



Mar Vista Community Council



MEETING MINUTES

Emergency Preparation Subcommittee

<http://marvista.org/emergency-prep.php>

Monday, March 25th, 2019, at 7:00pm

Coffee Connection, Ramp Room

3838 S Centinela Ave. | Mar Vista, CA 90066

The mission of the Emergency Preparation Subcommittee of the MVCC is to help prepare as many residences, businesses, non-profits, and neighborhoods of Mar Vista as possible to withstand a major emergency with as little property damage, personal injury, and loss of life as possible. In order to accomplish its mission, the Subcommittee will, whenever possible, partner with LA Emergency Management Department, LA Fire Department, LA Police Department, CERT Battalions, the American Red Cross, FEMA, and other emergency preparedness organizations.

1. Welcome! Call to order

- a. Ken Frese (co-chair), Cassidy Green (co-chair), Ivan Lee, Rob Kadota, Kathryn Wheeler, Marci Sandell, Phil Jantaas, Lowell Safier, Carl Ginsburg, Bill Pope, William Keith

2. Public Comment / Announcements

- a. Upcoming events
 - i. MVCC Board of Directors election on Sunday June 2, from 10am-2pm @ Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
 - ii. Full CERT course: 7 Monday evenings beginning April 29th @ Collins & Katz Family YMCA. Currently 15 spaces open.
 - iii. Full CERT course: 7 Wednesday evenings starting May 1st @ First Lutheran Church of Venice. Currently 42 spaces open.
- b. Lowell – In contact w/ Mayor's office, we have the opportunity to provide names/addresses of areas to request ADA spaces/curb striping throughout Mar Vista
- c. Marci – Hosts complimentary abbreviated CERT workshops. (1) Disaster preparedness, 1.5 hours; and (2) Disaster first aid + triage, 1.5 hours. Prefer 20 people minimum.
- d. Kathryn – Attended Bill Pope's disaster survival seminar on March 3rd, good feedback. Great content, highly recommend.
- e. William –
 - i. HAM radio license exams on April 13th @ Culver City Fire Department, 9275 Jefferson Blvd. Begins promptly at 8:50am. \$5. 75% correct = pass.
 - ii. Westside Neighborhood Council's emergency preparedness Fair on Sept. 22nd @ Overland Elementary School

3. Reading and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- a. Approved with 0 corrections.

4. Old Business

- a. (15 min) CERT Express workshop 2019 planning – Scheduling, venue. \$300 funding request is approved for Bill Pope's disaster survival seminar.
 - i. Propose pre-session before seminar to train volunteers to run the stations
 - ii. Assume 3 hours for seminar
 - iii. How to publicize? Nextdoor.com, The Argonaut newspaper, farmer's market tabling, etc.

- b. (15 min) Block Captains & Emergency Prep – discuss game plan
 - i. Potential action plan: 1. Recruitment; 2. Authorization/interest in emergency prep; 3. ‘level 1’ training – no-cost; 4. ‘level 2’ more formal training if interested or requested – low-cost or full CERT
 - 1. Subcommittee agrees on general action plan
 - ii. Rob had meeting w/ Adrian Acosta. Planning on scheduling semi-annual block captain events. Targeting May 22nd & Fall Festival. For returners, could provide emergency preparedness as next step in block captain involvement. Likely 7pm, location TBD.

5. New Business

a. Discussion Items

- i. (10 min) Radio demonstration (Carl & Phil)
 - 1. Low-power/high-power radios (FRS/GMRS) operate at line of sight distance/1-2 block distance. Good for large apartment building or neighborhood. Low-cost.
 - 2. HAM radio (higher cost) has range of miles. Must have a license to operate.
 - 3. Best practice: Think about message, shorten message, then speak over the radio
 - 4. Possible recurring topic for next meeting
- ii. (10 min) Presentation on equipment containers (Carl)
 - 1. Suggested equipment: generators, fire extinguishers, lighting, ladders, stretchers, extension cords, easy-ups, wheelchairs, medical supplies, MREs to supply rescuers, large map, radios, tools, portable toilet, oxygen, splints
 - 2. Rotate out perishable medical supplies when they expire
 - 3. LAFD will begin having equipment caches for CERT battalions
 - 4. Potential locations for additional trailers: historic fire station 62, Venice high school, former LADWP building on Charnock
 - 5. Suggested tour of 2 emergency containers – Saturday May 4th, 10am-12pm.
 - 6. Next meeting: discuss next steps to establish additional containers
- iii. (5 min) Poll: disaster preparedness seminar in lieu of a future meeting? – Tabled.
- iv. (5 min) Resiliency plan for Mar Vista – who is interested in helping? – Tabled.

b. Administrative Motions - none

c. Funding Motions - none

6. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda - none

7. Adjournment – 8:25pm

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