

Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition

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Minutes for Wednesday July 12, 2017

10:00 General Meeting

*Location: District 5 Fire & Medic One, at
10222 Bujacich Road NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332*

PEP-C MEETING / ATTENDEES

Barbara Milliken – New PEP-C Member

Beth Allen – PEP-C Member

Byron O’Neal – PEP-C Member

Cherie Grimes – PEP-C Member

Curt Scott – PEP-C Chair

Dave Allen – PEP-C Board Member

Don Lee – PEP-C Member, EP Fair Chair

George Milliken – New PEP-C Member

Guy Allen – PEP-C Member, Fire Chief, Dist 16

Hugh MacMillan – PEP-C Board Member

Jane Olive – PEP-C Member

Janet Shonk – PEP-C Guest, Parks Dept

Jim Braden – PEP-C Member, FICRA

Jim Goodwin – PEP-C Member

Joe Hockmuth – New PEP-C Member

John Thomson – PEP-C Member

Matt Wolman – PEP-C Member, Pierce County Health

Mike Brennan – Guest Speaker, Fred Meyer

Mike Hancock – PEP-C Member, PARET

Mike Maroney – PEP-C Board Member

Peggy Gablehouse – PEP-C Member

Ray Kittleberger - PEP-C Member, FICRA

Robert Settles – New PEP-C Member, Multicare

Steve Rees – PEP-C Member

Teri Hubbell – PEP-C Member

Thomas Smith - Burley Radio Club/ PARET

Virginia Guilford – PEP-C Secretary

Wayne Lopez – PEP-C Member

GENERAL MEETING CONVENED:

The meeting was convened by PEP-C Chair Curt Scott at 10:00 AM, and the members said the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes from previous meeting approved, seconded and accepted by all in attendance.

Treasurer’s Report for June, 2017 was read and approved.

Balance as of: 6/1/17 \$ 1,241.74

Check for DPI Printing (Business Cards) \$ 62.88

Balance on hand: 6/30/17 \$ 1,179.86

GUEST SPEAKER – MIKE BRENNAN, TRANSPORTATION MGR, PUYALLUP DISTRIBUTION CTR, FRED MEYER

Food and the distribution system that gets food to our grocery stores is something we take for granted. Mike Brennan, Transportation Manager of the Fred Meyer Puyallup Distribution Center spoke about some of the problems and challenges that would affect us in a large-scale disaster. Mike spoke about the Puyallup Distribution Center where he is Transportation Manager. This center services all of the Puget Sound area. And because this is a fairly concentrated population area, there are many, many stores here that would all need

support from their central distribution centers. For example – there are about 40-45 Fred Meyer stores, and about 80 QFC stores in the Puget Sound area that are supported by the Puyallup Distribution Center. And the center has finite resources. For example the center might have some refrigerated trucks that could be sent to a store experiencing a power outage – but if the power outage affected a whole neighborhood – or the whole region – there might not be enough refrigerated truck available – even if they could actually reach the local stores. Further, Mike let us know that modern grocery management means keeping inventory low – to reduce overhead costs and to keep food costs accessible. Even though they have a huge center with just under a million square feet, their entire supply of bottled water can be sold out in a day if the general population has a concern that a disaster may be approaching. Mike said, “ We are going to do everything we can, but we know that we are going to fall short; that we are going to fail.”

Audience members wanted to know what preparations the distribution center and the local stores were making. Mike explained that although the central distribution center has some emergency generators, the local stores usually do not have that kind of system. Mike did mention alternative transportation options they are looking into – they make use of the nearby port facilities for container ship deliveries, and they believe that some use could be made of these facilities in an emergency situation.

Other members wanted to know which items were the most popular during emergencies. Mike listed water, firewood, canned food, and milk and bread. He mentioned that the Kroger milk and bread comes from their own farms and bakeries in Clackamas, OR, so Fred Meyer might need to supply those items from closer sources if inter-state transportation was limited. Mike also noted that medication supplies would be problematic, because of distribution limits that store pharmacies have.

The PEP-C membership thanked Mike Brennan and Fred Meyer/Kroger for his informative presentation.

(Curt Scott, Chairman, has asked me to include in these minutes his understanding of Mike’s presentation, which is as follows:

*--that the Kroger/Fred Meyer distribution center supports over 100 major grocery outlets including Fred Meyer, QFC and all affiliate stores like Main and Vine,
-- that Mike’s center had very little storage, no backup power, and is primarily a pass through function,
-- which means when all surface transportation shuts down, and resupply shuts down, in a major crisis, water and firewood will be gone in 6-8 hours and all the food stocks will be gone in 24-36 hours.)*

OLD BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events
 - Aug 1 - Gig Harbor National Night Out – Lead Organizer: Byron O’Neal; Volunteers: Curt Scott, Hugh McMillan, Peggy Gablehouse. Additional volunteers are needed.
 - Aug 12 - Fox Island Fair - Lead Organizer: Abby Schofield (to be confirmed); Volunteers: Curt Scott, Jim Braden. Additional volunteers are needed.
 - Sep 30 - PEP-C Emergency Preparation Fair – all PEP-C members should plan to volunteer at the fair, and should, to the degree possible, make themselves available to help for 2-3 days before the fair, and at least 1 day after the fair.
 - Oct 7 - Key Peninsula Fire Department Farm Tour & Pancake Breakfast – Lead Organizer and Volunteers: TBD
- Upcoming Training Classes
 - None in July/August
- Reports from Committees
 - Grants Committee – Curt Scott – Curt announced that PEP-C has been awarded a \$2,000 Grant from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Fund – disbursement of these funds is awaiting final

approval pending background checks. Additionally, Don Lee announced that the EP Fair had been awarded a \$500 sponsorship from PenLight.

- Info Committee – Byron O’Neal will be the new lead for the Info Committee. Byron is creating flyers and posters advertising the EP Fair and it is expected that these will be available in time for use at the Gig Harbor Night Out on Aug 1 and the FICRA Fair on Aug 12. Other Info Team members are creating a schedule of future meetings to have available as a handout at the EP Fair, and Hugh MacMillan and Wayne Lopez made efforts to publicize PEP-C meetings and the EP Fair in local newspapers and Dave Allen is working on publicity on local radio station KGHP-FM, as well as on other radio/TV stations such as KNKX and KUPS.
- Materials Committee – Peggy Gablehouse reported that the Boys & Girls Club has agreed to act as ‘runners’ for the EP Fair. Cherie Grimes gave Curt Scott contact information for a police cadet corp that might also be able to assist at the fair. Peggy is going to be looking into purchasing fluorescent vests of some type which could be worn by people directing traffic and assisting in similar ways.
- Training Committee – Jane Olive reported that the ‘train-the-trainer’ training continues.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2017-2018 PEP-C officers were elected. Curt Scott, Chair, Dave Watson, Vice Chair, and Abby Schofield, Treasurer, were re-elected to their offices. Byron O’Neal was proposed to fill the vacant office of Secretary, and was elected.
- Curt Scott said that KING TV expressed interest in learning about preparedness efforts in the Peninsula area. Curt, Ray Kittelburger, and other PEP-C members showed the KING representatives the efforts being made by Fox Island. Curt took them for an airplane tour of the Peninsula so that they could see how isolated this area might be in the event of a disaster. Curt explained the efforts of PEP-C to increase awareness and described what PEP-C has planned for its Emergency Preparedness Fair on Sep 30. KING TV expects to air an hour-long program about preparedness efforts throughout the Puget Sound area on July 24.
- George Milliken, a new member from the Canterwood neighborhood, introduced himself. He said that Canterwood’s local magazine was planning an entire issue on preparedness, and in the process of doing research for an article for this issue, he found our PEP-C web site, and decided to attend this meeting. He plans to publicize both the PEP-C EP Fair and the PEP-C organization in the Canterwood magazine.
- Curt Scott gave a presentation he created, entitled “The Big One” promoting the PEP-C EP Fair. Curt hopes that as many PEP-C members as possible will give this presentation to groups they belong to or can arrange to address. The presentation lays out the devastation likely to occur after a large Cascadia Subduction Zone event, and encourages people to learn more about preparedness, and encourages them to attend the PEP-C EP Fair. Curt will make this presentation available to members on request.
- Parks Department Park Ranger, Jane Shonk discussed how the Parks department is considering ways that local park facilities could be used in an emergency situation. Park spaces might be used for camping or as meeting areas. The parks department wants to make sure that its resources will be available to benefit local citizens in case of a major disaster.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The adjournment was moved, seconded and agreed by all in attendance.

Next PEP-C General Meeting:

Sep 13, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

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Multiple EP Fair Planning Meetings this summer – see www.pep-c.org and PEP-C on Facebook for dates and locations.
