

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

**March 12, 2013
8:15am – 9:15am
Lincoln Building Conference Room**

MEETING CALLED BY	Ted Curtis & Harvey Sterns – Co-Conveners
TYPE OF MEETING	UC Committee
FACILITATORS	Ralph Morrone & Harvey Sterns
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Shelly Keller
ABSENT	Chairs/School Directors – Vacant Position GSG – Vacant Position Ted Curtis – Co-Convener Kyle Gee Ann Hassenpflug – Vice Chair Chris Tankersley
ATTENDEES	Garrett Dowd Julie Hykes Shelly Keller - Secretary Chuck Kunsman Elizabeth Reilly Harvey Sterns – Co-Convener Shawn Stevens
INVITED GUESTS	Ralph Morrone

Agenda topics

NEXT PROPOSED MEETING

DISCUSSION	No discussion, meeting dates through summer were set at a previous meeting.
CONCLUSIONS	The remaining meeting dates are from 8:15am – 9:15am on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/9/13 • 5/14/13 Calendar invites were already sent to committee members.

MINUTE APPROVAL

DISCUSSION	Approval of the 2/5/12 minutes is needed.
CONCLUSIONS	Shelly made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Chuck seconded the motion and all were in favor.

MEETING ITEMS

General Discussion –

- Shelly advised the committee that she submitted the Issue Brief yesterday regarding the Ohio Board of Regents – Tobacco free policy.
- She also advised she is still awaiting word on the Deans and GSG vacant positions in our committee.
- Before Chief Callahan and Jim Weber spoke they asked for clarification on what our committee does. Harvey explained the University Council and what the Physical Environment Committee does.

University of Akron Police Department Presentation Chief Paul Callahan & Major Jim Weber –

- Chief explained the UAPD has been a full service PD since the late 60's.
- On campus - theft and property left unattended, is their biggest obstacle. The students here on campus believe this is a huge bubble and we are all protected and trustworthy. This process takes us a while to convey to students. Many students come from non-urban areas so they don't have that concern. Common sense things.
- Off campus – our problem area is the 7,000 students that live south of Exchange Street. There is not much past Market Street. We call the problems south of Exchange Street "fish in the barrel" victims. The criminals know students are there, unattended housing and cars during school hours, the kids are not armed and are easy picking.
- Transient – Every semester, every fall we start over with new residents/students that are unaware of their surroundings. We make sure we do the best we can, assaults, robberies, burglaries and the potential for physical harm is great. So we take our calls very seriously.
- He advised we are a small agency with 43 officers and have one vacancy. We are still lower than the state average per square foot.
- 7 of our officers' work off campus, when Chief came here there were none. He advised "those are our kids over there" we supplement to what the APD does and have full arresting and investigating issues in Akron.
- 8 officers are former APD (Akron Police Department) officers and 2 were detectives at the APD. Our staff has a lot of experience in investigating in Akron.
- Later this year we are converting to Akron's data system, which is their record management system. We'll be able to get into that information and have access and share information. Field Interrogation Card – from officer safety standpoint this will be a wonderful addition. We can share information instantaneously.
- All of our evidence will be catalogued into APD's system. Chief advised he has been working with Chief Nice (APD) and Sherriff Barry (Summit County Sherriff) to combine evidence rooms, we will work together to assist three major departments. We can reduce manpower that currently covers three different evidence rooms. All items will be bar-coded when tagged; all evidence will be in one location for checks and balances.
- Harvey asked what you do for a medical emergency on campus. Chief and Major explained that EOHS (The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety) and officers respond and if needed Akron EMS (Emergency Medical Group) is called. If EOHS can handle they will, they provide EMS with a heads up in case they do need them. Thornton Street is the nearest EMS, if they are not already out on a call.
- Chief advised there is an AED (automated external defibrillator) in every cruiser. Safety Task Force Committee has been very proactive with AEDs and have placed one in every building. Chuck advised the Provost approved AEDs in all academic buildings, concentrating in areas that are larger.
- EOG (Emergency Operations Group) – Mark Beers, he reports to Chief Callahan. All of their EOHS personnel are trained in NIMS; this is a coordinated response to a natural disaster, flood, riot, shooter etc. They work very closely with the AFD (Akron Fire Department), Summit County Sherriff, Dept of Health, Summit County Haz Mat and SWAT teams.
- Last spring UA's EOG had their first full scale exercise with all units mentioned above. This May we will follow up to tweak what we were missing in the last exercise. We will have a 4 hour exercise followed by the review. This will all be done on the phone this time. Executive Management Group, President and Vice Presidents are on board as well.

- **ALICE Training** – (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) – Lt Cunningham runs the training for this program. 28,000 people have been trained since 2008. This training gives people options on how “not to be the victim” thus providing less injuries and casualties. Chief gave the example that at Virginia Tech the suspect chained the doors and had the victims know it could have saved valuable time. Many of the students laid down making them an easy target for the shooter. ALICE gives potential victims choices to make like “who should I call?”, “can I escape?” I need to call 911 can we create a team to attack the suspect. Drs. Proenza and Sherman wants as many UA people trained as possible. Chief advised that sometime this summer they will do 7 days of training and hope to train 4,200 people. Trying to make it mandatory training and at a centralized location. It was also brought up that they are trying to incorporate ALICE training into a class that will be once a week, one hour long that students will take that will cover many UA topics.
- **Campus Safety Task Force** – meets once a month, Candace used to run this committee, Chief and Eric Green approached her about running the committee since it is in his wheel house. The Safety Consortium Group meets every other week. These groups are phenomenal, they do safety walks and any issues reported Joe Gregor’s group has them fixed the next day.
- Harvey asked how the transportation (Roo Buses) are doing. Chief advised that Jared in Parking has been great. They have been trained on the radio, additional eyes and ears and work until 2 to 2:30am on weekend. They drop off at students doors. Additionally we have a Campus Safety Patrol who walks the campus and PFOC is trained to call with anything suspicious. Anyone who has a radio is an extra set of eyes and ears. Chief gave the example of the female student that called and reported a man walking with a gun in the Polsky’s building. He explained that even though it was a false alarm, she did exactly what we wanted her to do and that is to call us.
- Chief advised there are some issues with UA Parking Lot 66 next to Grismer’s. UA is receiving some push back from the city. Rather than close the lot down and inconvenience students, they made new signage and have started to aggressively ticket violators. With repeat violations their cars can be booted or towed. Just last Saturday night they ticketed 66 cars, they are working on the initial phase of this process. Legitimate people with passes do park there; it is the cars visiting the bars that don’t have passes. The city is not happy with that establishment’s clientele parking there either. If we close that lot it will push people into the Polsky’s Deck where it is not as safe as an open lot. The parking situation is definitely a tough one.

Shelly had to ask if we could stop where we were with the presentation and invite the Chief and Major back again for more questions and answers, as we ran out of time and another group was waiting to enter the conference room we were in. Chief and Major agreed to join us again.

Shawn made a motion to end the meeting and Julie seconded it all were in favor.