



Mar Vista Community Council



MINUTES

Monday, July 15, 2019, 7:00pm

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

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

Coffee Connection, Ramp Room
3838 S. Centinela Ave. | Mar Vista, CA 90066

The mission of the Emergency Preparedness 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 / Introductions! Call to order** – Present: Bill, Carl (co-chair), Ivan, Ken (co-chair), Leah, Lowell, Phil.
2. **Public Comment**
 - a. Ivan raised concerns about “Go To Sites” being overwhelmed by “swarms of unprepared people” following an EQ. In the ensuing discussion Carl said that food and water would be distributed quickly following a disaster; high schools would definitely be go to sites because they are large facilities. Phil added that FEMA and the Red Cross would send resources where there was the greatest need. Lowell reported that following the recent Ridgecrest quake he called block captains in his area to discuss preparation. The block captains were very responsive. He will contact the Red Cross to get a speaker on the topic of go to sites for our September meeting. Carl observed that in that same Ridgecrest quake CERT patrols didn’t get under their desks as they should; we all need muscle memory to respond adequately during a quake.
3. **Announcements**
 - a. Upcoming event: Disaster First Aid Workshop (led by Marci Sandell, EMT), Tuesday, August 6, 6:30-8:30pm, First Lutheran Church, 815 Venice Blvd., Venice (3 blocks west of Lincoln)
 - b. Lowell invited everyone to an event at the Del Rey Yacht Club: Sea Shepherd is an important marine conservation group that has a lot to share about taking care of the non-marine environment.
 - c. Leah announced the August 14 meeting of the Westdale Homeowners Association where block captains are present along with LAPD Senior Lead Office Adrian Acosta. Leah has an email list of 500 out of the 900 residents in the Westdale area.
4. **Reading and Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2019, Meeting**
 - a. The minutes were approved with one addition: 4.b.iv. add “an all-purpose application to access city services” after “My 311 app”.
 - b. This item from the May 20 meeting prompted a discussion about whether the city would respond to texts to 9-1-1 about broken gas and water mains and downed power lines. Can we test the response now before a disaster occurs?

5. Old Business

- a. Plan to develop a network of Block Captains and CERT graduates for emergencies in MV.
 - i. Carl said that the main goal of this subcommittee should be to disseminate as much information about preparedness to as many Mar Vista residents as possible. This is different from what the goal of the subcommittee has been, that is, to develop a comprehensive disaster response plan for Mar Vista.
 - ii. To accomplish this new main goal, those present felt it was a good idea to have a CERT booth at the MV Farmers Market at least once a month to pass out preparedness information and to recruit residents to take a CERT class. (Carl has a table, a banner, a uniform, and the rules for setting up official CERT booths.)
 - iii. Lowell suggested that we set up a similar booth at Burton Chase Park in Marina del Rey, a very popular venue. Since this is located in the County of LA and not the City, he will contact County officials to investigate the feasibility of such a booth.
 - iv. Earthquake Fairs were also considered a good idea; we should hold them in different zones of MV.
- b. Disaster Survival Seminar, Sunday, September 15, 3-6pm, Mar Vista Rec Center: staffing, invitations, publicity.
 - i. Bill shared how his seminar is different from the Disaster Awareness Class and from CERT: it is more hands-on than both, and in three hours it prepares people to deal, among other things, with the first 4 minutes after a disaster. During that window people are in danger of dying from burns, bleeding, stopping breathing, or being buried.
 - ii. Bill needs 10 volunteers for the September 15 event. Committee members who volunteered are Ivan, Ken, Leah, Lowell, and Phil. Ken and Lowell promised to recruit other volunteers, and Phil said that he would also try to do so.
 - iii. Leah promised to send out an email blast to her Westdale email list. Ken has invited the Board of Directors of the MV Community Council, to whom the event is especially targeted, and he will publicize the event in the neighborhood of the MV Rec Center.

6. New Business

- a. **Presentation**
 - i. ResilientLA Wireframe Template: this is an outline intended for Neighborhood Council Executive Boards to prepare their constituents to be self-sufficient for four+ weeks. Emergency Preparedness is only one part of this template, which was produced by Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office. It was informally decided that the subcommittee does not have any responsibility for this project but may help resource the emergency preparedness component of the template.
- b. **Discussion Items**
 - i. Accessing FEMA resources: Carl distributed order forms for individual members of the subcommittee to submit for free materials.
 - ii. Inventory list of Westdale emergency container: distributed by Carl.
- c. **Administrative Motions**
 - i. It was decided that the next meeting will take place on August 19, 7pm, at 3277 Inglewood Blvd, LA 90066. The entire agenda will consist of training volunteers for the Disaster Survival Seminar.
- d. **Funding Motions**
 - i. Resubmit funding request for \$300 for Sept. 15 Disaster Survival Seminar, since the funds were not allocated during the last fiscal year.
 - ii. Ken announced that a member of the MVCC Board of Directors urges the subcommittee to draw up ambitious goals and funding requests for submission this fiscal year to the MVCC

Board of Directors. Possibilities might be purchasing and equipping a 3rd EP shipping container for MV (in another zone from where the other two are); hosting several earthquake fairs.

7. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda

8. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Frese, Co-Chair