

Personal Safety Committee

March 10th, 2009

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Gerald Schoenle, Bob Innes, Kathleen Murphy, Sherri Darrow, Marilyn Kramer, Ken Hood, Jane Fischer, Jim Guy, Renee Greene, and Shannon Gehen

I. Lighting Concerns

- a. Will be doing a look at whole North Campus
 - i. Will be hiring consultant to evaluate safety concerns (i.e. lighting and blue light phones) on North Campus as was already done on South Campus
- b. South Campus
 - i. All street lights have been painted and renumbered
 - 1. Numbers lower and more visible to people
 - 2. Box at ground level, does not need to be dug up in order to fix, harder for animals to get in
 - 3. Call for repairs is way down
- c. Replacing all signals and controllers on campus

II. Blue Light Phone/Campus Pay Phones

- a. Waiting for recommendation from consultant
 - i. Consultant will recommend if we should replace or add to our blue light phones
- b. South Ellicott dorm – phone needs
 - i. Phone needs will be addressed with consultant – building not built yet
- c. Downtown – there are no blue light phones because University Police does not patrol there as of this time.
- d. 2010 Verizon phones will be replaced in dorms
 - i. With what thought?
 - ii. Lounges – emergency type phone?
 - 1. Will have consultant look into it (they will already be evaluating outside, could maybe evaluate inside as well)
- e. South Campus exterior analysis study will be finished soon
 - i. Recommendation for card access on exterior doors likely
 - ii. Standard needed for card access – probable outcome of study

III. Violence Prevention Team

- a. Violence prevention playing cards
 - i. Statistics on back, men are trained to discuss issues brought up by cards
- b. Bystander work
 - i. Interrupt to prevent violence
 - 1. Especially with LGBT
 - ii. Work to build a safe welcoming environment

- c. Next year North East LGBT conference will be held at UB
- d. Alcohol safety awareness promotion

IV. Anti-Rape Task Force

- a. Went around campus to identify good places for ARTF shuttle information
- b. Look into outside kiosks
- c. Off this week due to spring break, will start up again March 16th
 - i. Will also be starting in Lockwood on March 16th
- d. Contacting SA and Leadership about offering credit to ensure full staff when work-study money runs out
- e. 2009-2010 year, extend services earlier with daylight savings issue, 6:00pm – 12:00 midnight
- f. Taking students name and person number is working well – no resistance
 - i. Intended to prevent problems and non students from riding
- g. Walk a mile in her shoes event is being planned

V. Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee

- a. Moving Off Campus Fair March 17th, 2009 11:00am – 2:00pm
 - i. Bedroom burn demonstration – 12:00 noon
 - ii. University Heights Collaborative will be there
 - 1. Encourage beautification, block clubs, etc. in University Heights neighborhood
 - 2. Works with the campus community relations office
- b. Fire Alarm tampering at Governors
 - i. Tampering with fire extinguishers
 - ii. Billing Resident Life
 - 1. \$1,500 last semester, at least that or more by the end of this semester
- c. Reduction of Fire Alarms
 - i. Working with University Police Department
 - ii. Share Point website available to University Police Department staff
 - 1. Shows number of fire alarm calls
- d. Off Campus Student Living
 - i. www.offcampusliving.org should be up soon
 - ii. Working to show students what standards of living should be insisted upon
- e. Ride for Roswell June 27th, 2009
 - i. Lightening protection program will be put in place
 - 1. Investigates strategies for safety
 - ii. Working with tent set up at Baird Point
 - 1. Proper access in and out

VI. University Heights

- a. Things have been going well
- b. Weather break could cause increase in crime

- VII. Other Business
 - a. Self Defense Program
 - i. Question as to if it will ever be offered to males also since robberies on south campus area have often had men as victims
 - b. Citizen police academy going well
 - c. Libraries will hold town forum on emergency preparedness
 - i. Active shooter
 - 1. Train staff and students for after hours
 - 2. Make available on web in the future
 - d. IT Services
 - i. Lt. Thompson gave training in active shooter awareness
 - ii. Went well
 - e. Smoking Cessation Program
 - i. Health Services in charge
 - ii. Student Wellness is a resource
 - f. South Campus Study
 - i. Key control issues
 - ii. \$3,000 per physical door
 - iii. Building managers and backup managers likely to be in recommendation

**The Next Meeting will be April 14th at 9am in 250
Student Union.**