

MINUTES
General Employee Injury Review Board
Thursday, January 26th, 2012
City Council Conference Room
9:30 am

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vu at 9:30 am.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Ha Vu, Chairperson
Candy Brown, Safety & Risk Manager
Don Schaefer, Safety Rep

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Stephen Sellman, Neighborhood Services
Leon McGahee, Cemetery
Carl Dentler, PW
Tiffani Burk – HR

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes of December 15th, 2011

Motion to approve minutes by Brown with a second by Schaefer. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business

A. Jose Ambriz -Streets (11/4/11)

Mr. Ambriz was present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was also present. Mr. Ambriz stated that even if he had a helmet on, it would not have helped anything because it hit his nose and not his head. Mr. Ambriz said they were putting steel and forms on the truck and on top of the truck. That day they were not pouring concrete, the Supervisor told them to fix the form room. They were getting ready to leave and he turned to get in the truck and hit his nose on the metal edge. He knew it was there. It was sticking out about 2 feet. There was a red tag on it. He said he is a concrete finisher and they never wear helmets unless they are on a busy street. He said yes he was issued a hard hat. Mr. Ambriz said the Supervisor did not tell them to wear a hard hat that day. His normal duty does not require him to wear a hard hat that is why he didn't think about putting one on. Motion was made by Dentler with second by Vu to rule this as preventable with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All, NAYS: None, Motion carried.

4. New Business

A. Donald Alston-SWC (1/3/12)

Mr. Alston was not present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was present. Motion was made by Brown with second by Dentler to table this incident. AYES: All, NAYS: None, Motion carried.

B. Richard Baxter-SWC (12/23/11)

Mr. Baxter was present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was also present. Mr. Baxter stated that they were at an intersection at 52nd and Quanah Parker getting ready to make a left hand turn. Before the light turned green another driver t-boned them on the left hand side. When it happened he twisted and landed on the other guy in the truck. He went to the hospital that night. They took x-rays of his back and neck. The Doctor said not to go work the next day because of the way his back was. The Doctor said he had a big knot in his back. He has been going to Physical Therapy ever since and is not back to work yet. Motion was made by Dentler with second by Brown to rule this as non-preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

C. Edwin Marx- SWC (1/17/12)

Mr. Marx was not present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was present. Mr. Marx was pulling a dumpster and it hit the back of his heel driving his toes into the concrete. He hurt his right foot and toes. Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Dentler to rule this as preventable with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None. Motion carried.

D. Kelly Ginter-WWTP (12/16/11)

Mr. Ginter was present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was also present. Mr. Ginter stated that he was in the press building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is a metal staircase that they use to check the presses. He was coming down them and got to the bottom and took two steps and slipped on the concrete. He hurt his right thumb. It is okay now and he is back to work. Not sure if he slipped on the water or sludge. He goes up and down those stairs about 100 times a day. They are trying to figure out a way to help make it not slick in that area. Motion was made by Dentler with a second by Schaefer to rule this as non-preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

E. Donna Gibson-Clerk (11/29/11)

Mrs. Gibson was present. Safety Rep Stephen Sellman was also present. Mrs. Gibson stated she came to the old City Hall and was walking down the stairs into the council chambers and apparently thought she was on the floor and she fell. She missed the last step. She was carrying 2 bid packets. She said it was not blocking her view but probably was blocking her view from seeing the steps. Mr. Sellman also wanted to say that Donna had informed him that the lights were not on and it was dark. She said she was carrying her purse and the bid packets. She has been going to PT for her knee and her next visit to the Doctor is on Valentines Day. She has a horizontal tear in the meniscus. Her hand and wrist are fine. Motion was made by Schaefer with a second by Brown to rule this as preventable with one (1) point assessed. AYES: Schaefer, Vu & Brown NAYS: Sellman Motion carried

F. Saadia Tasso-Bldg Maint (1/9/12)

Ms. Tasso was present. Safety Rep Leon McGahee was also present. Ms. Tasso stated that they were in front of the Owens center. Daniel always pulled up to the curb and she would get out of the van and step onto the curb. This particular morning he pulled up and was about a foot away from the curb. She was getting out and grabbed the key from him and was grabbing her lunch and drink. She stepped out of the van and she didn't realize that she was further away from the curb than normal and she fell. She said the van is very high. She said she always looks before she steps out of the van. She said she had her light sunglasses on that day but she doesn't blame it on that. She didn't start feeling sore until 3 days later and that is when Daniel filled out the report, but she thought that he made the report on the day of the accident. She said the Doctor tested every thing on her arm and neck and the only thing he found was on her right leg. She was put on an anti-inflammatory. She was still feeling soreness in her neck and her back. She said the sun was up and it was not wet out, it was dry. Motion was made by Schaefer with a second by Brown to rule this as preventable with one (1) point assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None. Motion carried

Consider any other injuries reported: None

Communication/Discussion: None

Motion by Brown with second by Schaefer to adjourn meeting at 10:40 am.