
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Regular Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2023, 12:00 PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall, 300 Harbor Drive

A. CALL TO ORDER

Craig Warren called to order the meeting of October 12, 2023, at 12:04pm

B. ROLL CALL

(Quorum established by at least one member present from four different categories.)

Present:

Category 2: Craig Warren, Chair, (SFD), Adam Horton, (Fire/EMS)

Category 4: Amy Zanuzoski (Sitka Counseling)

Category 5: Trish White (arrived at 12.10), LEPC Vice President

Category 6: Mary Ann Hall (Retired Medical Technologist), Joel Hanson

Absent:

Category 1: Kevin Mosher (Assembly Liaison), Crystal Duncan (Alternate Assembly Liaison)

Category 2: Shannon Freitas (SEARHC), Geraldine Laux (TSA), Robert Baty (Police Chief), Lance Ewers (SPD)

Category 3: Becky Meiers (excused), LEPC PIO (KCAW)

Category 5: Scott Wagner (excused), (NSRAA)

Category 7: Jennifer Klejka, LEPC Coordinator (SFD)

Others Present:

Karl Muench (SFD), LEPC Secretary (SFD)

C. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS (Visitors &/or New Members, if any)

D. AGENDA CHANGES

1. None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Warren moved to approve the LECP May 11, 2023, minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. None

G. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Report: None
2. Broadcast Communications Update: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Hazmat Report: None
2. Warren informed LECP Jennifer Klejka will no longer be LEPC Coordinator due to increased responsibilities within the Fire Department, and that the Fire Department has assigned a new LEPC Coordinator. The New Coordinator will join once the approval process has been completed.
3. Public Information Officer (PIO) Report: None

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oil and Hazardous Substances Emergency Operations Plan: Warren told the community that the Oil and Hazardous Substances Emergency Operations Plan is ready for publication.
2. Proposal for Sitka Community Garden: Muench informed LEPC that this item had been added to the agenda by accident and apologized for his mistake.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Volcano Eruption Emergency Operations Plan: Warren and Muench provided

LEPC with updated Initial Objectives. Warren provided an overview of what is known and gave an update on some next steps in fact finding/planning. Warren expressed his intent to invite Shilo Williams (City Sitka's Water Department Environmental Superintendent) to the next LEPC meeting. Warren discussed the potential of having the National Guard's Civil Support Team providing drinking water testing in the event of an eruption.

K. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

1. Hanson provided LEPC with an update on the Sitka Community Garden and plan to begin development next year on the Jarvis St. site.
2. Hanson told LEPC that a community member had asked him to bring up the possibility of a major cruise ship fire and the impact it would have on the community. Warren provided a point of order correcting that the Old Sitka Dock is not a City of Sitka owned dock.
3. Hall expressed concern that residents of the homeless housing, which is being developed next to the proposed community garden site would enter the garden. Hanson said they would be welcome to have a plot in the community garden.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The next LEPC meeting will be November 9, 2023, at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall

Trish White moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44pm.

Attest:

Karl Muench, LEPC Secretary