



Mar Vista Community Council



MINUTES

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

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Monday, November 18, 2019, at 7:00pm

Coffee Connection, Ramp Room Lounge

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:** Welcome to Gabriel Niles, M.D., Family Medicine (whose spouse is Miriam Rothman, M.D., Family Therapist). Michael Melton, MPA(Administration), MA; emergency operations unit LA County Public Health; formerly of the LAPD. Mike also has a specialization in water preservation and purification. He said that three plans aren't enough when it comes to having potable drinking water following a disaster: Plans D and E are also necessary. He has had experience with emergency response during hurricanes. 11 stakeholders were also present.
- 2. Public Comment / Announcements**
 - a. Upcoming events: First Aid Training sponsored by the Mar Vista Moms: Sunday, December 8, 1-3pm, Mar Vista Park Auditorium. Featured presenters are Pat Nagy (a former Red Cross "Stop the Bleed" instructor) and Carl Ginsberg. This is a non-certificate course aimed at a younger population.
 - b. Next CERT class in our area: begins Tuesday, January 7, 6:30pm, at the Iman Cultural Center, 3376 Motor Avenue, LA 90034. Register at CERT-LA/Eventbrite.
 - c. We need to speak with Sgt. Lowe of the Pacific Division LAPD regarding how LAPD can help to promote CERT.
- 3. Reading and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: approved unanimously.**
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Programing, Organizing, Scheduling Quarterly Emergency Preparedness Events for 2020
 - Last week in March 2020. There was an extended discussion about what kind of event to sponsor for this date:
 - ✓ A "Pet First Aid" program might garner the greatest interest.
 - ✓ Some event having to do with RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) or Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains. RYLAN could be enhanced with the

training that Bill offers. We could host an “Intro to Block Captain/ Neighborhood Watch”, then expand that with RYLAN. (There are 55,000 homes in MV.) We could provide training for members of MV Homeowners Associations. There could be an annual outreach event for block captains/neighborhood watch.

- ✓ A Preparedness Fair.
 - ✓ An Adventure Jamboree, stressing safety as it relates to hobbies, outdoor activities, risk, etc., but thereby enabling participants to develop a sense and a need for emergency preparedness.
 - ✓ Street skills, self-defense: help people be aware and engaged in their neighborhood to keep safe, ride public transit safely, look after kids, mothers, seniors. (The Police Academy is also a good program: 10 weeks, very informational.)
 - ✓ Stop the Bleed.
 - ✓ Mental Health First Aid, as done by LA Unified School District (1 ½ hours).
 - ✓ Crisis Response Training.
- April, May: Carl will attempt to use his contacts in LAFD to get a CERT class taught in Mar Vista during these months. Possible sites: a community rental space next to Alana’s Coffee Roasters on Venice Blvd. (steep prices?); St. Bede’s Church; St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church (National near Barrington); Windward School; a satellite office of St. John’s Health Center, according to Gabriel, located at Jefferson and Centinela (across from Playa Vista).
 - August: some kind of event that will help Mar Vista gear up for National Preparedness Month in September?
 - November: Disaster Survival Seminar?
 - Mike provides active shooter training: 2 hours; law enforcement information plus a public health component. Could be offered to building managers and owners and operators of different venues.
 - Lowell offered to spearhead block captain recruitment at the MV Farmers Market, 9am 2pm, on the second Sunday of every month.
- b. Develop a pamphlet for Emergency Preparedness in Mar Vista
 - c. RYLAN/Map Your Neighborhood will be the topic at the next Pacific Division Block Captains Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2020, 6:30 pm, Pacific Division Station, Culver Blvd. and Centinela Ave.

5. New Business

a. National Preparedness Month, September 2020

b. Funding Motion: \$1,000 to fund the first two quarterly events of 2020 (that fall within the current fiscal year); moved by Rob, seconded by Christine: approved unanimously.

- March, \$300 – space rental, refreshments, materials Spring and Summer Event, before June 30.
- May, \$700 – space rental, refreshments, materials
- August, \$300 – space rental (seven sessions), refreshments

- November, \$700 – program fee (\$300), union labor fee (\$200), refreshments (\$100), materials (\$100)

6. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda

- Carl reported that a recent Evacuation Drill in Hollywood Hills drew only the LAPD, even though other bureaus sponsored the event. The community did not participate, even though this drill took place only one week after the nearby Getty fire. This demonstrates how difficult it is to get people to participate in emergency preparedness events.
- Rob responded that we therefore need to keep things as tight and meaningful as possible, for example with pet first aid, human first aid, helping people get a EP kit ready. These kinds of programs are more important than active shooter training, because there hasn't been an active shooter event close to us.
- Bill and other people talked about preparing one page "how to do" sheets for our website, for example, a one page summary of first aid. Other examples are: what to do with contaminated water; if someone is suspiciously sitting in a car in front of your house (take a picture of their license); if someone in a hoodie is suspiciously loitering on your block; how to report stolen property online. We can do email blasts of things like these and put them out to the public. Get people interested. We could also publish these one-page info sheets on Alert Mar Vista, Kathryn's newsletter and/or distribute them when people pay their homeowner's association dues.
- We need to appeal to a younger demographic and reach out to different areas also. Neighborhood Watch is a good way to do this.
- FEMA brochures: lots on back order. Rob has boxes of stuff. Phil. Can store in MVCC storage. Remember Red Cross: include in email blasts.

7. Adjournment – Next Meeting Monday, December 16, 7pm

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