

**City of Takoma Park
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Thursday, February 28, 2013
Community Center Hydrangea Room
Minutes**

Members Present: Jennifer Kurtinitis (Community Co-Chair), Andy Kelemen (Resident Member), Patrick Kimvilakani (Resident Member), Alan Goldberg (Police Chief), Jim Stoddard (Washington Adventist Hospital), Kathe Quinn (Resident Member),

Members Absent/Excused: Tom Horne (TPVFD)

Others Present: Edwin Monge (Washington Adventist University), Jessie Carpenter (Recording Secretary)

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Patrick Kimvilakani moved to adopt minutes of October 11, 2012. Andy Kelemen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jim Stoddard moved to adopt minutes of January 24, 2013. Andy Kelemen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Report from County OEM/HS

Bob Jones has left his position with County OEM/HS. A replacement has not yet been assigned.

Jennifer has been in touch with Bob's supervisor to explore getting a replacement. She would like to put together a certificate or card for Bob.

Street Renovation Near WAH

Jim Stoddard reported that the Hospital had met with State Highway Administration regarding renovation of the Carroll Avenue bridge over Sligo Creek. The work may require shut down of the bridge for about a year. The planners are proposing to reroute bus traffic onto the WAH campus. WAH's position is that this would be devastating to EMS traffic to the Hospital.

Rebirth of the Citizen Corps Council

Jennifer briefed the Committee on the Citizen Corps Council and asked if there was any interest in being involved. It is a national program but was never overly active in Montgomery. It became inactive. There is a proposal to give it a new purpose and make it inclusive of business, community, and faith organizations to help get the preparedness message out. The Red Cross did a service project on Martin Luther King Day. The Citizen Corps was involved with the project. The County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is leading the program. A mission statement is being drafted and they are looking at objectives such as revitalizing neighborhood ready, youth preparedness, donation management, development of volunteer mobilization centers, and information exchange. She will forward a link to a website with information.

City Department Readiness Survey

The Committee discussed options for a conducting a staff readiness survey. It was agreed to do a general survey of employees. Jenny will send around draft questions for review for the next meeting. She will seek to get buy-in from the Acting City Manager.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes adopted April 25, 2013.