

Minutes of the  
**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 26, 2010  
Council Chambers

Present: Committee Members Chair William Brehm, Vice-Chair Molly Edison, Les Wierson, Don Hull

Absent: Fire Chief Cleve Rooper and Committee Member Robert Mushen

Staff: Lieutenant Rob Schulz, Public Works Director Mark See and Administrative Specialist Alisha Smith

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Brehm called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

Motion: Edison moved to approve the agenda; Wierson seconded the motion.

Vote: Edison, Brehm, Wierson and Hull voted AYE; the vote was 4/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**(1) Consideration of the Minutes of the Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting of January 22, 2010**

It was noted that there was typographical error on page three, 'in tact' should be written as 'intact'.

Motion: Edison moved to approve the minutes of the Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting of January 22, 2010, as corrected; Wierson seconded the motion.

Vote: Edison and Wierson voted AYE, the vote was 2/0 in favor and motion passed unanimously. (Brehm and Hull abstained from the vote since they were not present at the meeting)

DISCUSSION

**(2) April Public Forum Arrangements**

Committee members discussed the use of a PA system for the April Forum. Schulz stated that Mike Corey of Michael's Music had previously donated an audio system to be used for the evening and that he would seek a similar donation from Corey.

Brehm led a discussion regarding the proposed agenda for the public forum. Rooper's proposed agenda was distributed. Edison noted that the goal of the committee and purpose of the forum is to educate and inform the general public on what to do in case of an emergency. In response to comments made by Wierson, Schulz agreed and stated that the public should be notified of the City's current status on emergency preparedness efforts and that plans are in place regarding rescue efforts in the event of a natural disaster.

Wierson suggested that the Public Works Department should be involved in the April forum to discuss their functions in the event of a natural disaster. Brehm concluded that he would consult the City Manager with regard to involving the Public Works Department.

Committee members reviewed a number of ideas and suggestions and Hull agreed to reconstruct the agenda and incorporate what should be done pre-emergency, during an emergency and post emergency.

Committee members agreed to draft a press release to announce the April Public Forum.

### **(3) Pedestrian Bridge Across Ecola Creek**

Edison stressed the importance of a earthquake resistant pedestrain bridge across Ecola Creek.

Committee members agreed and discussed conducting a preliminary conceptual study. Brehm noted that a pedestrian bridge should take precedence over pursuing a new City Hall structure. Wierson suggested that the committee work with staff to develop the first steps. Schulz concurred. The committee agreed to continue discussing the matter and for it to remain in the forefront of the committee's long term goals.

Weirson noted concerns with regard to the plans for evacuating the Cannon Beach Elementary School.

Brehm concluded that he would follow up with Mays with regard to approaching the downtown businesses to seek their support in financing the bridge.

### **(4) Pedestrian Evacuation Signage for North End**

Wierson reviewed that he and See have determined the locations for the placement of evacuation signs.

### **(5) Committee Goals and Projects**

Edison led a discussion regarding the current status of the committee goals and projects. Following the discussion, Schulz recommended that the committee further discuss an emergency information booth for the Farmer's Market at the next Eprep meeting.

At 11:04 Mark See arrived.

The committee continued discussion of item (3) Pedestrian Bridge Across Ecola Creek.

See distributed and reviewed a proposal from OBEC Consulting Engineers. The proposal outlined costs for the construction of a pedestrian bridge. See also reviewed two ODOT project prospectuses titled Ecola Creek Pedestrian Bridge - Option 1 and Option 2.

See concluded that most likely a bridge would not withstand a tsunami, however, the pilings of a suspension bridge would survive and that would reduce the amount of time and money to replace the bridge.

### **(6) Good of the Order**

See announced that a public meeting has been scheduled for March 25th at the Seaside Convention Center regarding the Dennis Edwards Tunnel.

In response to comments made by Edison, that the committee may want to consider holding future committee meetings on the fourth Friday of every month rather than the last Friday of every month, Wierson agreed.

Hull communicated that a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd at 12:00pm to be held at City Hall regarding long term recovery funding with the University of Oregon.

Brehm inquired if See could obtain approximately 100 copies of the Oregon Emergency Management's Building and Strengthening Disaster Readiness Among Neighbors booklet for the April Forum. See confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:33a.m.

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Alisha Smith, Administrative Specialist