

Health and Safety Committee Minutes for May 4, 2005

Attendees:

Mike Anchors
Joe Pollock
Beth Albertson
Marshall Robinson
Robyn Herring (Health and Safety Officer)
Nicole Allen
Peter Pessiki (Chair)

Smoking Shelters

Rich Davis (facilities) and some students from the campus canopy project came and visited us. They showed us designs and locations for permanent smoking shelters. The following concerns were raised:

1. The #2 shelter on the bus loop might be a little too close to the lab building annex air intake. The canopy committee is going to look at moving the smoking shelter a little closer to the bus shelters.
2. The location of the #4 shelter located near the CRC might be moved a little. There was concern that someone might get onto the roof of the shelter and jump onto the pool deck. We would like to eliminate this possibility.
3. The #1 shelter on Red Square near Seminar II and the round wall might be a little too close to the Seminar II entrance path. It also might interfere with a manhole. The campus canopy project members will measure the distance to the Seminar II walkway and assess any issues with the manhole. They might move the shelter a little closer to the CAB and Library buildings.

Accident Report

There were no accidents of concern this month. Nobody lost work days or was seriously injured.

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The minutes were approved with the minor edits.

Organic Farm Bathroom

The organic farm does not have a bathroom open at all times. The farmhouse bathrooms are available only when the classroom is in use. The workhouse bathroom is open limited hours, typically when Melissa Barker is around. People are at the organic farm weekends and after business hours during the week. Some people have been going to the bathroom on the farm grounds. Some ideas were floated to deal with this problem:

1. We will ask Melissa Barker if there is a possibility of opening up the workhouse bathroom more hours.
2. We will ask Melissa and investigate the possibility of adding another entrance to access the workhouse bathroom.

3. If we can open the workhouse bathroom more hours, we need to coordinate with Police Services to see if they can regularly schedule the locking and unlocking of the bathrooms.
4. The idea of using port-a-potties was floated. This was considered as a temporary fix but did not generate much excitement as a permanent fix.
5. The idea of building new bathrooms was raised. Robyn raised concerns that the septic system might not accommodate another bathroom. Peter raised the idea of installing a composting toilet.

Peter is going to ask Melissa Barker about points 1 and 2 and report back at the next meeting. If Melissa cannot do much to extend access to the existing bathrooms, we will talk further about points 4 & 5 at the next meeting.