



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 13, 2023, at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/99118835453> or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 991 1883 5453

Questions Call: 907-209-9207 or e-mail city.clerk@juneau.org

A. CALL TO ORDER: Co-Chairperson Warren Russell

B. ROLL CALL:

Establish Quorum: Michelle Brown confirmed quorum was present.

Welcome – Introductions - Farewells

Farewell and our deepest thanks and best wishes to Corey Padron, CCTHITA

Members Present: Wade Bryson, Scott Erickson, Travis Wolfe, Evan Price, Nathan Rumsey, Warren Russell, Ryan Sand, Karen Wood, Nicole Ferrin, Eileen Hosey, Sabrina Boone, Elaine Hickey, Jamie Bursell, Michelle Brown

Members Absent: David Campbell, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Louisa Phillips, Jennifer Pemberton, Britt Tonnessen, Loren Jones, Chris Russell, Ed Williams, Ken Murphy, Erin Walker-Tolles, Corey Padron, Tom Mattice

Others Present: Chip Wisner, Chelsea Swick, Daniel Blount, Joe Christobal, Josh Bentz, Kathy Shea, Michael Pierson, Rich Peabody, Rorie Watt

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: July 12, 2023 - Agenda was amended to add item 7 under Unfinished Business for a demonstration of the city's new emergency preparedness and response vehicle.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. July 12, 2023, Draft Minutes of the Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee unanimously approved with BRH recommended changes.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 Minutes):

Chip Wisner, FAA invited the committee to participate in the Fall Air Safety Meeting via zoom.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Elected Official Report-Wade Bryson – reported that the PW Facility is getting a new roof, glacier flooding study projects that flooding will worsen, inflation is slowing, discussed hazard mapping, working on public notification/outreach without adopting maps which would be a barrier to financing and insurance .

Emergency Programs Report – Michelle Brown reported that FEMA still has not released the Awards to fund the All Hazard Mitigation plan revision. Additional information was requested and submitted. Though the award process is behind schedule to allow getting the new plan adopted in 2023, once funding is awarded the grant allows 5 years to expend the funding. That is enough time for the initial update to be completed and adopted and a future update to be done.

JPD-Scott Erickson reported that JPD is in need of police officers and asked the committee to refer potential applicants to them.

CCFR – Travis Mead reported that they too are currently recruiting and asked committee to please refer anyone who might be interested to them.

Hospital – Evan Price reported that EPA was in town and performed Hazmat inspections at BRH.

Red Cross – Michelle Brown many volunteers out of town, some responding to a multitude of disasters, locally and down south. Helped with finding lodging for those affected by the Mendenhall River flooding, many lessons learned such as who will be in charge of volunteers. Overall, a successful response.

Haz/Mat – Nicole Ferrin advised that we are currently on another flood watch due to back-to-back storms excessive rain, existing saturated ground, and forecasted high winds. Warren Russell recommended that NWC work with the Utility Counsel in Juneau on prompt notification/outreach.

Alaska Native Tribal – Sabrina Boone reported T&H recently had Coast Guard visit and discussions on creating a drone program. There will be a CPR course at the end of September. End of September CCTHITA representatives will be visiting the State EOC and a THIRA plan is in the works. Auk Rock musical festival is happening Sept 21-23 and there are volunteer opportunities.

Healthcare System – Elaine Hickey announced an upcoming Public Health vaccination clinic to be held October 21. Likely at CZ Middle School (to be confirmed).

Right-to- Know – Ryan Sand, UAS told the committee of expensive monitoring equipment that was lost in the Mendenhall Flooding. Wade Bryson said Public Works and Facilities were meeting next week about funding for equipment and resources lost and grant requests. There may be funding to assist UAS.

Community Group – Karen Wood, Juneau Animal Rescue. They only had one animal that needed their assistance with sheltering and care after the Mendenhall flooding and they are taking care of their pet as they figure out housing.

G. NEW BUSINESS

2. **New City Hall –** PowerPoint and Presentation by City Manager Rorie Watt, theme 'Should I Vote for a New City Hall?'. He said we are at a point where a new city hall is necessary due to existing rented office space that has expiring leases that cannot be renewed and costs of maintaining the old city hall are excessive and will continue to get greater. He explained that a new City Hall would include underground parking and modern state of the art communications capabilities that would facilitate emergency community outreach. A new city hall would pay for itself over the years, by reducing current costs of doing business.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. **Airport Lessons Learned** by Andres Delgado, Airport M&O – moved to October 11 meeting
Phil Adams, Deputy Manager, JNU Airport - Alaska Room available starting in Fall 2023
4. **Drone Presentation** by Pat Dryer, DOT Moved to November 8 meeting
5. **'Clifford' Community Armored Emergency Preparedness & Response Vehicle** by Krag Campbell, JPD, moved to October 11 meeting
6. **LEPC Future Monthly Meeting Location and Time** by Michelle Brown-Survey to be sent to participants
7. **LEPC Recruitment**-Michelle Brown
We currently have no open seats.
8. **All Hazard Mitigation & Whole Community Input Planning –** Michelle Brown to begin Fall 2023. FEMA has not awarded this grant yet. This long delay in processing is delaying our projected completion date for full revision of the plan.

9. **CERT Program (Ongoing Item-Inactive)** – Juneau CERT is currently inactive. We are seeking an individual to coordinate a resurgence of the CERT program in Juneau with many partners, leadership, and a strong partnership with CCFR, JPD, and Tribal Government. Sabrina said that she would be taking the primary LEPC seat and Rhonda Butler has been asked to take the alternate seat. She supports having a CERT program in Juneau and will continue to seek tribal support of this effort.

I. ACTION ITEMS - None

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

8. 2023 Fall Air Safety Meeting

Host: Juneau Flight Standards District Office and the FFAST Team

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Time: Noon to 4 pm

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting / Online Event

Topics: Air Tours, Weather Data, Aeronautical decision Making, Accident Data, Human Factor and much more...

POC: Charles "Chip" Wisner (FAA)

907-201-6437 – charles.wisner@faa.gov

9. 2023 Great Alaska ShakeOut Earthquake Drill

Information: www.ShakeOut.org/alaska

10. **Retirement:** Michelle Brown and Tom Mattice are in a 6-month strategic planning process to replace Michelle who will be retiring end of February. Her position should hire in November/December timeframe.

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Noon to 1pm – Please attend in-person when possible.

Hybrid Meeting w/ZOOM Webinar Capabilities

Location: Nat'l Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center Joint Use Facility. Room 116

PLEASE ATTEND IN PERSON WHENEVER POSSIBLE

*Regular Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

M. ADJOURNMENT – 1:02 pm

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