



Mar Vista Community Council



MINUTES

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

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Monday, December 16, 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: 12 stakeholders present.

2. Public Comment / Announcements

- a. Upcoming events: The Outreach Committee of the Mar Vista Community Council meets this Thursday evening.
- b. Carl reported that when he was staffing the MVCC booth at the Mar Vista Farmers Market for CERT last Sunday, he talked to quite a few people, and four people expressed interest in emergency preparedness. He said that he has had trouble staffing the booth, and there is a new rule: either he or Greg ? has to be present when CERT is to be represented. The Farmers Market booth is dedicated to CERT every second Sunday of the month, beginning between 8:30-9am. Rob mentioned that he is a certified CERT instructor.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2019, Meeting. No objections.

4. Old Business

- a. Programing, Organizing, Scheduling Quarterly Emergency Preparedness Events for 2020
 - Last week in March: Pet First Aid. Rob sponsored a successful pet first aid session once in a booth at the MV FM for half hour, making use of a local veterinarian. It was decided to sponsor a pet first aid event on Saturday, March 28, 10:30am-12noon, in the back of Fire Station 62 or at the MV Library. Rob will attempt to find a vet who has led one of these events, and, if he can't find one, he will reach out to vets near FS 62. We should get FEMA brochures about pet first aid to distribute at the event, as well as reach out to the LA City Animal Shelter. (At shelters following a disaster people will need to have a photo of themselves with their pet.)
 - May: we will sponsor a CERT class. Carl will contact firefighter Randy Opperman, the CERT scheduler, to schedule a CERT class in MV. We should avoid Tuesdays, when there are a lot of MVCC meetings. Possible venues for the CERT class are St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, St. Bede's Episcopal Church, and a place called

“Neighborly”. Rob offered to contact St. Bede’s. It was announced that there are no Level 2 or 3 CERT classes currently being offered.

- **August:** it was decided to sponsor a security/self-defense/active shooter series of event beginning in June or July, in advance of National Preparedness Month. The first part of the series – to be scheduled during June or July – would focus on self-defense and being street smart, and then in August an active shooter event would be held. Mike said that over 50% of the active shooter courses that he teaches deal with getting ready and helping people decide what they are prepared to do. In other words, there is a significant preparedness component to these active shooter courses. Our June – August events could be pitched to houses of worship and businesses as well as individuals. The security component of these events deal with both home security and business security, and instruction focuses on early detection, rapid decision-making, and active response. Mike mentioned that there is an LA Public Health curriculum that deals with this, and it has two parts: civilians (especially situational awareness) and businesses.
- **November:** Disaster Survival Seminar?
 - b. Pamphlet for Emergency Preparedness in Mar Vista or a one page schedule of events.
 - c. RYLAN/Map Your Neighborhood and Block Captains (Next Block Captain Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2020, 6:30 pm, Pacific Division Station, Culver Blvd. and Centinela Ave.)

5. New Business

- a. How To Use Funds (\$1,000) Requested from MVCC Board of Directors: \$300 March, \$700 May. Fire Station 59 could be a fallback location for our events.
- b. Suggestions for Prioritizing Quarterly Activities: Bill Pope will make a presentation at our next meeting.

6. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda:

- a. Should we move active shooter training to the MV Committee on Health and Public Safety? Christine, the chair of this committee, felt not, since the EP Subcommittee provides more of a support group for such training. It was suggested that perhaps Health and Public Safety could co-sponsor events with us, since the EP Subcommittee is a subcommittee of Health and Public Safety.
- b. Carl said that he would welcome someone to serve as co-chair with him.
- c. Katrina from the Coffee Connection interrupted our meeting to ask that we re-register our use of the Ramp Room Lounge at katrina@coffeeconnection.com. Ken volunteered to do so.

7. Adjournment – Next Meeting: January 20, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Frese

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