

Minutes of the
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Friday, March 26, 2010
Council Chambers

Present: Committee Members Vice-Chair Molly Edison, Les Wierson, Don Hull, Robert Mushen and Fire Chief Cleve Rooper

Absent: Chair William Brehm

Staff: Chief of Police Gene Haliburton, Lieutenant Rob Schulz, Public Works Director Mark See, City Manager Rich Mays and Administrative Specialist Alisha Smith

Guest: Jay Raskin, AIA, Ecola Architects, PC

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Edison called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Vote: Edison, Rooper, Mushen, Wierson and Hull voted AYE; the vote was 5/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

(1) Consideration of the Minutes of the Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting of February 26, 2010

Motion: Wierson moved to approve the minutes of the Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting of February 26, 2010; Mushen seconded the motion.

Vote: Edison, Wierson, Mushen and Hull voted AYE, the vote was 4/0 in favor and motion passed unanimously. (Rooper abstained from the vote since he was not at the meeting)

DISCUSSION

(2) April Public Forum Arrangements

Edison confirmed with the committee that all arrangements were made.

Wierson made a suggestion that Mayor Morgan be present at the forum. Committee members discussed involving the Mayor in the forum. Mays agreed to ask Mayor Morgan if he would be available to attend.

Committee members discussed the agenda and Rooper and Hull agreed to finalize. Hull noted that the key point of the forum will be to put focus on a comprehensive overview of strategy and put the City's efforts into context, focusing on long term recovery, shelters and planning.

See confirmed that he has emergency preparedness handouts for the forum. Rooper noted that he will provide Redcross handouts that were used at the previous forum.

(3) Tsunami Evacuation Building (TEB)

Jay Raskin made a presentation on the proposed Tsunami Evacuation Building. He reviewed the grant process with committee members and noted that the City has spent \$500,000 for the Tsunami Inundation Study by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), \$100,000 for the Preliminary White Paper and \$100,00 for a Tsunami Evacuation Workshop, totaling a \$700,000 match.

Raskin noted that if the building is used as an educational tool other grants may be attainable. Dan Cox with OSU's School of Civil and Construction Engineering has invited the EPrep Committee and City Council to visit the O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory in Corvallis for a demonstration of a conceptual design of a Tsunami Evacuation Building. The demonstration will run from April 19th-June 19th.

Edison led a discussion regarding the most appropriate location for a Tsunami Evacuation Building. In response to a question by Hull, Raskin commented that the City is requesting funds for fiscal year 2011, which will allow enough time for a study to determine the best location.

Motion: Edison moved that the Committee focus on other goals and projects until the City Council provides further direction.

Vote: Wierson, Mushen, Rooper, Edison and Hull voted AYE; the vote was 5/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mays suggested that the committee attend the April 6th City Council meeting.

(4) Pedestrian Bridge Across Ecola Creek

See discussed the OBEC Project Prospectus. See commented that clarification from the committee is needed as to the type of bridge required, one to survive a seismic event or one to survive a tsunami.

In response to See, Wierson commented that the proposed bridge is at the 100 foot level and will survive the tsunami, providing a bridge for emergency crews to use after the event as well as provide quicker access to the north end shelter site for the Cannon Beach Elementary School and the downtown area. Wierson also suggested that the committee ask OBEC to attend a future meeting to discuss their proposal.

See noted that other firms are interested in putting together a prospectus for the project as well.

Rooper suggested that the Committee invite the engineers to the next meeting and representatives from the Cannon Beach Elementary School and Cannon Beach Conference Center.

Committee members agreed to invite engineers, representatives from Cannon Beach Elementary and Cannon Beach Conference Center to a subsequent meeting.

(5) Pedestrian Evacuation Signage for North End

Wierson provided an update.

(6) Committee Goals and Projects

There was no additoanl goals or projects discussed.

(7) Good of the Order

Rooper reported that Highway 53 will be closed from June 15th to August 15th.

Schulz reported that staff is preparing to add Cannon Beach tsunami map to the City's website.

Rooper commented that elevations should be posted in various locations around town. See confirmed that the Public Works department have been discussing the placement of elevation on each shelter and evacuation route sign.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:11a.m.

Alisha Smith, Administrative Specialist