CAMPUS SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 17, 2010

Present: Deb Bryant, Gay Campbell, Mary Grosch, Earl Hansen, Roger Maas, Scott Mooberry, James Murphy, Cheryl Ross, Donna Schoenfeld, Alan Smith, and Craig Sepich.


Excused: Judy Andres, Carlos Granados, John Jones, Kristin Mommsen, and Laurie Elish-Piper.

Guests: Linda Derschied and Kelly Wesener.

- Chair Bryant welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

- Sub-Committee Reports:

A. Safety and Security – Alan Smith
   1. Smith answered questions and discussed with the Committee many of the safety programs that are currently in place on campus such as Huskie Student Patrols, Huskie lines, Late Nite Rides, Officers on bicycles, Foot-Patrol Officers, and the Buddy System. The Campus Police take all concerns seriously and conducted safety audits in 2006 and again in 2009 on all lights, locks, broken glass, bushes, etc. on the entire campus community. Smith will compose a letter to be sent to all Deans, Directors, and student organizations reminding them of the many safety helps available. He will reiterate in the letter the need to call ahead if an individual knows they will need a ride at 9:00 p.m., rather than waiting until 8:55 p.m. and being unable to get through the line because of all the calls.
   2. E-Mail Suggestion Box has been very successful. Committee member Carlos Granados told of his successful response from staysafe@niu.edu. Granados was concerned about overgrown bushes in front of Gilbert Hall. He received a reply from StaySafe within 24 hours and the bushes were trimmed and cut within two days. All committee members appreciated the feedback.

B. Exterior Environmental Quality – Jim Murphy
   1. The sub-committee did not meet, but Murphy gave several updates.
   2. Murphy has not been able to contact Ron Klein representing the DeKalb County Historical Society’s request to place a plaque commemorating Jimmy’s Tea Room. Murphy will follow-up.
   3. Murphy distributed copies of a campus map showing all locations of the 41 emergency call boxes at NIU.
   4. Murphy also distributed a safety plan for the south side of the Campus Life building. Report shows walk layout plan and would cost $2,500.00. He will also work on a safety plan for the west side of the building (with cost) and forward to Chair Bryant. Committee approved her then making a recommendation to Dr.
Williams for the work based on concern for those with handicaps making a safe egress from CLB in case of an emergency.

C. Interior Environmental Quality – Scott Mooberry

1. Mooberry led discussion regarding the Holiday Decoration and Space Heater Guidelines he had prepared. Committee thought the information was excellent and needs to be distributed to entire campus community. Discussion then centered around ideas of distribution. Mooberry will make a few grammatical changes and forward guidelines to Chair Bryant. Chair Bryant will then forward to the Northern Star, Northern Today, channels 8 and 20, and to HRS for distribution to Deans, Directors, and Department Heads.

- Member Steve Vaughn had concerns over reshuffling commuter parking lots. Chair Bryant reported for Kristin Mommsen that since the Chiller Plant has opened, no lots have been changed. Bryant will refer topic to Mommsen for her to take concerns to the Parking Committee. In addition, it was reported that Campus Parking is already studying the lot for usage and may change some spots from blue to yellow.

- New Business – Cheryl Ross offered an update on the NPCY Yard from Jeffrey Daurer. Last fall contractors completed all concrete flat work and the creation of the masonry wall at the site on budget and on scope. They returned in the spring to complete needed landscaping. Benches and group plaques will be addressed in future phases as monies become available. Student groups making up the NPHC are very pleased with the project and are planning fund-raising activities needed to carry out future phases for the Yard.

- New Business – Chair Bryant distributed a Northern Star article stating that bike paths are included in parking and road improvement projects. Committee was happy to hear such news. The CSEQ Committee will also send a letter to appropriate parties requesting that the addition of bike lanes be considered whenever a street or parking lot is redone on campus.

Meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m.