

OSHA Safety/Energy Committee Minutes
February 16, 2016

Present: Tom Neal, Susan Griffin, Allen Risen, Heather Mercer, Mike McGlade, Rhys Finch, Nora Solvedt, Adria Gredvig, Shirley Hill, Julie Grammer, and Kristin Mauro

Absent: Rebecca Chiles, Chelsee Blatner, Shelly Clark, and Kimber Townsend

Meeting was called to order at 2:03pm.

Review of Minutes:

- January 26th minutes approved with corrections 8-0-0
 - Mike made the motion, Tom seconded

Building Inspections: 14 buildings were inspected; deficiencies noted during January inspections included, but are not limited to:

- 11 Fire Extinguisher needed servicing. They either lost their charge or 6 years servicing due
- 6 emergency lights needed replaced
- 3 spray bottles found unlabeled with contents
- 2 pulley belt guards missing inside guard mesh
- An eye wash station was missing a diffuser so the water comes out too fast
- Use of extension cords instead of power strips or outlets
- Found five, one gallon containers of acetone not secured in flammable cabinet
- A portable space heater being used with no safety tip over switch. If someone needs a heater they need to contact physical plant or human resources
- Found an AED with a dead battery

Injury Review: Eight injuries reported this month

Type of Accident	Findings	Recommendations
While vacuuming an employee experienced pain in the right shoulder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center stairwell step count between floors is approximately 18 steps X 3 floors = 54 steps total that are vacuumed • Windsor SENSOR brand vacuum, total weight 18 pounds • Unknown cause on what would have strained shoulder muscle • No medical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit excessive or heavy lifting with right arm allowing the healing process to continue
An employee felt a pop and pain to the left center of back while raking and shoveling debris from planter beds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unseen tree root ball hidden beneath a debris pile causing the worker's forward motion of the shovel to suddenly stop • No medical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rake debris into shovel • Slow down and be aware of surroundings • Inspect area for a good location to rake debris pile, avoiding hidden fixed objects
An employee attempted to adjust the counter sinking depth of an air powered nail gun. The nail gun fired a nail into left index finger. The nail was an 18 gauge, 1 1/2" long. The nail was removed by staff at West Valley Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worker attempting to adjust the depth of the counter sink/safety foot in pneumatic (air powered) nail gun without disconnecting the air hose from the tool • Worker pushing on safety foot with left index finger pad causing the nail gun to fire • In a hurry • Tool not defective • Medical attention sought 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor retraining employee
An employee misjudged a concrete header and hit the center top portion of head.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The employee was aware of the overhead concrete beam hazards • In a hurry • Low hazards are marked with padding in main walking path • Concrete beam height from floor 57.5", bottom width 12" wide • Medical attention sought 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of surroundings • Slow down • Take marked/padded pathway • Wear safety hard hat when working in low clearance areas

<p>While an employee was welding a piece of metal it popped out of the vise and landed on left big toe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal trailer hitch stinger not secured properly in vise, weight approximately 10 pounds • Pressure from vise jaws and metal stinger not properly seated in vise caused stinger to pop out of vise landing on the employee's toe • Welding shield pulled down to begin welding blocked the view of the stinger falling • Employee was wearing non-steel toed leather high top work boots • Medical attention sought 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insure work piece is properly secured in vise • Wear steel toed boots
<p>An employee had an allergic reaction while cleaning the lunchroom. Employee is allergic to nuts and does not know where the exposure came from.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unknown source of nut exposure • No nut product was ingested at the luncheon gathering • Possible exposure through skin contact during cleanup of the lounge are • No gloves worn during cleanup • Medical attention sought 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear PPE disposable gloves and dust mask when cleaning/pickup of lounge
<p>An employee was struck in the head by a garage door as it was lowering. The employee ducked quickly to avoid a more serious injury.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not paying attention to rollup door while talking to a co-worker • Rollup door springs not tight enough to hold door at mid-level • Door and hardware approximately 20 years old, causing tension springs to possibly weaken • No medical attention required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of surroundings when operating door • Have a qualified garage door tech adjust the spring to balance the door
<p>An employee was cleaning room 002 in ITC and received a minor cut on the top knuckle of right hand while trying to close the window.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The window would not fully close due to the lock lever hitting the lower window frame • The lock lever was frozen and could not be turned, due to the metal deteriorating • No medical, adhesive Band-Aid only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The window locks needs replaced on all defective windows. If unable to repair the windows need replaced • Replace broken window glass

Conservation Committee Update:

- No report this month

Round Table:

- Shirley thanked Allen for dealing with expired medications.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2016, HL 205, 2pm