Hazard Mitigation Planning Group

March 26, 2018 - 6 pm

City Hall, 1840 Second Street

Members Present:

Kelly Niles, Planning Group Leader

Gary Hudson, Citizen Member

Frank Hupp, Citizen Member

Anne Parrott, Public Health

Micah Rogers, Public Works

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

Topics:

Approval of January, 22 meeting minutes. Gary moved, 2nd by Frank. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Kelly asked if there were any updates with regard to the Prepare Fair. Anne said she had received commitments from Emergency Management, the Ham Radio Group, CERT, Red Cross, and Medical Reserve. Search and Rescue has their board meeting in April, and will seek board approval to attend. Anne is also working on a commitment from Midway Veterinary to attend, but has not heard back. She plans to give Dr. Gold a call. It was asked if the large tent had been secured. Kelly asked Micah to check in with Chief Mike on the tent. The group also talked about having adequate numbers of tables and chairs for the fair. Micah said that Chief Mike had secured the tables and chairs from the CRF&R training facility for the previous prepare fair, and that there was additional tables and chairs remaining when Public Works had picked them up. Kelly also suggested asking the various groups involved to bring a table if they had one. Kelly asked if there was anything further concerning the Prepare Fair. Anne spoke of a new member to the Citizen Core that the group might consider asking to attend. Anne said the "Posse" is a horse mounted search and rescue group that had recently been brought back. Kelly asked what the merits that the Posse would bring to the table in regards to the prepare fair. After discussion Kelly said he would be in favor of Anne talking with them about attending the fair in some form.

There was general discussion with the review of the Columba City Hazard Mitigation Plan. Kelly talked about using titles as opposed to names in the plan for ease of use. He said that during an event several people could occupy one position, so using titles instead of names cuts down on confusion. After beginning to review the first twenty pages of the plan, the group stopped and talked about using the "Track Change" option in Microsoft Word for the review process. Everything would be kept in an electronic version which each group member could then forward to Chief Mike. This would save the member taking notes from having to track everyone's comments on the plan review. The guy taking notes was very grateful for this idea. Kelly said that the group should send their comments on the first twenty pages and review the next ten pages before the April 23rd meeting. The group could then discuss

concerns or questions at the meeting. Anne said she would not be able to attend the April 23rd meeting as she would be at an infectious disease conference in eastern Oregon that week.

Further plan review comments:

Anne: Page C-1 has year 20014 instead of 2014. Section in gray box shows a source used as the 2008 FEMA plan. Check for updated FEMA plan. Making sure plan are up to date to ensure qualification for FEMA funding and reimbursement.

C-23-29, Table C-11. Anne wondered about who should review this section, as it contained specialized areas and fields. Kelly suggested that members of the group review the portion which fell under their area of expertise. The group agreed.

Frank: Highlighted several dates and names that will need to be updated. The county Debris Management Plan was inadequate to receive FEMA funding following the flooding in Vernonia. Importance of having complete and updated plan.

Other Business:

Kelly expressed his concern that it took 15 minutes for Dyno-Nobel to contact 911 following their last release. He said under the right conditions a release could reach Columbia City before that call was made. The group discussed the City's relationship with Dyno-Nobel, and the need for good, working, and open channels of communication between all groups involved. Kelly told Micah that it is the group's intention to contact Dyno-Nobel, and try to get them to attend the Haz Mit meetings as they used to do.

With nothing more to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.