

MINUTES
of the Meeting of the
Carson City
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
September 6, 2022

The Carson City Local Emergency Planning Committee held a public meeting on September 6, 2022, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station 51, 777 S. Stewart Street, Carson City.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Sean Slamon.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Voting members present were Ann Cyr, Jeanne Freeman, Andy Hummel, Aaron Lowe, Vicky Olson, P.K. O'Neill, Darren Schulz, Sean Slamon, Jerome Tushbant, and Sandy Wartgow which constituted a quorum.

Voting members absent were Jason Danen, Jerry Evans, Ken Furlong, Craig Robinson, and Dave Yohey. Non-voting members absent were Keith Forbes and Chris Smallcomb.

Also present were Adam Tully (Carson City District Attorney's Office), Lori DeGristina and Shari Grennan (Nevada Division of Emergency Management), Immanuel Beeson (The Salvation Army), Joseph Bly and Joe McCarthy (KNVC).

3. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

4. For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2022

It was moved by Sandy Wartgow, seconded by Andy Hummel, with all eyes in favor (*with the exception of Jeanne Freeman who abstained because she was not in attendance at the June meeting*) that the minutes of the June 7th meeting be approved as submitted.

5. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Immanuel Beeson from the Salvation Army as the community group representative to the LEPC.

Summary: LEPC's bylaws establish a voting-member position for a community group representative, which is currently vacant. New LEPC members must be approved by a majority vote, and, upon appointment, they serve for an indefinite term.

Immanuel Beeson introduced himself to the Committee.

It was moved by P.K. O'Neill, seconded by Vicky Olson, with all ayes in favor to appoint Immanuel Beeson as the community group representative to the LEPC.

6. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Holly Beeson from the Salvation Army as the alternate community group representative to the LEPC.

Summary: LEPC's bylaws permit alternative members to act as voting members whenever the principal member is absent, provided the alternative member is capable of representing the same member category as the principal member.

Immanuel Beeson reported that Holly was unable to attend this meeting.

It was moved by P.K. O'Neill, seconded by Jeanne Freeman, with all ayes in favor to appoint Holly Beeson as the alternate community group representative to the LEPC.

7. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding revocation of Jerry Evans' membership as the broadcast and print media representative to the LEPC.

Summary: LEPC's bylaws provide that the LEPC Chairperson may solicit the resignation of any LEPC member that fails to attend at least two consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings. If the LEPC member is unable or unwilling to offer resignation, membership may be revoked by majority vote.

Sean Slamon reported that Jerry Evans has been a standing member on the LEPC for quite some time and has not attended a meeting in the last five years. Sean reached out to him and has not heard back and there is a need for this representative on the Committee. With that, the Committee would like to formally remove Jerry and move forward with new membership.

It was moved by Jeanne Freeman, seconded by Sandy Wartgow, with all ayes in favor of the revocation of Jerry Evans' membership on the LEPC.

8. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Joe McCarthy from Carson City Community Radio as the broadcast and print media representative to the LEPC.

Summary: LEPC's bylaws establish a voting-member position for a broadcast and print media representative. New LEPC members must be approved by a majority vote, and, upon appointment, they serve for an indefinite term.

Joe McCarthy introduced himself and thanked the Committee for inviting him. He then provided brief background on KNVC and introduced Joseph Bly who is the Program Director.

It was moved by Jerome Tushbant, seconded by Ann Cyr, with all eyes in favor to appoint Joe McCarthy as the broadcast and print media representative to the LEPC.

Adam Tully said next meeting we can bring an action item to appoint Joseph Bly as the alternate broadcast and print media representative.

9. For Discussion Only: Discussion and presentation regarding Carson City's Updated Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. (Jason Danen)

Sean Slamon reported that this item would be tabled to the December 6th LEPC meeting as Jason Danen had been deployed to a wildland fire this morning.

10. For Discussion Only: Discussion and presentation on activities associated with the Citizen Corps Council Initiatives. (Jason Danen, Jerome Tushbant, and Jeanne Freeman)

Jerome Tushbant reported on the following Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) activity:

- 93 abandoned vehicle tows
- Almost 300 VIN checks – slightly more than last year
- Taking the mobile radar unit and handheld radar data off of normal reporting to the LEPC – this isn't working out for their numbers of people they have as VIPS
- The mobile radar unit has been moved to traffic division and this is being deployed through them

Jerome reported that there is a cooperative effort in preparation for Nevada Day. This particular event will see unprecedented security.

Jeanne Freeman reported that MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) received a RISE grant from national NACCHO to help revamp the MRC. A revision is being done with Carson City Risk Management related to scope of practice and they are also doing mission ready packages. Jeanne added that MRC membership went from 37 to 470 volunteers and then back down to 32.

Sean Slamon reported on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which has recruited seven new members. They are working on enhancing their social media

presence. They have rewritten their internal sheltering policy in alignment with Red Cross.

Jeanne mentioned that the CERT Lead was invited to be a part of the Mass Care Task Force.

11. For Discussion Only: Reports of Committee Members

Vicky Olson reported that Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center is trying to get more involvement from the community and tying their emergency management plans in with the community plans. Alan Garrett retired, and Michelle Joy is the new CEO.

Sandy Wartgow reported that CCFD will be conducting an EMS Study over the next eight months. CCFD's ACR (Advanced Cardiac Resuscitation) protocols and program continues and continuing to see increase in survivability of patients. Sandy said CCFD is now going to tie into the community and create a HeartStrong Community, developing this with hands only CPR. CCFD's call volume remains steady and still struggling with supply chain issues like everyone else.

Lori DeGristina reported that DEM is going to do regional THIRAs and workshops this year. Any agency who receives HSGP (Homeland Security Grant Program) and EMPG (Emergency Management Preparedness Grant) funds must attend the THIRA. This will include a tabletop and some of the mass sheltering issues.

The EOC courses DEM offers will be brought back once FEMA revamps the course.

DEM put together a bi-state agreement with California along the border counties and it was sent to Emergency Managers of each county.

Lori introduced Shari Grennan who is the new Preparedness Program Officer for DEM. Shari reported that there is a Hazard Mitigation kickoff meeting on September 20th. Lori added that all of DEMs training is on their website

Jeanne Freeman reported that Carson City Health and Human Services is participating with Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center on a regional community health needs assessment. The Public Health Preparedness Program hired a contractor to do a community assessment profile to assist with the upcoming fall workshops.

P. K. O'Neill thanked the Salvation Army for being at the meeting. He reported for Legislature that there are almost 400 bill draft requests (BDR) being submitted, so he has been busy with these. He said if any group has a BDR let him know.

Joseph Bly offered to Sandy Wartgow if CCFD needs to send out information on the training for the HeartStrong Program. Dates for these classes could be publicized by them.

Ann Cyr reported on a busy couple of weeks getting back to school. She said they had good coordination with DEM for a tabletop exercise with all the school administrators for their emergency operations planning day. She added that she would like to partner with Sandy Wartgow on the HeartStrong Community program. They have about 450 employees required to have CPR certification by state law, but they have hundreds more who would like to sit in on these.

Darren Schulz reported that Carson City Public Works is going to start gearing up for winter weather and they are setting up a National Weather Service briefing.

Aaron Lowe reported that the Calm the Chaos Training starts tomorrow. He said a Regional Academy will begin mid-October. CCFD is implementing a new Record Management System.

Sean Slamon reported that currently eight firefighters are out on assignments. Finishing up a firefighter recruitment with interviews this week. Ramping up in getting ready for Nevada Day. Progress continues with the design of a new Fire Station with the EOC attached. The biggest challenge is the cost increases.

12. For Discussion Only: Next Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

13. Public Comment**

None.

14. For Possible Action: To adjourn

It was moved by Darren Schulz to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Recorder: Shelby Price