ECA Meeting – November 18, 2009 – Minutes

Officers in attendance:

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Residents in attendance: ~45

1. Officers introductions and event updates
   - SPIRC announced the new games which are now rentable through the Eastgate Video library.
   - CEC announced the shopping trip to Wrentham in December.
   - Publicity officers announced that DVD players can now be rented through them.
   - PC announced that the playroom was professional cleaned the week prior. They also announced the Thanksgiving Children's Baking event.

2. Presentation by Sergeant Vossmer, MIT Police
   - In an emergency situation call MIT Police: MIT Police will arrive within 2mins on campus. Dial 100 from any campus phone. Dial 617. 253 1212 from your cell phonw.
   - There are blue safety lights located around Eastgate: on the playground, by the front door, by the ramp. The new Sloan School buildings will also have blue lights.
   - Most crimes on campus are thefts. Be aware of your things at all times. Keep a photocopy of your cards. Do not carry your social security card with you. Be wary of laptop theft by registering your laptop in the STOP program.
   - There has been a sharp increase in cell phone thefts on public transportation.
   - User your mobile phone to record a crime if you see it, but never put yourself in harm's way.
   - Some basic guidelines:
     - Walk with awareness. Don’t look down at your phone. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Create a “witness-rich environment”
- Carry a flashlight or a whistle
- If someone approaches you (e.g., to ask for the time) answer, but keep walking. Maintain your body space. Use your hands and body to block your body.
- Mace and pepper spray are not allowed by law. It may not work and it may be used against you anyway.

- Develop a personal safety plan that suits you. For example, keep your money and ID separate.
- MIT offers a Women’s self defense course during IAP, 12hr course 2days/week for 2hrs
- In the case of an incident, always file a report with the MIT Police.