



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 22, 2021 3:00pm-5:00pm
Via Zoom Teleconference

TIMING OF AGENDA ITEMS: *Approximate times are included below but may vary to accommodate appropriate discussion time and attention to the individual items.*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by Director Nagel

Directors: Larry Nagel

Public Members: Lisa Caronna, Peter Guerrero, Danielle Madugo, Paul Moss, David Spath

Staff: General Manager Bill Hansell

Consultant: Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Johnny Valenzuela

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

3. ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, 2021 (Approve)

MOTION: Nagel/Madugo: To adopt consent items.

VOTE: 7 Yes with Caronna and Liddell abstaining because they did not attend the May 27, 2021 meeting

Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. JPA for Vegetation Management of East Bay WUI

Discussion of formation and possible appointment of a representative.

Lisa Caronna thought we should pursue this. Peter Guerrero thought that a joint agency is the best approach to tackling this problem that is regional in nature. This idea allows for multiple jurisdictions. David Spath agreed with Peter and Lisa. The EPC would need to recommend this to the board. It would require the pooling of funds and resources with the EBRPD and our neighboring agencies. Peter Guerrero volunteered to serve as a EPC representative. Lisa noted that it will be important to involve the EBRPD and our neighbors as partners.

b. Emergency Warning System

Discussion of options and strategy; Invitation to Fire and Police Chiefs.

We have invited the Chiefs to attend the next EPC meeting. Larry asked what the

committee should do in preparation for the meeting. Bill Hansell asked whether there was any kind of a report issued on Emergency Warning Systems, and there doesn't seem to be any. Katie Gluck wrote a report on how Mill Valley used their systems. Lisa Caronna noted that we should get together with Berkeley to see how they plan on using their system. Bill suggested that Johnny Valenzuela should talk to Chief May in the Berkeley Fire Department. Peter Guerrero noted that we should not call these systems "sirens" because sirens don't explain what to do in case of emergency.

c. Berkeley Wildlife Safety Mailer

Discussion and direction.

Peter noted that Berkeley sent around the safety mailer to all Berkeley residents and suggested that we should see how it can be adapted to our needs.

d. Fire Plug Special Edition

Discussion of topics for special edition, e.g. Zonehaven Zones.

Johnny Valenzuela is working on a mailer that will explain Zonehaven Zones. He has developed a communication protocol for who is responsible for communicating emergency preparation. Danielle Madugo noted that there will be a National Night Out and this is an opportunity to get information out.

There was a lot of conversation about Zonehaven and what citizens need to know about Zonehaven.

e. Traffic Survey

Report on meeting with Kevin Padian and Larry Nagel, KFPD, and Rob Firmin and Gail Feldman, KPOA.

There was a long discussion about survey the KPOA would like to distribute asking Kensington residents about their preferences for parking.

f. Informational Magnets/Stickers

Update and direction.

Magnets were enthusiastically received. Johnny Valenzuela presented a proposal for a retractable banner which was also enthusiastically received.

g. Emergency Radio Page on Website

Discussion and direction.

This is a work in progress and will be reported on at the next meeting.

h. Reports from Committee Members

Discussion and direction, if needed.

Danielle Madugo reported that the principal at Hilltop Elementary School has retired so the plans for an evacuation drill have been put on hold. At this point, nobody has applied for the principal job, so there is some uncertainty as to when the school will have a principal.

5. CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. ADJOURNMENT


The next regular meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Kensington Fire Protection District may be held on August 26, 2021, at 3:00pm via Zoom Teleconference.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Larry Nagel

These minutes were approved at the Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District on August 26, 2021.

Attest:



Emergency Preparedness Committee Member