

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Thursday, February 24, 2022

7-8.30 pm via ZOOM

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Person	Est. Time/ minutes
Rollcall of members- Jan meeting notes acceptance Committee Leadership positions	Ron Hardy, Jessie Carpenter	20
--Takoma Park, Montgomery County & State Reports	Ron Hardy	10
Committee Priorities for 2022 – Discussion on how to implement and measure results	All	30
Outreach suggestions	All	15
Any new business and wrap	All	15

Next Meeting: March 24, 2022

Attendees- Chris Beck, Dianne Cherry, Jim Della-Giacoma, Troy Jacobs, Kathleen Quinn, Claudine Schweber, city employee Ron Hardy, Jessie Carpenter

Guest Buddy Daniels

The committee approved the minutes from the January meeting

Jessie Carpenter (city clerk) went over items from the new items in the city code relating to committees and the ethics form; committee leadership and duties, number of meetings required, Maryland Open Meetings, Code of Conduct, quorums, cc the city employee on all correspondence between members related to committee business, meeting options, development of committee handbook.

City Highlights

Mask mandate in effect for all city buildings for employees and visitors

EOP updates I talked with the county about being involved with their 5-year updates

Successful PCR testing at Recreation Center for February

Staff Refresher Training for employees with over 2 years on.

The Takoma Park Library is still distribution rapid CoVid tests and masks at the front desk during library business hours

County

Indoor Mask Mandate was lifted Monday February 21 at 11:59 pm

Schools in the county are evaluating their mask mandates

Libraries are still distributing masks and test kits, check their website for locations and times

Outreach Methods for 2022

1. Radio show (WMOD) with Claudine Jim and Chris to assist
2. Monthly newsletter- Claudine Jim and Chris to assist
3. Flyers – all will work on distribution at events and places where people gather
 - a. Committee to look in developing a flyer specific to
 - i. Elementary school age
 - ii. Middle and High school age
 - b. Work with Recreation and schools to make flyers appropriate and consistent with current practices
 - c. Pass out with parent permission
4. Events that the EPC will look to participate in participate with information
 - a. Eggstravaganza
 - b. TKPK 5K
 - c. Movie Night
 - d. Community groups
 - e. Celebrate Takoma
 - f. National Night Out
 - g. Folk festival
 - h. Street Festival
 - i. High rises
 - j. Farmer's Market
5. Zoom/Presentations to special citizen groups is possible using city resources
6. Seasonal threats and resources coming up with specific flyers and information for the web page
7. Consider Public Service announcements with City TV- committee to look at members partnering up to create seasonal messages

Committee Priorities for 2022

1. Members to develop or find communication pathways in their neighborhoods. Claudine will compile a list
2. Weather events preparedness – City TV PSA
3. Review the Stormwater proposal provided by Chris and discuss at the February meeting and look for updated flood plain plans <https://www.takomastormwatersolutions.net/>
4. Discuss the city's Emergency Operations Plan for revisions
5. Added Outreach persons with disabilities and children