

DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON SAFETY
MEETING SUMMARY
February 19, 2025

PRESENT: Don Mueller
Mario Gaspar
Shawna Baskette
Christopher DeLa Cruz
Dr. Jasmine Dunn
Sammy Hernandez
Diane Loera
Catherine Lu
Michael Meadors
Hillary Mennella
Victoria Vaja
Chelsea Van Doornum

ABSENT: Irving Bartikofsky
Nancy Buvinger
Jorge Cervantes
Erik Duane

GUEST(S): Luz E. Ocampo
Meeting Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Mueller called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. via ConferZoom.

2. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2025 MEETING SUMMARY

The January 19, 2025 minutes were approved.

3. CURRENT CONSTRUCTION – STATUS UPDATE

Don Mueller asked if Mario Gaspar if he had any updates on current construction. Mario Gaspar said that the solar project was moving along well. They will start hanging the actual covers next week. HSR project should be finalized in April 2025. SSA project is moving along well. Mario Gaspar said the during spring break the temporary parking lot will be asphalted; signs will be posted, around campus, informing individuals which way the ramps are, to comply with ADA. He also said that piping, under sinks, are being “wrapped” to comply with ADA, so no one burns themselves; also roofing projects are on-going.

Chelsea Van Doornum asked if a gate, at the staff parking lot behind the bookstore, can be unlocked. Mario Gaspar replied that once the lot has been asphalted, the gate/s will be unlocked or removed. Diane Loera asked if there were any plans or what is going on with the center of campus/quad area. Mario Gaspar said that they are working on a plan meeting, with some architects, to design space, so it is in progress. Don Mueller said that the CDC department had a safety issued complaint, regarding parents having to walk with their children quite a distance from the center due to the solar project construction. Mario Gaspar said that as portions of this project are completed fencing may possibly come down in those areas.

4. STUDENT PARKING IN STAFF LOTS AFTER 5 PM

Don Mueller said that he did not have any new updates on this. He said that he will talk with Felipe Lopez on this and look at doing another survey. Christopher DeLa Cruz said that ASCC moved to still support this item. He also provided a link for Safe Parking at Night Act resolution (SR-2223-01), provided by the Associated Students of Cerritos College. Don Mueller said he would supply information on Cadets to Felipe Lopez.

5. STRYKER CHAIRS FOR SS BUILDING

Don Mueller said he had no updates on this, at the moment. He and Mario Gaspar will still need to get more information and will bring it to the next meeting.

6. ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL – FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Don Mueller said informed the committee that the Active Shooter Drill will take place on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 and that it will be a very busy day. He said that 50 – 60 officers, plus several area commanders, will be on-site on this day. Don Mueller also said that the actual “lockdown” portion would be for about 20 – 30 minutes. During this time faculty, staff & students would watch provided videos and discuss among themselves. Don Mueller said that the Health Sciences building, which is still fenced off, will be used for the drill training. He asked if there would be any news coverage on this. Chelsea Van Doornum said she would not know until early next week. Don Mueller said that mailers were sent out to the college neighbors, within a 2-mile radius, informing them of the Active Shooter drill. Shawna Baskette asked if counseling would be provided to staff, like it is being provided to students to decompress after the drill. Chelsea Van Doornum said, that at this time, they would not be able to provide counseling for employees. Don Mueller said he would double check with Felipe Lopez, to see if it would be available just for the training.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Don Mueller said that he did not have a lot of updates on this. He said that one (1) police officer, who was out for over a year, was coming back to work. Michael Meadors said that the officer was already cleared. Don Mueller said that Campus Police is changing parking vendors, as they are not happy with the current one. There will be a new vendor for the next fiscal year and the contract has been signed. Current annual parking permits, for staff, will still be good through the end of July 2025. Michael Meadors asked if this new vendors App will have a built-in component for guest passes. Don Mueller said he would have to inquire with the new vendor. Shawna Baskette mentioned that visitors have to park in the lot, come to their office and obtain a temporary yellow parking permit, and then go back to place it in their vehicle. An App for a guest pass would be welcomed.

8. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Don Mueller asked if any new items from the floor needed to be discussed. There were none.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025 via ConferZoom.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.