

**City of Takoma Park
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Thursday, April 25, 2013
Community Center Hydrangea Room
Minutes**

Members Present: Jennifer Kurtinitis (Community Co-Chair), Tom Horne (TPVFD), Andy Kelemen (Resident Member), Jim Stoddard (WAH), Kathe Quinn (Resident Member), Alan Goldberg (City Co-Chair)

Absent: Patrick Kimvilakani (Resident Member)

Also Present: Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes of February 28, 2013 were adopted as amended upon motion by Andy Kelemen, seconded by Tom Horne.

Readiness Survey

The Committee discussed the option of holding off distributing the readiness survey to staff until after the new City Manager is on board. Jim Stoddard volunteered to draft an email to introduce the survey to staff.

Code Amendment

The Committee discussed amending the EPC section of the City Code to enable other representative members to be appointed.

Celebrate Takoma

The Celebrate Takoma event will take place on May 19, from 1-5 p.m. Jessie will contact Kay Daniels-Cohen to obtain the handouts that Kay has in her car. Jenny will contact the County to get additional materials.

Carroll Avenue Bridge Closure

Representatives from the State Highway Administration made a presentation on the closure of the Carroll Avenue Bridge over Sligo Creek during renovation of the bridge. (Karen Brookman, Maurice Augustino, Office of Structures, and Glen Vaugh, Deputy Director, were present.)

The intention is to preserve the bridge, which is a historically eligible concrete tied arch structure. A temporary pedestrian bridge will be constructed but the bridge will be closed to traffic during the renovation.

SHA has done traffic studies to evaluate how vehicles access Washington Adventist Hospital. They found that 85% of traffic comes from the north to reach the Hospital.

Detour routes are being planned. The project will require the bridge to be closed to traffic for 12 months. At the request of the Hospital, SHA reevaluated the option of a temporary vehicle bridge. It would double the cost of the project.

There was discussion of opening a portion of Sligo Creek Parkway on Sundays. Endorsement of the City Council would help make that option a possibility.

SHA will continually evaluate the detours and readjust as needed during construction.

There will be some environmental impacts of the construction, but the impact will be temporary. The option of a temporary vehicle bridge would have severe environmental impacts.

The project will likely begin in spring of 2015, but definitely not until the work on the New Hampshire Bridge over Sligo Creek is completed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes adopted June 27, 2013