Bailey; Naarah McDonald; Stephen Costanti; James Woods; Glenda Hedden; Don Higgins; Michael McMillan; Linda Kachinsky; Dave Leonard

Danette called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

The August meeting minutes were approved.

Updates:

The overhanging branches on 21st street will be trimmed back by the personnel at the School of the Arts

The tall grass by the railroad tracks have been cut down

The residents of the Harmon building have been sent a letter regarding the one-way parking lot. It is city property.

The tile on the 19th ST stairwell has been repaired.

New Items:

Seattle Health and Safety Committee meeting at Bothell:

At the Seattle campus there are current L&I issues in the HS and HUB ballroom regarding the improper signage of asbestos related materials. The UW is contesting this because signage would cost over 4 million dollars

Asbestos is not manufactured here but we buy building materials from all over the world. It is still widely used in small amounts.

There was an explosion in the chem. Lab in Seattle, no one called 911 and the fire department found out. SFD is investigating potentially limiting chemicals that can be used in the labs.

An administrator should accompany L&I or any other inspectors at all times. Inspectors know that there should be an "opening conference" with employees, union reps, and management before an inspection and there should be a "closing conference" to announce findings and possible citations.

Evacu-track- this device can help people in wheelchairs move down the stairs if the elevators are stuck. The cost is about \$1000 each. It was noted that the fire department

does not favor these devices as it might encourage average citizens to become rescuers who are not adequately trained fire and rescue personnel.

It was suggested that the emergency alarm rendezvous point for folks in WCG be moved to Tollefson Park, as it is more accessible.

Crosswalks:

Milt has met with the city to try to get a new crosswalk on 21st ST. The talks are going well and we may be getting one soon but the exact location has not been determined yet. Milt is also working with the city on possible new handicapped parking spots on Jefferson by the Longshoreman's hall as well as the crosswalk situation.

Glenda brought up the need for defibrillators in MAT and at the Longshoreman's hall. Darren pointed out that the ones we currently have were purchased through a grant, not by security or the university.

The committee would like to invite the new Vice Chancellor Ysabel Trinidad to attend one of our meetings.

There may be new handicapped spaces in the Dougan area but that is still in the planning stages.

The facilities folks need training on furniture moving techniques and also need better tools and equipment for this task including heavy boots etc. The Seattle campus has a special crew just for moving and they have adequate tools.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.