

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, June 26, 2014
Community Center Hydrangea Room
Minutes**

Minutes adopted September 25, 2014

Members Present: Ron Hardy, Andy Kelemen, Ron Hardy, Alan Goldberg, Claudine Schweber.

Absent: Jennifer Kurtinitis (Chair), Kathe Quinn, Patrick Kimvilakani, Anne Polansky, Maggie Davis (OEMHS), Tom Horne (TPVFD), Jim Stoddard (WAU), , James Wolf

Also Present: Herma Percy, Glen & Deborah Percy (Guests) , Grace Vidal (recording secretary).

There was no quorum.

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Ron Hardy welcomed Dr. Herma Percy who is applying to be a member of the EPC Committee. Dr. Percy is the Chair of a newly created Homeland Security Study Program at Washington Adventist University.

There were no minutes submitted for adoption.

Ron: The Color and Activity books have been distributed to the Recreation Department and Library. He is working on a small lesson continuity guide.

Update on the Montgomery Alert:

Ron: A new mass notification/modification alert system is coming to Takoma Park. The system will be called Takoma Park Alert. The current alert system has approximately 3,500 users. Launching date will be announced on July 4th. There are 18 different jurisdictions in the Capital Region and each jurisdiction will roll out at a different time.

Ron: Wolfgang Mergner delivered a document prepared by Marge from Takoma Overlook for review by the EPC Committee members.

Youth Outreach Research:

Ron: As part of the outreach to target youths (7-13 years old), Ron is preparing questions for kids as part of the emergency preparedness and the "Win a Chance of a Radio" raffle which will take place on August 5th.

Andy: Suggested that Ron speak with the City Manager in order to obtain funding to buy prizes for the raffle.

Preparedness Month:

Ron: September 20, 2014 the Life Long Takoma Park program will hold a special day for Senior in the Community. It was suggested that a table should be set-up to distribute information to Seniors.

Ron: Preparedness Month is September 2014. Suggestions were made to reach out to different businesses like Ace Hardware, Radio Shack, Walgreens, etc., in order to ask their assistance and bring awareness to advertise the "Emergency Preparedness Month" and to run specials on preparedness items. The Committee would have special articles to encourage people to purchase items and be prepared. Other activities should include: (1) Mayoral proclamation; (2) Emergency Presentations to the Council; (3) Set-up a table at the Folk Festival.

Andy: Stated the need to talk about a car kit with essential items needed during an emergency, especially during the winter months.

Ron: Will email the "To Go Bag Items" list and Questions for the Youth Outreach and is asking the EPC members to review them and add suggestions.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.