

Safety/Energy Committee Minutes
Held In-Person/Zoom Hybrid; February 21, 2023

Present: Kevin Thibeault, Jessica Olson, Kristen Larson, Mike Komes, Nora Solvedt, Mark Lilley, Mike Hanson, and Adria Henrickson.

Absent: Allen Risen, Mike McGlade, Jacquyn Vasquez, Julie Grammer, Michelle Sides, Zachary Hammerle, Rebecca Chiles, Janelle Hampton, and Chelsee Blatner.

Meeting was called to order at 1400 hrs.

Review of Minutes:

- Mike Hanson made the motion to approve, Mark Lilley seconded.
- January 17 minutes approved.

Building Fire life Safety Inspections: Allen Risen.

Extinguisher Issues;

- Many extinguishers still not receiving their monthly checks by assigned person for their building. I completed February's inspections and initialed inspection tags where needed.
- Replaced the 3 extinguishers on catwalk above stage needing their 6-year service. Also replaced warehouse extinguisher with its pressure gauge arrow was out of the GREEN section.
- Kitchen extinguisher in WUC grill area had items stored in front of it making it hard to access. Need to keep clear.

Fire Sprinklers;

- Health and Wellness Racquetball court #1 sprinkler head protective cover missing still missing and court #1 closed for use.
- Campbell Hall 308 has sprinkler head wrapped with black tape and needs removed.
- Old PE sprinkler head outside gym's north door has a cap covering head and needs removed.

Alarm Issues;

- Rice Auditorium alarm bell not working outside room 110D. Salem Fire Alarm Inc inspected and advised a new updated fire panel is need and will submit a quote to Facilities for replacement.

Holes in Walls/Ceilings;

- Advising Center mechanical room has a hole in ceiling need closed.

Emergency Lights Not Working;

- Old PE x2
- Todd Hall x2. Facilities replaced 5 of the 7 from last inspection. Thank you.
- Campbell Hall x2

Other;

- Health and Wellness 3- AEDs had expired electro pads. I replaced.

- Terry House mechanical room, found a decaying rat in trap on top of hot water heater. Facilities called, removing and sanitized area.
- Campbell 209 has two gray lockers needing secured to wall to prevent tipping over.
- DeVolder Science; employee advised roof access hatch and latch is unsafe and hard to open. Employee has to reach to open and closed while on stationary ship type ladder. Bruce Tuma with Facilities will replace with a spring loaded latch and attach a cable type pull handle.

Injury Review: Three this month.

Description	Findings	Recommendations
<p>While removing a manhole cover on Monmouth Ave, the employee felt a pop and severe pain to their lower back. The recessed metal cover was stuck from debris and the employee was using a manhole cover pulling tool. The employee sought medical treatment at the West Valley emergency room.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing an iron manhole cover with a coworker in roadway/Monmouth Ave. • Standard weight of manhole cover is 249.1 pounds (per Google search). • Both employees removing cover used proper available tool. • Employee felt a pop and severe pain to lower back when pulling on lift tool. • Medical treatment sought at West Valley emergency room. • Prior injury to back from vehicle crash. 	<p><i>Recommendations to Prevent Similar Accidents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid lifting heavy objects due to past medical history/injury to back. • Purchase or fabricate a manhole cover removal tool.
<p>While picking up the full portable dumpster at the Valsetz Dining loading dock, the employee was bending over pulling on the dumpster hitch tongue to connect it to the Kubota utility vehicle. The employee felt a sharp pain to their lower right back. The employee did not seek medical attention.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking an unsafe position/posture when moving dumpster to connect tongue to Kubota. • Employee height is approximately 6'6" • Dumpster hitch tongue is approximately 12" above the ground. • Bending and twisting at the waist when pulling/directing dumpster hitch tongue. • Failed to ask for assistance from co-worker. • Fold-down towing tongue on end of dumpster with swivel wheels for steering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask for assistance. • Slow down. • Avoid bending at the waist and twisting when moving dumpsters. • Have Bruce Tuma in Welding Shop fabricate an extension handle to hook on the dumpster tongue to maneuver dumpsters for towing and eliminate bending at the waist while pushing/pulling dumpster.

<p>While exiting the downstairs south cooler, pushing one of the black food carts through the door into the salad room, he twisted the right ankle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooler flooring construction is cement and salad room flooring is cement with a “Marmoleum” type covering. Dry flooring. • Floor transition seam between the cooler and salad rooms has an approximately 1/32” lip. • Employee pushing a plastic four-wheeled cart through door opening. • Employee unsure exactly what caused his ankle to twist. • No witnesses. • Wearing lace tennis shoes with nonslip soles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beware of surroundings.
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Energy Conservation Update:

- No update currently. Facilities Services continuing to work with city regarding energy rebates.

Round Table:

- Kevin Thibeault has accepted a position with the City of Salem, and will be leaving WOU. Safety Committee will need to appoint a new chair.
- Snow in the forecast this week. Stay safe!

Next Meeting: March 21, 2023, 2pm, in Hamersly Library 205.
Meeting adjourned at 1430 hrs.