

DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON SAFETY
MEETING SUMMARY
October 16, 2024

PRESENT: Anthony Parker
Don Mueller
Irving Bartikofsky
Shawna Baskette
Nancy Buvinger
Jorge Cervantes
Christopher DeLa Cruz
Erik Duane
Dr. Jasmine Dunn
Sammy Hernandez
Diane Loera
Catherine Lu
Michael Meadors
Hillary Mennella
Victoria Vaja
Chelsea Van Doornum

ABSENT:

GUEST(S): Luz E. Ocampo
Meeting Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Mueller called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. via ConferZoom.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 15, 2024 MEETING SUMMARY

The May 15, 2024 minutes were not available for approval.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBER VERIFICATION & UPDATES

Don Mueller confirmed member verifications for the District Safety Committee.

4. SANTA MONICAL COLLEGE UPDATE

Don Mueller said he could not share too much on this tragic incident that occurred at Santa Monica College. A custodian employee shot a Custodian Supervisor, in the Facilities Department. The supervisor is currently in critical condition at a hospital. The suspect was located and pursued. There was a stand-off, where the suspect was inside his vehicle. He died of a self-inflicted gunshot.

Don Mueller said the Human Resources just implanted a Work Place violence program. Human Resources is also working at making a presentation next month. Chelsea Van Doornum said the we should work in joint communication for mental health support services. Don Mueller said he would put out stuff to his employees.

5. CURRENT CONSTRUCTION – STATUS UPDATE

Anthony Parker said that the Lot 10 parking fenced off area has been pushed back to the first two weeks of December 2024. This will not affect the two (2) roadways on either side of the lot but people will not be able to traverse across the lot in that area.

Anthony Parker said that Keenan provided assessment for safety related items that will need to be looked at and addressed. Some are critical and departments will be more responsible for their own items. We need to develop a practice for reporting issues as no formal program exists at this time. Erik Duane said that if it to be put into the work order system, not everyone has access to input, so it would be better for it to be a stand-alone program.

6. CALIFORNIA GREAT SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Don Mueller reminded everyone that the California Great Shakeout will take place on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:17 am. Notifications will go out through Rave Alert / Guardian / Email / loudspeaker. We should drop, cover and then walk to the closest parking lot. Don Mueller said he would send out a roster of the Team Leaders & Building Marshals. All buildings would need to be completely evacuated. Don Mueller also said that all radios, for this event, are all on the same system and will interact with each other. It will be monitored from the campus police department. All Team Leaders will have a radio. Victoria Vaja asked if the campus will be notified when the drill is all over. Don Mueller replied that a message of “all clear” will go out over the loudspeaker.

7. POLICE PERSONNEL UPDATE / NEW OFFICE HIRING

Don Mueller said that in about one year the police department will be moving into a swing space, while their new building is being done. There are four (4) Campus Police employees who will be receiving commendations, at tonight’s Board meeting, on an incident that occurred on August 24, 2024. Thankfully no one was hurt.

8. 2024 / 2025 PROJECT IDEAS – ROUNDTABLE

Don Mueller talked about the items that will be put inside the emergency backpack kits. Hard hats, flashlights, caution tape, duct & masking tape, etc. Don Mueller said that they would be assembled at this time, deliver to the Team Leaders/Building Marshals. He said he does not need the old red backpacks.

9. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Don Mueller asked if there were any new ideas. Victoria Vaja asked about repainting parking lot lines. Anthony Parker said that he was working on this. He said that “safety” bumps and “flashing” Stop signs have been installed in various parking lots throughout campus. Diane Loera asked about the lighting around the modular building, as it is very dark in this area. Anthony Parker said that there are ways the more lighting can be placed.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024 via ConferZoom.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.