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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

Monday, March 25, 2019, 6:30 PM

Fire Station 82 Annex

1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028

Second Floor Conference Room

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Welcome

6:44 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Erin Penner Brandi D'Amore Jeff Ramberg Andrew Chadsey

Absent

Margaret Marmolejo

2. Approval of Minutes

Tabled: Tabled until next meeting

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

No public comment

4. Update from public officials

No public officials in attendance

5. Give recap of March 16th Emergency Preparedness Town Hall and discuss successes and areas for improvement

Erin said that the event was very successful and she thinks it's in huge part to partnering with HHWNC. Jeffrey and Brandi agreed that it was successful and there was a great turnout.

Andrew thinks we take the Outreach to the younger demographic but before that, we need to structure an interface and a plan to get them engaged and keep them engaged. Andrew feels the website does not attract them and keep them engaged. Brandi feels we should use a survey function and Jeffrey agrees, so we know what the younger stakeholders want to hear and discuss. Andrew feels we should have more social gatherings and not focus on one specific topic.

Stakeholder Linc Gasking said he heard about the Town Hall through his Lake Hollywood neighbors because the HOAs sent out a message to say that HUNC was having a Town Hall. Linc felt the Town Hall was really geared toward homeowners and he didn't realize Rec and Parks was in charge of shelters for pets in the event of emergency and that was great new info for him.

Andrew says we need to use social media to educate people about these issues and Jeffrey agrees that we need to do more social media "boosts". Andrew says that perhaps we put facts on our website and social media platforms about homelessness, emergency preparedness, etc. He feels that might help us get more attendees and interest in future events.

6. Update on upcoming CERT classes

Brandi asks if we can possibly do a next level of CERT training for those who already took the CERT training HUNC offers each year.

7. Presentation from Linc Gasking and possible motion to recommend supporting the testing of his new app to be piloted in the summer that will help HUNC stakeholders in the event of a natural disaster or emergency

Linc Gasking gives a presentation via his computer to show what happens in the event of a disaster. He explained that the government in his experience in New Zealand in a socialist country did not help him in a major disaster until 18 months after it ruined his home and left his family in dire need. Linc explained that now social media gives wrong information due to trolls and untrue statements on Twitter, which leads to the challenge of helping people. Linc explains that the traditional model is command and control when in a disaster and it's part of the reason why he created his app because he does not feel the approach works with LAFD, LAPD, etc.

Linc states that his app basically digitizes the Map Your Neighborhood program and lets you also report things such as a stolen package, theft from vehicle, stolen bicycles and burglary. Linc says that he wants to work with local neighborhood councils to do more "fun" events to get the community engaged and to get them to download the app to help each other. He says that it will be of no cost to neighborhood councils.

Erin asks where the funding is coming from and Linc says he raised the funding 2 years ago and while he gets funding from other sources, he's testing as a pilot in places like LA to see how the app works. Linc says he'd use LA areas as a pilot for one event and then it would be funded by other agencies and companies.

Andrew asks if we need a HAM radio and Linc says that HUNC might not need them because other local councils have them. Erin says that her goal for HUNC is to do HAM radio training at the Annex, much like the LFNC does.

Erin asks what Linc needs from HUNC as a next step and Linc says that he really just needs the items that stakeholders want help with.

Erin makes motion to recommend that we take W4GL to the next full board meeting with Linc's recommendations for items of interest for stakeholders. Brandi seconds and all approve.

Motion Made: Presentation from Linc Gasking and possible motion to recommend that the committee takes W4GL to the next full board meeting with Linc's recommendations for items of interest for stakeholders.

Motion: Erin Penner **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Andrew Chadsey Brandi D'Amore Erin Penner Jeff Ramberg

8. Presentation from Gerry Hans and possible motion to recommend supporting a CIS in regards to the new rodenticides bill, AB 1788.

Gerry Hans from Friends of Griffith Park gives his presentation in regards to AB 1788 that was introduced March 1st and is moving to committee quite quickly. Gerry says that he got involved with the statewide coalition that is driving this bill. Gerry says that the last time this legislation was introduced, it failed in 2017 and 2018, but this time it looks like it has a better chance. Gerry says he's been involved with this issue since 2012 and explains what anticoagulants do and that they travel through the food chain and kill wildlife. Gerry explains the process of animals eating anticoagulants and the poison thus traveling to other animals. He says that this legislation would limit the use of the 2nd generation of rodenticides and takes them away from the pest control companies.

Andrew asks if that is what the black bait boxes are and Gerry agrees. Gerry says that the last bill tried to get rid of the first generation rodenticides and that bill failed. He feels that passing this bill would be a huge improvement and it would take away the use of the 1st and 2nd generation use on state-owned land.

Andrew says that businesses have to go to commercial companies for pest control and Erin asks what happens with businesses if this bill passes. Gerry says that the companies will just have to change their practices but there are other concerns with different chemicals considering they may switch to neurotoxins. Gerry explains that we are going for incremental change and we really need to take this first step.

Gerry says that the concessionaires use anticoagulants such as The Autry, golf courses, and the Greek Theater.

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Jeff Ramberg **Vote:** Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Andrew Chadsey Brandi D'Amore Erin Penner Jeff Ramberg

9. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

No comments

10. Old/Ongoing Business

No old/ongoing business

11. New/Future Business

No new/future business

Adjournment at 7:54 PM

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