



Mar Vista Community Council



MINUTES

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

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Monday, September 16, 2019, at 7:00pm

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! Call to order. Members Present:** Carl (co-chair), Ken (co-chair), Phil, Ivan, Leah, Lowell, Kathryn, Wayne.
2. **Public Comment / Announcements**
 - a. September: National Preparedness Month, "Prepared Not Scared", Ready.gov.
 - b. Westside Village Preparedness Fair: Thursday, October 3, 6:30 – 9:00pm; St. John's Presbyterian Church; 11000 National Blvd., LA 90064 (National and Military).
 - c. Clean-Up/Block Party, October 3 (?), 9am-4pm: MVNeighbors.org.
 - d. Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair: Saturday, October 12, 9am – 1:30pm; Northridge Fashion Center (Pacific Theaters parking lot), 9400 Shirley Avenue (south of Plummer Street), Northridge 91324. Register in advance at info@ValleyDisasterFair.com or at the event.
 - e. ShakeOut: Thursday, October 17, 10:17am. Register at www.ShakeOut.org/California.
 - f. Quake Up!: Saturday, October 19, 10am – 1pm, Mar Vista Recreation Center, Picnic Area near Woodbine. No registration necessary.
3. **Reading and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** Kathryn moved, Phil seconded that the minutes of the July 15 meeting be approved: approved unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Debriefing the Disaster Survival Seminar and Workshop, September 15.
 - Ken shared an initial summary of the 32 evaluations submitted (out of 45 attendees), with a final summary to be presented at our next meeting. The most frequent response by far to questions about the event was "excellent".
 - Several subcommittee members felt that the presentation part of the workshop was too long: those attending already knew the need for preparedness and didn't need to be told at length about why they should be prepared. Less presentation would have allowed more time for hands-on demonstrations.
 - It was difficult for people seated in the back to see. When Bill was demonstrating a technique, it should have taken place on the stage so everyone could have seen better. The whole event could have taken place on stage.
 - Many attendees did not know that there was an order to the hands-on demonstrations, and people missed out on some of them as a result. Attendees

should have been given a checklist for the hands-on demonstrations or Bill should have given a clearer explanation about where they needed to go, in what order, etc.

- Ken expressed concern that Bill seemed to encourage an “it’s all about me” approach to emergency preparedness, neglecting neighborhood preparedness and security concerns.

5. New Business

- a. Presentation: Alison Berglas, a Community Ambassador of the Santa Monica Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross (310-866-9880; Alison.Berglas@redcross.org), presented the Five Lines of Service at the heart of the work of the Red Cross:

- 1) Help people impacted by disasters;
- 2) Provide services to the Armed Forces;
- 3) Blood services;
- 4) Health and safety education;
- 5) International relationships, for example, restoring family links across borders.

Ms. Berglas said that she would be happy to return to future meetings to provide resources and assistance for the work of the EP Subcommittee.

- b. Regular staffing of a tent at the MV Farmers Market. Carl and CERT will always be present on the second Sunday of the month. The EP Subcommittee can staff a tent on the fourth Sunday of the month when there are five Sundays in a month. Kathryn will staff the tent on September 22 (Ken will get materials to her), and the next available Sunday is December 22.
- c. Carl Ginsberg was nominated to be the “Emergency Preparedness Representative” for Mar Vista to the LA Emergency Management Department.
- d. How best to support CERT in Mar Vista. Carl reminded everyone to send the order form in to FEMA for copies of literature that we can distribute at events.
- e. How best to observe National Preparedness Month in Mar Vista in 2020. Tabled to the next meeting.

6. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda

7. Adjournment

8. Next Meeting: Monday, October 21, 7pm, Ramp Room, Coffee Connection.

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