

The Evergreen State College

Health and Safety Committee Minutes: April 5th, 2023

1. **Welcome to visitors** – Eric
2. **Motion to approve previous month's meeting minutes**—
 - a. Eric motioned to approve the March meeting minutes as drafted. Zack seconded the motion. All were in favor and no one was against adopting the minutes as drafted. The motion carried.
3. **Accident investigation reports: Review 301 Reports**—
 - a. New reports
 - i. Hand crush injury
 - ii. Chemical in eye injury
 - iii. Shoulder injury
 - iv. Back injury from unloading pallets.
4. **Monitoring Updates (asbestos/air quality/water quality/etc.)**—
 - a. Asbestos continues to be tested as needed.
 - b. Storm water monitoring continues monthly. Zack went out with Sina and Taylor to look at the storm water monitoring points on campus. They are by F lot, B lot, and by the apartments on Sunset road. Zach pointed out that it's not clear whose responsibility it is to maintain the drainage ditch on Sunset road. Fecal coliform was found in Snyder Creek. This is related to the dog waste management discussion from last month's meeting.
5. **Sub-committee progress reviews,**
 - a. Sub-comm re Safety Policy –
 - i. New safety policy is online. Please take time to review.
 - b. Sub-comm re Campus Smoking Policy: Smoking Shelter by Shops? - Paul, Eric, Teresa
 - i. New shelter to open end of April if not sooner due to delays. Some discussion about the width of the entrance meeting ADA requirements. Teresa pointed out we still need more smoking shelters by the Shops area, by the Organic Farm and near the Lab 1 & 2 buildings. We need to go to the SLUG for that request and then to Facilities. Paul offered to work on that.
 - c. Sub-comm re Clean Woods – Eric
 - i. Eric did some exploring and found old coolers, plastic bags, etc. but still seeing activity of use of the woods that isn't getting cleaned up. Seemed more likely camping out as opposed to student party leavings. William would like to observe the conditions of the trails along with Eric.
 - d. Sub-comm re Dog Waste (*move discussion to end of meeting*) – Beth, Ray, Eric

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- i. Looking at adding approximately 8 to 10 dog waste stations. This is part of Scott Morgan's grant proposal (discussed last week). Options range up to \$1,500 per station.

6. COVID-19/Flu/Other Respiratory Virus Updates and Reports by Area –

- a. Updates from members on current practices, news, issues
 - i. Devo shared that in the RAD Housing areas they are no longer getting warnings of infection areas so they can no longer advise their workers to avoid those areas. William would like to discuss this with RAD leadership. Devo offered to send the question to William in an email so that he can follow up.
- b. Federal emergency order likely to be rescinded on May 11th.
 - i. College is looking to see what that may effect and will update as things change. The college is looking at Federal, State, and CDC requirements and will continue to monitor and report on campus occurrences and will update any effected policies around May 11th.

7. Safety Program Updates –

- a. The Accident Prevention Program has been updated. You can find it on the EHS website.

8. Safety Concerns by Area and Training Needs –

- a. Please report any safety issues/training requests to EHS. Reminder, there is a hazard reporting form on the EHS site.
- b. Safety trainings are coming up. Zack and Devo attended the "Stop the Bleed" trainings and recommended them. Fire extinguisher training coming up. Ham Radio training is being developed. Scaffolding training also later in April. Devo shared that their staff will be receiving ladder, elevated platform training, and respirator fit testing and trainings.
- c. Zack described working conditions for our Grounds crew along the Evergreen Parkway. Drivers tend to speed by campus creating a safety hazard for our workers. Paul offered to follow up with Campus Security to alert them to this issue. Facilities and Police Services are working on installing flashing speed monitoring signs at both ends of the parkway.

9. Visitor agenda items –

- a. None.

10. Call for Agenda Items for next meeting -

In Attendance: Eric Lakewold (Vice Chair) Zack Young, Teresa Bravenec, Devo Crawford-Heim, Ren Thomas (For Jason Mock), William Ward, Paul Paroff (notes)