

Health Sciences Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2006

Present:

Kim Bryner	Lt. Allen Hill
Mike Cain	Marilyn Howton
Nina Clovis	Jeff Kerns
Brad Fansler	Bob Lemley
Andy Cockburn	Kevin Simpkins
Bob Smith	Stephanie Graham-Sims

Absent:

Ben Cantoni	Ben Johnson
Doug Crowell	Buck Pennington
Cindy Dalton	Debbie Piktel
Dianne DeAngelis	Nasser Razmianfar
Tom Russian	Trudy Werry

Agenda:

1. Cancer Center Construction.
2. Parking Area Lights, Signs, Wrong-way Traffic, Accidents and Fence in Parking lot 81.
3. 4 Way Stop Signs Misaligned at the entrance of Lot 84.
4. New Health Sciences Safety Web-Site and Parking Issues.
5. Lack of Posted Emergency Numbers and Correction Needed to Marquee on First Floor.
6. Radiation Security Compliant Issues.
7. Second Round of Lab Audits Proceeding.
8. Hallway Obstructions.

The meeting opened at 1 PM.

Mr. Smith: I want everyone to be aware of the construction for the Cancer Center expansion is set to begin. The information we have at this point indicates the front of the Health Sciences is going to be dug up to provide a change to the sewer line. The tentative schedule shows this will be done early in October. Parking as well as pedestrian traffic out front will be affected. The Patient parking will be transferred over to the parking garage in front of the Emergency Room. Some of the patient parking is already directed to the over flow lot 82. Patients that park down there ride the shuttle up. There are valet services available both at the Cancer Center and Family Practice. The plans show the change to the sewer line requires a 36 foot trench starting in the small garden in front of Family Practice. The traffic pattern will change considerably.

Mr. Kerns: Nothing can start on the project until some things get worked out. We have asked for a traffic plan as well as what effects upon our patients care in the HSC.

Mr. Smith: The Expansion of the Cancer Center will extend out from the current Cancer Center entrance and up to the New Learning Center the face of the front of the HSC will be completely changed. The Safety Committee should keep their eyes open to some of the potential safety issues that may arise with this construction. Already there seems to be a lot of questions of how are we going to get into HSC. This is to be worked out under the plan that Jeff just indicated. The planning seems to change on a daily bases. I'm sure we will be discussing this in the months to come. Is there other issues?

Lt. Hill: We need lights in the parking areas, especially around the corner at lot 80 and 84 down over the hill. Soon it will be getting dark earlier and with the number of people walking along the road it is really going to be a potential safety problem with no lights and no sidewalks.

Mr. Smith: I have seen in the paper a request for lights on the parking area. I don't know if the contract has been let yet.

Lt. Hill: The new signs have been put up at the turn between lots 84 & 80

Mr. Smith: There still seems to be problems at the 4-way stop at the entrance to lot 84, the NIOSH road, on the loading dock road with the main entrance road. First the intersection is misaligned. People are not observing the intersection as a 4-way stop. When coming from the loading dock the stop sign is at the corner, it doesn't say 4-way stop. There needs to be signs indicating the intersection is a 4-way stop intersection. Traffic coming down the hill doesn't stop until they are out into the intersection. Underneath the stop sign, there is a sign that warns people of "speed bumps". From the opposite side underneath the stop sign it says "yield to on coming traffic". Jeff and I were out there assessing the situation. Jeff took some pictures of the situation.

Ms. Howton: Something should be done either more signs or paint 4-way stop on the roadway. That corner is bad enough with the physical plant traffic coming up from below and also the people taking a short cut up the hill.

Mr. Kerns: I and Lt. Hill will look into the situation and try to remedy some of the problems there.

Ms. Bryner: There still is a problem with the entrance and exit loop in lot 84. Even though arrows mark "one-way" people are still going "two-way" in that loop. You really have to be alert in that area.

Mr. Smith: Recently, we had a couple of accidents in and around lot 81. A lady tripped over a river stone while crossing through lot 81 and broke her arm. A medical student fell into the drainage ditch and injured himself badly. He ended up in the Emergency Room with multiple injuries. The safety staff observed many people crossing the ditch as a shortcut coming from lot 81. The fence was put up to discourage people crossing the ditch. Stephanie has been working to provide recommendations for the parking lots. I'll let her explain.

Ms. Graham-Sims: We have had a graduate student (Lisa Hatfield) this summer working on a Health Sciences Safety Web-site. This site will have a lot of information concerning the different safety groups at the Health Sciences Center and the different policies and information concerning compliance issues. An e-mail will go out soon concerning the web-site. If you see anything that needs changed or any recommendations to add to the site please feel free to let us know. We tried to get help in establishing the web-site from I. T. but they were not willing to help. The graduate student worked with Torn Fontana down stairs and learned a lot of things from him. He was a good teacher, and we accomplished a lot over the summer. The site is about ready to be put on line. There sure is a lot of good information on it. The Safety Group has been meeting at least every two weeks after the regular Facilities Meeting. Public Safety might want to attend these meetings. Lt Hill if you are interested, I will put you on the schedule. I don't want to say that these meetings take away from our committee here, but it does enhance the safety at the Health sciences. As for the parking recommendations, Marilyn sort of pushed me into taking her spot on the parking group. I have been working with Paul Hanko from the Physical Plant and Bobby Roberts of Public Safety & Parking. I have presented a number of recommendations. Some of them have already been taken care of, while others such as the "goat path" up across the

side hill that is used frequently. At the moment, I'm waiting on the Physical Plant to determine if this path can be hard surfaced.

Ms. Clovis: I have 2 items I would like to bring up. 1st, There seems to be no posted telephone numbers to call for help if you get locked out after hours. I tried to find the HSC Security number in the directory: but I could not find it to get someone to let me in my office. Does the HSC Security have a number without calling the main security office downtown? Alan (Lt Hill) is there a number for your office here at the HSC?

Lt. Hill: Yes! There is a number listed, it is a little hard to find in the directory. There are times that we do not have keys for certain rooms.

Ms. Clovis: The 2nd thing I wanted to bring up is the main marquee on the 1st floor has not been updated, it still list the Department of Neurosurgery on the 3rd floor. Many people are coming to the 3rd floor looking for the department.

Mr. Kerns: I will see if I can get it changed.

Dr. Razmianfar: At a previous meeting, I explained some of the pending compliance issues and changes at the HSC. This is just not a safety matter but one of security. The last time I did talk about some of the security side. Most of these areas that have radiation sources are in the stage of being modified to make security much tighter. These areas will have limited access. Only certain people will be able to enter. No facilities persons, patients, faculty, or students will have access by themselves. Those people that work in those areas will have access such as hospital personnel. Others will be allowed into the areas with an authorized person as an escort. At this point I'm not sure what will happen in the way of a safety emergency. Radiation Safety is on standby 24 hours a day.

Mr. Kerns: It will be treated as any other emergency. I take it you have an emergency procedure?

Dr. Razmianfar: Yes! It will be posted as required by the NRC. If the alarm goes off, it will go off in main security office, and then HSC Security will be dispatched.

Mr. Kerns: We can get together after this meeting to discuss this further.

Dr. Cockburn: Who issued these new rules, NRC?

Dr. Razmianfar: The NRC! It is part of the Homeland Security mandate.

Ms. Howton: I just want everyone know I will be retiring at the end of December and Kim (Bryner) will take over the lab audit duties. We are on the second round of the lab audits. There seems to be a good response to the reports sent to the departments. Most departments are correcting their problems. I just want to say something about the parking. If the handicapped patients are sent to the parking building to park, how will they get to the clinics, and what about the other patient parking that are not handicapped?

Ms. Clovis: I think the one area of the parking lot that extends around the hill is already being used for patient parking. Does this area have a number or is just the same number as the other?

Lt. Hill: That area down there for patient parking has been designated as lot 82.

Mr. Smith: It makes it difficult for out of town patients to be told they have to go back out into traffic to find parking, especially those that have to get to their appointments on time. As we continue to grow the parking situation is going to get worse. We will have to have more valet parking for the patients.

Ms. Graham-Sims: I understand the University is working on a grant to put a parking building below the PRT Station. We should hear something on this soon.

Ms. Clovis: How long would it be before it could be built if the grant comes through?

Ms. Graham-Sims: Probably about 5 years.

Mr. Smith: This would probably be with the county intermodal system, the county/city buses are now bringing students and faculty to the bottom of the stairs below the PRT.

Dr. Cockburn: I went away for the summer and came back to the parking issues and traffic. I went to Australia. The traffic was light and there wasn't a problem with parking. Gasoline was \$6 a gallon.

Mr. Smith: Jeff and I have been working trying to clear the hallways. Kevin, has there been any improvement in the hallways in the Cancer Center?

Mr. Simpkins: No! The hallways are still the same as they were.

Mr. Lemley: Stephanie has been working through EH&S to set up DOT training. If you have an interest in shipping I would suggest you see either Stephanie or I. It doesn't cost anyone to take the course. It will be paid for by EH &S. There are limited openings. The course is a 3 day session and will be next week across campus.

Mr. Smith: Are there any other issues, if not that is all for now.

Meeting Adjourned at 2: 20 PM.