

MINUTES
of the meeting of the
CARSON CITY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
September 11, 2007

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on September 11, 2007, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station No. 1, 777 S. Stewart Street, Carson City.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stacey Giomi. Voting members present were Robert Charles, Jonathan Crawford, Brian Crowe, Kevin Curnes, Stacey Giomi, Phillip Harrison, Linda Hurst, Hank Lucas, Bonnie Parnell, Lee Radtke, and Tom Tarulli (which constituted a quorum).

Voting members absent were Steve Albertsen, Dave Dawley, Ray Saylo, Darren Selby, and Cliff Sorenson. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans, Keith Forbes, Rhett Milne, and Yvon Weaver.

Also present were Angela Barosso (Carson City Health & Human Services) and Mary Ellen Radtke (guest/public).

2. Approval of June 5, 2007, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Hank Lucas, seconded by Lee Radtke, with motion carried, that the minutes of the June 5 meeting be approved as submitted.

3. Public Comments and Discussion

- Angela Barosso said that she was in attendance representing Dr. Vicky Fogelman, the new Director of the City's Health & Human Services Department (who will become a member of this committee). Angela then mentioned that the Health Department will be conducting a flu vaccination clinic on October 13 at the Carson City Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. which will be open to the public, and that volunteers for this clinic would be welcomed.
- Mary Ellen Radtke mentioned that she and Lee Radtke had taken a seminar and received their Highway Watch certificates as transportation specialists. She said that they had been instructed on what to observe and what to turn in regarding terrorist activities. It was

mentioned that this program was originally geared toward truckers, but has now been expanded to include RVs, school buses, as well as any other types of vehicles which spend any length of time on the road. These people are being trained on what to watch for in regard to suspicious or odd behavior and then where to report it. Kevin Curnes mentioned that this training has been offered to the school district's drivers.

4. Discussion/Action to Accept the FY 2008 SERC United We Stand Grant Award Received from the State Emergency Response Commission

Stacey Giomi reported that the SERC approved the LEPC's United We Stand grant application for the requested amount of \$30,000. The Board of Supervisors accepted this award at its September 6 meeting and then re-granted it to Western Nevada College. Brian Crowe said that this money will be used for a siren and communications warning system on one of the college's buildings, with remote ability to turn it on at some fixed locations, in addition to an intercom in one of the college's buildings where it would be difficult to hear the siren. Stacey said that this equipment was for the purpose of warning students of either an event occurring on the campus or one threatening it. It was also mentioned that the City was currently working with the college to formally develop an agreement to use the college as a shelter for emergency management purposes.

It was moved by Kevin Curnes, seconded by Jonathan Crawford, with motion carried, that the United We Stand Grant Award be accepted.

5. Discussion/Action to Approve the FFY 2008 U.S. Department of Transportation, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Application to be Submitted to the State Emergency Response Commission

Stacey Giomi stated that staff had e-mailed committee members prior to this meeting asking if they would be interested in attending the annual HazMat Expo in November in Las Vegas which the State Emergency Response Commission supported. He said that a total of twelve people, including a couple of LEPC members representing the environmental component and some fire department personnel, had expressed interest and that this will be the number of people requested to be sent to the Expo in the grant application (for a total of \$12,317). He also reminded the committee that there was an industry component offered at the conference.

It was moved by Brian Crowe, seconded by Bonnie Parnell, with motion carried, that the U.S. Department of Transportation, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Application be approved as discussed.

6. Report of the July 12 Quarterly SERC Meeting

Stacey Giomi reported on this meeting as follows:

- There was an extensive presentation made by a multi-county and bi-state team (in which

he had participated) to develop a Lake Tahoe Geographic Response Plan covering hazardous materials and/or environmental spills in the Tahoe Basin. Stacey passed around the draft document in regard to this matter and said that he could provide a copy of the final version when completed to anyone who was interested. He mentioned that the EPA was pushing to get major response plans to all the major bodies of water within each of its regions. Plans have already been developed for the Truckee River Corridor and the Carson River and are currently being developed simultaneously for the Walker River and this Lake Tahoe regional area.

- The State Fire Marshal's Office was working on a way to help fund hazardous materials training for local fire departments or members of a LEPC if it was needed between grant cycles. Stacey said that once details were worked out in regard to the reimbursement of funds between the state and local governments, there may be some opportunities for the fire department to receive some training materials and that the department might then be able to support training needs within the committee members' organizations.
- Most of the remainder of the meeting revolved around bylaws and policies, with some discussion regarding the HazMat Explo grant.

7. Reports from LEPC Members

- Bonnie Parnell inquired as to the status of funding the fire fighting for the current season, and Stacey Giomi replied that Carson City has supported fires in both Nevada and California and that the City covered those costs through its reserves but will subsequently be reimbursed by either the state or federal government. Bonnie asked Stacey to keep her informed if any problems were encountered regarding this reimbursement.

Bonnie also asked whether the Fire Safe Council meetings have been continuing, and Stacey replied that there were six councils in Carson City which have been meeting regularly. In addition, a council of the leaders of each of these six councils has been formed which meets regularly with the Fire Department.

- Brian Crowe stated that the State Fire Marshal's Office has been very busy inspecting the college's Fallon, Douglas, and Carson City campuses this year. He also mentioned that the college will be doing quite a few exercises and drills over the next few months and might be asking the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office for assistance.
- Kevin Curnes thanked Tom Tarulli for the fire extinguisher training for the school district's bus drivers. He also mentioned that quite a bit of construction was going on at the schools, particularly at Carson Middle School, but they have been able to do their emergency planning around it.
- Hank Lucas said that the Carson-Tahoe Medical Center has received 87 air-purifying respirators from the Nevada Hospital Association through a grant and that these, in turn,

could be loaned out to other hospitals in the surrounding areas if needed. He mentioned that the medical center now has quite a decent cache of pandemic or epidemic supplies on hand.

- Stacey Giomi distributed the updated roster of current LEPC members, reflecting the changes in membership from the previous meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next committee meeting will be held December 4, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station #1. Stacey Giomi reminded the committee that they will be receiving materials to review in advance of this meeting, such as the committee's bylaws and Carson City's Hazardous Materials Response Plan, as these items need to be reviewed and approved annually by the committee.

9. Adjournment

It was moved by Brian Crowe, seconded by Lee Radtke, with motion carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Recorder: Judy Dietrich