

MINUTES OF DISASTER COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 2009

Call to Order: Commissioner Glass called the Disaster Council Meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Flag Salute: Led by Chairman Glass

Roll Call / Motions for Excused Absence: Commissioners Glass, Galbasin and Matsuda present. (Davis arrived at 3:25 PM)

Department Representatives:	Tracy Bonano	Police Department
	Paul Vuoso	Fire Department
	Joe Huld	City Clerk's Office
	Dana Cortez	City Treasurer's Office
	Jim Sheldon	Community Development- B&S
	Carl Kaemerle	Community Services
	Jan Wierzbicki	Community Services - Library
	Sarah Wiener	Transit

Local Organizations and Community Members:	Caroline Elam	CERT / TARA / ADT
	Robin Fisher	TUSD
	E. Don Kim	TUSD
	Mike Martinet	Area G
	Judy Retter	Torrance Memorial Hospital
	KK Fitch	CERT / TARA / ADT
	Sumie Imada	New Horizons
	Chuck Galbasin	TARA
	Leilani Dagostino	Chair – Commission on Aging
	Ashley Iglesias	Torrance Resident
	E. Stieglitz	CERT
	Brian Sinaguglia	CERT
	Dale Korman	Cable TV Advisory Board
	Dorothy Hart	Hillside Homeowners Association

Comments from the Public/Staff:

None

Report on Posting of Agenda:

Moved – Glass. Second – Galbasin. All Ayes

Minutes for Approval:

A. July 22, 2009. Moved – Matsuda. Second – Galbasin. All Ayes

New Business:

A. Report on Forwarding Disaster Council Suggestions to City Council.

Bonano – Verified that suggestions from Disaster Council can be forwarded to City Council via Letter of Transmittal through City Manager or Council Item to City Council.

B. Report on Meeting of Committee to Review Commissions

Bonano – Attended Monday night Committee on Commissions meeting. The majority of comments from commissioners, public and Council members were positive in regards to keeping existing commissions in place. Possible changes could include dark meeting nights, quarterly meetings or combining commissions. The Committee will return at a later meeting with summary of findings from public input.

Matsuda – Gathered information that the Disaster Council is in jeopardy. Would like Disaster Council to remain independent, but is willing to consider combining Disaster Council with Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation committee.

Glass – Disagrees with Matsuda and thinks the Disaster Council should not be merged with another commission. The Police Department should continue to be the Disaster Council's staff.

Korman – Stated that commissions are an important part of community involvement and that the Disaster Council and Cable TV Advisory Board should remain in place.

Galbasin – Found it interesting at the meeting that people were fighting so hard to keep volunteer positions.

Old Business:

A. Update on Emergency Preparedness Pamphlets for Seniors

Galbasin – Final copy submitted today. Would like pamphlet to go on City Council Agenda. City should make copies and have distributed to libraries,

senior centers and the Commission on Aging. A copy should also be placed on the City Disaster Preparedness web page. All commissioners agreed.

B. Update on City Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Bonano – Consultant Andrew Pachon is working on finalizing the EOP format and including input from city departments regarding their response to a pandemic outbreak and essential services to provide if necessary. The plan is a few months away from completion.

9. ORALS

A. Comments from Commissioners/Staff/Public

Matsuda – Thanked everyone for work on the senior pamphlet.

Glass – Would like discussion of the PPE letter and the defibrillators placed on the next agenda.

Martinet – Daily Breeze “Are You Prepared” article to run again, NIMS training is coming soon and there has been a strong response to the disaster recovery training being offered in February, 2010.

Fisher – E. Don Kim to replace Laurie Love. TUSD may purchase masks for flu season, but doubtful. Parents will be encouraged to keep kids home if sick instead.

Galbasin – How is it handled when kids need to be picked up?

Kim – Parent(s) are called. If the parent can't arrive within the hour, a call will be made to other emergency contacts approved by the parent(s). If no one can pick up the child until the end of the day, the child is kept in the nurse's office.

Fisher – TUSD is planning on participating in the Great Shake Out by participating in a Duck, Cover and Hold drill.

Elam – Place the Great Shake Out on the next Agenda.

Vuoso – Possible plans for AED's to be placed at Libraries, PD, FD and West Annex. It's very important to have training in place too. AED's cannot be installed without training. Susan Robinson (TMMC) and Randy Peterson (TFD) are working on the project.

Glass – Asked that Deputy Chief Dumais be at the next Disaster Council meeting.

Vuoso – Will relay attendance message to Dumais.

Wierzbicki – Installing AED’s at libraries is very important and should be included on AED placement list. Henderson branch is still closed but will open in November.

Dagostino – Emphasized importance of H1N1 shots for seniors.

Fitch – Announced Block Party on August 30th and that TARA and ADT are participating.

Imada – New Horizons now has a disaster management team and they are planning a “Duck, Cover and Hold On” drill.

Korman – Invited people to attend the Cable Advisory Board meetings.

B. Announcements/Updates

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM to a meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, to be held in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California.

These August 26, 2009 minutes were approved as submitted on September 23, 2009.