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Minutes

General Safety Committee Meeting

November 19, 2003

Room 208 Combs Cancer Research Building

Members Present:

David Hoke
Travis Manley
Robert Cadle
Mary Maley
Gerald Thomas
Kwaku Addo
Garry Beach
Bart Miller - Guest
Denny Haynes - Guest
Jeremy King - Guest
David Hibbard - Guest
Lee Poore - Guest

Members Absent:

Vince Austin
Gus Miller
Ben Crutcher
Daret St. Clair
David Acker
Jack Applegate
Ken Clevidence
James Wims
Don Thornton
Justin Rasner

I. The minutes of the September 30, 2003, meeting were approved.

II. Fire Marshal's Report – Garry Beach

Gail Minger addressed the residence hall directors and resident advisors during the fall fire prevention residence halls training. Michael Minger, the son of Gail, is the student who lost his life in the Murray State University residence hall fire three years ago. Ms. Minger spoke of the importance of fire prevention and the dangers of false alarms. Her presentation seemed to have a major impact on the students.

A fire recently occurred in an unapproved janitorial closet in Boyd Hall. The room opened directly onto an exit stairwell and had improper electrical cords which caused the fire. UK Fire Marshal's Office has since inspected all residence halls janitorial rooms, and trained all janitorial staff on fire prevention.

Fire Marshal's Office is now conducting semester cursory fire prevention inspections of all residence halls. This is a resurrection of a prior inspection program that had been deleted due to limited staff.

Woodford County Farm fire: this was a major fire involving a hay storage building and at least 1500 rolls of hay. Cause has not been officially determined.

Homecoming Parade Float inspections: this is a new program with emphasis on fire prevention and general safety for the persons riding on the floats.

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III. Old Business

Review of Action Log

a. Curb cuts at Limestone and Waller

David Hibbard stated that issue had been discussed with Ken Clevidence on 18SEP03. Outcome of discussion was that PPD would get cut installed on NE corner of intersection. Northwest corner ADA issue was reviewed onsite with Patty Bender. Curb not ADA compliant. David Hibbard sent email to Ken Clevidence on 03NOV03 requesting correction of cut.

Item closed

b. Stop sign at intersection of Complex Drive and University Drive

Impact of Johnson Center, PKS #1 renovation, and new dormitory construction discussed. Travis Manley stated that pedestrian:vehicle accidents had been minimal in this area. Based on this and on previous KTC evaluation, no further action planned.

Item closed

c. Stop sign on Service Road

On 09OCT03, David Hoke forwarded memo to Ken Clevidence requesting that a stop sign be reinstalled at this location. Return correspondence from Ken Clevidence on 16OCT03 stating area will be evaluated with UKPD.

Item closed

d. Absence of sidewalk adjacent to VA Drive behind Animal Path. Bldg.

On 09OCT03, David Hoke forwarded memo to Ken Clevidence requesting expediting PPD project to install sidewalks. Return correspondence from Ken Clevidence on 16OCT03 stating project will be moved up on PPD Project Priority List.

Item closed

IV. Electronic Voting

Results of online voting discussed. Eight responses received on memo to President requesting additional membership. David Hoke to forward memo to President.

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V. Return-to-Work Program – Bart Miller

Bart Miller, UK Disability/Workers' Comp presented overview and status of return-to-work program. Click on icon below to view.



VI. New Business

Travis Manley raised the issue of the absence of designated crosswalks (lined lanes) at Washington/Limestone and Washington/KY Clinic Drive. Curb cuts are present at both of these locations. It was speculated that crosswalks had been in these areas previously but had faded. David Hoke to send memo to Ken Clevidence requesting repainting of the crosswalks.

Travis Manley announced that UKPD will propose to the city that the speed limit on Rose Street section between Limestone and Hospital Drive be reduced from 35 MPH to 25 MPH.

Crosswalks proposed to be installed on:

- Rose Street where walkway from WT Young Library intersects. This is where pedestrians cross in going to Chemistry/Physics Building. UKPD will make request to LFUCG.
- Cooper where pedestrians travel from Boone Tennis Center to LCC
- Washington at Limestone: UKPD will request UK PPD repaint crosswalk

Travis Manley stated that UKPD has stepped enforcement of vehicle moving violations. In the past 45 days, over 1500 citations have been issued.

In the next two weeks, UKPD will begin an initiative to make pedestrians more aware of jaywalking hazards and potential for citation issuance. After these two weeks, UKPD will commence with issuing citations for jaywalking violations. This is in response to increase of pedestrian/vehicle accidents with majority have pedestrian at fault as the cause. A draft of the handout UKPD will issue to pedestrians is attached.

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VII. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will take place in March 2004. Date and time to be announced.

VIII. Adjourn