

HMSC Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/02/06 Time: 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.

In Attendance: Randy Walker, Bill Hanshumaker, Ford Evans, Faith Cole, Brian Parker, Hollis Lundeen, Dave Johnson, and Lori Parker

1. The HMSC Safety Committee submitted recommendations to the Executive Committee for further review of dog issues/complaints recently received.
 - a. Reviewed our role of safety, security and mismanagement issues brought to our attention.
 - b. Reviewed the OSU/Corvallis policy, Division 45 – Animal Control.
 - c. Concerns about damage to the HMSC Nature Trail – looking into adding new signage – “No animals on this Nature Trail due to damage to plant and wildlife, in order to protect the trail, various plants, and wildlife in and around the trail area.”
 - d. Feedback concerning dog issues have been received by the Director for further consideration.
 - i. Final decision to be made by Director George Boehlert after consultation with HMSC leadership.
 - e. A more defined campus policy will be forthcoming for the Newport HMSC/OSU Campus (which consists of approximately 5 agencies).
 - f. It was noted that parking on campus is considered OSU property.
2. Additional signage is clearly needed on campus with the following noted:
 - a. Need to keep people off the grass (back road near NOAA/EPA)
 - b. Need to relocate some existing signs to clarify intent
 - c. Reminder that goal is to protect plants and wildlife on and around campus
 - d. Need to add signage south of EPA: Authorized Vehicles Only (or something to that effect, due to damage to plant life)
 - e. Need to add additional signage on the service road near HMSC Housing (a NOAA employee almost got run over) – a new stripe has been added to the road as well as more visible signage (goal here is to get people to slow down and obey the law)
 - f. Discussed adding signs for designated parking; regulations for “authorized parking” vs. public parking
 - g. Discussed adding additional 15 MPH signage, especially near the entrance to the Visitor Center (safety of children visiting the center)
3. NOAA/NMFS received a Fire Marshall Report for chemicals on campus (included all NOAA buildings and PMEL) to ensure that we are not over our allotted recorded amounts
 - a. NOTE: It is important to let facility manager and/or supervisor know of any increases in chemicals (explosive gases) on campus to ensure we do not exceed allowable amounts.

NEXT HMSC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Barry Fisher Building, 2nd floor foyer.