

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Thursday, March 24, 2022

7-8.30 pm via ZOOM

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Person	Est. Time/ minutes
Rollcall of members- Feb. meeting notes acceptance Committee Leadership positions nominations and confirmation	Ron Hardy,	10
--Takoma Park, Montgomery County & State Reports	Ron Hardy	10
Discussion: Defining the Committee's Priorities and Reporting Process to the City Council	Chris Beck	30
Upcoming Events and Opportunities	All	15
(Placeholder)	All	15

Next Meeting: April 28, 2022

EPC March 24, 2022 meeting minutes

Attendees: Chris Beck, Dianne Cherry, Ami Gadhia, Troy Jacobs, Claudine Schweber, Kathe Quinn, Tom Horne, Ron Hardy, Patrick Fleming and Buddy Daniels. Jim Della-GiaComa excused absence

February minutes were accepted

Committee leadership was voted in, Chris Beck-chairman, Dianne Cherry=vice-chair, Jim Della-GiaComa-Secretary.

City report- On March 09 the city mask mandate was lifted for city buildings and a mask was recommended for wear by anyone not vaccinated or has an immune problem. The Library still is distributing rapid CoVid tests and adult KN-95 masks during library hours.

County Report (Patrick Fleming-MC OEMHS) gave an overview of response and recovery efforts for several different apartment disasters. The county coordinated setting up shelters with the Red Cross, worked with non-government groups to administer donations and funds, worked with TP Housing and Community Development to check availability of apartment space in TP for those displaced.

Committee members were interested what a response in Takoma Park would be like. Ron and Patrick gave an overview response. It was suggested to do a training session for the committee.

Discussion for new/additional priorities for the committee to focus on. The committee will look at ways to inform the community and provide proposals to council.

1. Stormwater
2. Flooding and other severe weather
3. Fire and gas explosions (especially multi-family buildings)
4. High-rise safety- lack of sprinkler systems in older buildings and that the nearest ladder truck is outside the city.
5. Individuals dealing with a disaster and having a proper To-go kit.
6. Other man-made disaster such as a train derailment and chemical spill.

Claudine is still looking for members to provide her communication pathways in their ward to assist in communicating to the community.