

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER PARKING TASK FORCE MEETING
August 9, 2001
VPHA CONFERENCE ROOM, H-108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Miles Albertson, Presiding
Nancy Clyatt
Gregory DuBois
Dr. Ronald Gronwall
Gerald R. Kidney
Dr. Samuel Low
Robert Miller
Gwendolyn Qualizza
Dr. Horace Sawyer
Steve Truluck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bradley Pollitt
Laszlo Prokai, Ph.D.

OTHERS PRESENT: Eugene Herring
Kurt Vattle
Pat Lawson

Chairman Miles Albertson called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

I. Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2001

MOTION: Steve Truluck moved to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2001.

SECOND: Dr. Samuel Low

Motion Carried

II. Announcement

Miles Albertson stated that the selection of the Designer-Builder for the Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine Project had been made. He also stated that the selection of the Designer-Builder for the Genetics and Cancer Research Center was in the works.

III. College of Nursing Parking Decals

An E-Mail was read (copy attached) requesting that 150 Junior students in the College of Nursing be allowed to purchase commuter lot parking decals in the Fall of 2001 and the Spring of 2002. The reason for the request is that the students must park between 6:30 and 7:30 AM in

order to arrive on time at their scheduled duties. Greg Dubois spoke to this issue and offered two suggestions. 1) The students pay the \$3.00 daily parking fee and use the West Parking Garage. 2) Change the designation of the Triangle Parking Area west of the Archer Road Parking Garage to an all decal parking area so that the nursing students could have access to that area. A discussion followed concerning the starting times of the bus service. Steve Truluck stated that the bus service covered all Shands Hospital shift changes. A discussion followed on who was allowed to pay to park in the parking garages. Employees may not pay to park in the East Parking Garage but are allowed to pay to utilize the West Parking Garage.

MOTION: Dr. Samuel Low moved to make the West Triangle Area an All Decal Lot

SECOND: Dr. Ronald Gronwall

Motion Carried

IV. Health Center Garages Security

Steve Truluck opened the discussion with a brief description of the assault that took place in the West Parking Lot. (The victim entered Garage #2 and was approached by a man with a knife who subsequently sexually assaulted and robbed her.) Prompted by this Shands Security has been looking at a number of security measures that can be implemented. Expanded escort capabilities is one and expanded numbers of Shands Security Officers is another. It was noted that UPD put on extra coverage during the two weeks following the incident. One of the most difficult times to monitor is the non-standard shift change. These shifts can not be changed to standard times. Issuing evening shift decals in order to utilize the normally empty garages was discussed. Requesting an every 30 minute patrol by UPD was discussed. (A request would be issued to have them provide the number of GRE's it would take to implement this so that the cost could be considered.) Security cameras would be extremely difficult to place in parking garages and the cost would be prohibitive. The lighting can be improved and the landscape needs to be examined for possible obstructions to view and hiding places. The emergency phones should be more visible and labeled better and more of them need to be installed. The numbers of people taking advantage of the escort service were discussed. It increased from about 5 per night prior to the incident to 100 per night immediately after the incident. It has fluxuated some since that time. The Shands Escort Service has been trying to be more visible and offering to escort people to their cars. They normally respond on an on-call basis only. Greg DuBois noted that people use the west parking garage on levels 3 and 4 for the evening shifts as well as the night shifts

and the west gated area was empty. There are approximately 800 employees on the evening shift and 600 employees on the night shift. Dr. Samuel Low stated that in his opinion the first item of importance was increasing the security presence and the second would be increasing the amount of close-in parking available to the night shifts. The lighting in the garages could be increased and the pathways need to be well lit also. The campus lighting committee should be involved in these problems. Steve Truluck and Greg DuBois are putting together a report which will come back to this committee on all the areas to be addressed concerning this subject. Gerald Kidney stated that the hospital had been opposed to night decals as that was an incentive to employing night nurses.

It was decided to meet in 30 days when the report is available and make any recommendations at that time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.