

Facilities & Construction Safety Committee Meeting

Members

([P] indicates member present at today's meeting)

Employee Represented:

[P] Karen Barnack, EHS Assistant Director for Occupational Health and Safety
[] Aaron Britton, FPM Zone Maintenance Manager
[P] Bryce Henry, CPC Construction Technology Coordinator
[P] Todd King, OIT Project Infrastructure Manager
[P] Mitchell Schwabel, FPM Housing Maintenance Coordinator
[P] Doug Brown, FPM Mechanical Systems
[] Gail Hamilton, FPM In-House Construction Manager

[P] Dustin Boomer, FPM Building Maintenance
[] Jones Barton, FPM In-House Construction
[P] Mark Thomas, FPM Electrical
[P] Andrew Beland, FPM Landscaping
[P] Kevin Reed, FPM Lockshop
[P] Taylor Yoshihata, Materials Management
[] Dirk Theisen, FPM Mechanical Systems Manager
[P] Gabe Christian, OIT Academic Technology Services

Ad Hoc:

[] Erica Hunsberger, EHS Specialist
[] Alyssa Thompson, EHS Student Worker
[P] Max Jacobs-Swerbilov, EHS Student Worker

Meeting Call to Order

Date: 10/11/2022

Time: 10:00 am

Location: [Google Meet](#) (remote)

Roll Call and Review of Previous Minutes

- Minutes approved with no changes. Please review the minutes online, if you have not had a chance to, and let Karen know if any corrections are needed.
- A reminder that meeting minutes and agendas are posted to the [Facilities and Construction Safety Committee Google share drive](#). Please contact Karen if you have any questions regarding how to access them.
- Dustin Boomer will be remaining on the safety committee, but has recently changed positions. He will be representing Building Maintenance.
- Jones Barton is no longer a PSU employee, and a new representative will need to be found for FPM In-House Construction. Karen will reach out to Gail for a replacement.

Safety Committee Member Role

- Obtain questions, concerns, or ideas from your respective crew to be brought up to the committee. After the meeting, share out the information from the safety committee meeting with your crew. It is very important to keep the lines of communication flowing.
- Participate in quarterly safety committee inspections.

Review of Previous Action Items

- All Committee Members: Review meeting minutes and share the information with your crews. Post them on your crew safety bulletin boards. Post safety information on bulletin boards, as topics are updated. This is an ongoing action item reminder.
- Karen (Pending/Tracking): Signage installation in stormwater planters. Draft was provided to Heather, Loni, Leslie and Jason for their review.
 - Update: No response has been received yet. Karen will be following up.
 - Project is to install signage in an attempt to discourage defecation within swales near Cramer Hall.

- There has also been more communication recently regarding making the swales safer so people don't fall into them.
- Karen (Pending/Tracking): Status of having doors removed in the UCB east stairwell. Status of potential project to add card access to this stairwell, integrated with the fire system for emergency egress.
 - Update from Michael McNerney: TAPS is exploring securing the entire parking area. Michael will be requesting a quote for access control since the parking area gates are open during the day.
- Karen: UPH safety committee inspection.
 - Update: Karen will be sharing the final report with FPM Zone and UPH Management and will be scheduling a meeting to discuss UPH Housekeeping safety concerns. EHS has been conducting air monitoring during generator tests and has also placed air monitoring devices in the UPH Housekeeping break room.
- Karen: Follow up with Joseph Wuest and Alexis Frank about the TAPS project for the PS1 cell tower.
 - See information under recent incidents and injuries.
- Karen: Follow up with Quinn Soifer, CPC Director, about possibly restricting badge access for contractors until they have an approved safety plan and at project completion.
 - Karen has begun discussing this with Quinn.

Incidents / Injuries

- PS1 cell tower project - Karen
 - **Description:** Contractor was cutting concrete on Broadway, without adequate silica controls and pedestrian safety in place.
 - **Follow-up:** Safety and traffic control plans had not been submitted to EHS. Not all parties had been notified regarding the contract finalization, and the coordination had not yet been turned over to CPC.
 - **Corrective Actions:** EHS worked with FPM, and the contractor has stopped work until required paperwork is submitted.
- Sprain/strain to elbow - Karen
 - **Description:** Employee was working on replacing the tub drain in the ceiling of a room in Blackstone. Employee had to sawzall out the pipe and pull it out of a small space. When they pulled the cast iron pipe and trap, their left elbow started to ache and eventually swelled up.
 - **Follow-up:** EHS to follow-up with employee.
- SRTC research lab near miss - Karen
 - **Description:** Contractor was performing air flow balancing in SRTC B2-63 lab when they knocked over a glass desiccant vessel. A glass connector on the top broke and a small amount (@1/4 cup) of desiccant spilled on the bench and some surrounding equipment.
 - **Follow-up:** Upon arriving in the lab, the employee explained that while holding the large air collection hood above the cluttered lab bench (northern most), he knocked a glass desiccant vessel over. There was no personnel exposure issue related to this and the spill was left alone because of lack of familiarity with desiccant and what it might have in it. The broken connector was also left alone to prevent injury. The incident was reported to the General Contractor, EHS and to the laboratory staff. Employee was unfamiliar with laboratory policies/practices. Communication of hazards was needed. PPE was not being used by employees. EHS was unaware that air flow balancing was already happening in labs. Lab was aware of the activity and did their best to not have chemicals present. Contributing factor: The lab is very cluttered.

- **Corrective Actions:** PPE (goggles/safety glasses and gloves) must be worn whenever entering lab spaces. General Contractor communicated this requirement to their subcontractor.
- EHS to reach out to CPC for further follow-up.
- Bryce asked for an update regarding the equipment OSU picked up from the Chemistry department last week. A heavy microscope fell off the back of the truck and fell on someone. This occurred on OSU campus when they were unloading it. Don Johansen is aware. Jeff will be reaching out to the OSU EHS Director. This is a good reminder of the importance of safety plans when loading and moving equipment. Karen will reach out to Jeff to see if he has any further information.

Campus Safety Committee Update

- No update

Safety Committee Inspection

- Safety committee discussed potential inspection sites, including the B3 level of SRTC and the tunnel system. Logistics were discussed for a potential inspection of the tunnel system, with suggestions to use the tunnel map system and the use of photos to track hazards.
- Karen will push out the inspection by one week due to the Campus Beautification event.

COVID Notification Update

- Notification requirement has been repealed by Oregon OSHA in their recent rule update. PSU will no longer be providing notifications or requiring contractors to notify us. A communication was recently sent out by email to the campus from the Incident Management Team regarding this change.
- Face coverings are still required in PSU healthcare facilities and clinics. Our childcare facilities are still requiring them as well. Face coverings are available at building entrances. If you see any dispensers that are empty, please let the FPM Work Control Center know.

Wildfire Smoke Protection Program

- DEQ has issued an air quality advisory through Friday. Air quality is forecasted to reach unhealthy levels at times through Friday.
- Visit the [EHS Wildfire Smoke Protection website](#) for information about PSUs written program and resources.
- [EPA's AirNow mobile app](#) provides a simple interface for quickly checking current and forecasted air quality information for planning daily activities and protecting your health. The app automatically displays the current AQI (Air Quality Index) for your local area or any area you wish to check, and allows you to store multiple areas for quick reference. Air quality notifications can also be received by signing up through [EPA AirNow EnviroFlash](#).
- For an AQI Value of 101-250, N95 respirators are available for voluntary use through Stores.
 - Andrew asked how to obtain the masks and the type of N95s available, particularly those with the valves.
 - Karen shared that there is a request [form](#) from the [EHS Wildfire Smoke Protection website](#) to get the N95s for wildfire smoke. Those with exhalation valves would be good for use by landscaping staff since they are no longer prohibited for use due to COVID.
 - Taylor noted that the Google Form system was set up to get the masks, but he isn't sure what happens with the request form. Jeff set up the Google form, so he will receive the request, but Taylor is the one handing out the masks. Andrew to submit the form and Karen to check with Jeff to see how the form tracks the requests.

Rounds / New Safety Concerns

- Gail - Absent
- Mark
 - It is becoming a darker time of year, we should take steps to make sure drivers can see us.
 - It is the start of the rainy season which means increased chances of slipping.
- Dirk - Absent
- Taylor
 - No safety related concerns
 - Change in N95 distribution. As in the past (pre-COVID), FPM can get N95s without going through Karen for approval, for use for dust and silica.
 - Karen - We will still be requiring EHS approval for non-FPM departments who make requests for N95s for other than wildfire smoke.
- Todd - No safety related concerns
- Dustin - Garbage trucks going through the breezeway between SMSU and SRTC, which is supposed to be for pedestrians and PSU access only. Garbage trucks remove the bollards. There needs to be a kind reminder to Republic to not drive through the breezeway. Committee also noted concerns regarding the weight with the tunnel system under this area. Karen will contact Brandon regarding this safety concern.
- Kevin - No safety related concerns
- Andrew - Leaf season, stay off the brickwork, wet leaves are slippery, watch out for falling branches in the Park Blocks.
- Aaron - Absent
- Mitchell
 - The Ondine roof project had a lift in operation this morning with no signage, no cones, and it was blocking exits. It was brought to the attention of the CPC project manager and has since been shut down. Karen noted that the contractor did not yet have a final approved safety plan for this project. It is important to have an approved safety plan in place that includes traffic control measures prior to start of work.
 - What kind of load can the Ondine parking lot ramp take? Karen to reach out to the CPC Project Manager to verify that this was researched.
 - The Blackstone building's first floor has steam damage to the building materials and needs to be remediated. The hallway needs to be blocked off so students do not wander into the site. Karen noted that a CPC project manager, Justin Friedman, has been assigned to this project.
- Bryce - No safety related concerns
- Doug - No safety related concerns
- Gabe - No safety related concerns
- Erica - Absent
- Karen -
 - SB1/VSC renovation project has begun. Skanska has now taken over the building. If someone needs to access the building, please check in at the Skanska trailer and remember to wear your full personal protective equipment - hardhat, high visibility vest, safety glasses, and cut resistant gloves.
 - EHS has requested Oregon OSHA Consultation to come out and assist with a full assessment of the iStar Lab, starting on 10/14/2022.
 - EHS also has SAIF, our worker's compensation carrier, assisting with a safety and industrial hygiene assessment of the Shattuck Hall maker space shops.

Action Items and Safety Concerns

- Pending/Tracking: Concerns about high wind events and branches falling in the Park Blocks. The Safety Committee requested IMT/Emergency Management consider issuing a campus alert warning for high wind events and for pedestrians to choose different routes and to use caution during these events.
- Pending/Tracking: Follow up with vendors regarding other types of cut-resistant gloves and arrange for them to bring samples and meet with crews. Work with Stores on glove types to stock. EHS is developing a PPE guide for all PPE in Stores. The guide will be shared with the Safety Committee when the draft is complete. On hold for the moment.
- Karen: Reach out to Gail for a safety committee replacement for Jones for FPM In-House Construction.
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- EHS: Followup with employee regarding sprain/strain injury in Blackstone.
- Karen: Followup with CPC regarding recent contractor near miss in SRTC lab during air balancing.
- Karen: Reach out to Jeff to see if he has any further information concerning the OSU incident.
- Karen: Reschedule the safety committee inspection by one week due to the campus beautification event. Finalize inspection location.
- Karen: Reach out to Jeff about the N95 request form for wildfire smoke.
- Karen: Reach out to Brandon about the garbage trucks traveling through the pedestrian breezeway between SRTC and SB1.
- Karen: Reach out to CPC project manager regarding safety concerns for the Ondine roof project.

Meeting Adjourned

Time: 11:12 am

Next Meeting

Date: 11/8/2022

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Google Meet (remote)