

# Personal Safety Committee

## June 13th, 2006

### Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: John Grela, Fred Wood, Jim Guy, Bob Innes, Toby Shapiro, Vigar Hussain, Dave Bray, Dave Foti, Ken Hood, Mary Clare Fahey, Sherri Darrow, Robyn Wiktorski, Tracey Eastman, Marilyn Kramer, Michelle Kleinfelder

- I. **Lighting Concerns** – John Grela and the new Student Association President Vigar Hussain went on a lighting tour of the UB campuses. A few basketball courts behind Alumni Arena are completely without lights and Vigar Hussain suggested a few lights be put in.
  - **South Campus Lighting** – Dark spots were found on the South Campus which will be corrected. There was a delay with the lights and cameras for the South Campus lighting corridors, but everything is on track now. The old electrical system will need to be updated for the cameras and lighting. There was also a string of lights out in front of Goodyear that was replaced.
- II. **Safety Survey** – The survey is going to be distributed again this fall semester.
- III. **Blue Light Phones/Campus Pay Phones** – A Blue Light Phone Subcommittee was proposed. Old campus/blue light phones continue to be updated. Sherri Darrow had a concern with spreading the word of the emergency number 2222 out to the campus community. The committee stated that it is included in every orientation, in the UB date books, any posters University Police put up, most departmental websites and at most of the Fairs during the school year new stickers with the campus emergency number will be handed out. The possibility of the emergency number 911 being directed to the University Police is in the near future.
- IV. **Violence Prevention Team** – Sherri Darrow is working on a rape, prevention services and victim assistance survey which by the end of July should be ready to finalize. A new online program called Alcohol Edu for new students to learn about alcohol will be mandatory to complete, they will have a month to complete it.
- V. **Anti-Rape Task Force** – The ARTF vans were re-lettered, and are now called “Safety Shuttles.” There was also a new van given to the ARTF as back up or if an extra is needed. One June 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an unveiling of the vans giving to the community at the baseball field. The Linda Yalem run will be September 24<sup>th</sup>. Take Back the Night is set for October 19<sup>th</sup> in Harriman Hall starting at 6pm. Crisis services are also selling “Clothesline pins” that survivors of sexual assault made to the community.
- VI. **Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee** – The second year of detection system inspections are being completed. They were vastly improved and under budget. The OFPC will start the 2006 inspections in September, this year with emphasis on chemicals. Lab doors will now have appropriate standard signs. The residence hall sprinkler trailer will be at the Safety Fair this year at 12 noon. Evacuation drills are happening around the campuses currently. The new Emergency Planner Jim Reger will be working on the new emergency plan for UB. The Dali Lama planning implemented an incident command system. Commencement went well this year, a little overcrowding but no complaints. A hydrogen refueling station will be put in at UB for the alternative fuel vehicles. The high pressure might be a safety concern when people are handling it, but information sessions will be held for the UB staff on how to be safe.
- VII. **University Heights** – The University Heights has been quiet all year. The Problems Properties Task Force had an impact on the way UB deals with problems in the area.
- VIII. **Safety Fair** – The Fair will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm in the Student Union. There will be the dorm fire simulation and University Police will bring the “drunk goggles” for the students to use. A drunk driving simulator might also be at the fair. Invitations will be sent out to departments soon. A representative from facilities might also be present for questions on “work orders” at UB.

IX. **Other Business** –

- A group will be put together to talk about pandemic flu's in the next 30days. Their goal is to get people involved and break down into smaller groups to discuss a plan on how to deal with the University Community if there ever was a pandemic. They will also take into consideration the concerns of the community and set a plan of action. A CDC checklist will be used and this group should start around October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Marilyn Kramer brought up a concert about the Main St. construction being safer for students. John Grela concluded that it has greatly improved their safety. There was also a concern about a new stop sign at Allen which could cause accidents. It is being looked at.
- Online sexual harassment training is available and is being linked to other UB pages.