

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



Hazard Mitigation Planning Group Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 1840 Second Street Columbia City, Oregon 97018

Citizen Members (voting members):

Gary Hudson, Citizen Member (Chairman)
Chip Dryden, Citizen Member (Vice Chairman)
Margie Korpella, Citizen Member (Secretary)
Jazzmin Love, Citizen Member (Member at large)
Connie Quick, Citizen Member
Frank Hupp, Citizen Member

City Staff Members:

Jerry Bartolomucci, Chief of Police
Micah Rogers, Columbia City Public Works

Other Members:

Josh Allen, EPA
Corey Padron, Director of Columbia County EOC
Eric Smythe, Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Cindy Turula, GIS Specialist

Attendees

Gary Hudson
Jerry Bartolomucci
Chip Dryden
Margie Korpella
Frank Hupp
Jazzmin Love
Corey Padron

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- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Gary Hudson.
- Corey Padron, new Director of Columbia County Emergency Management attended meeting.
 - Corey offered support with getting a SHARES license and equipment for Columbia City to have radio communication in event of a phone network shutdown.
 - Will partner with City of Columbia to provide CERT training support, funding, equipment, and grant application support for our community
 - Emergency Operation base plan adopted.
- Summer Community Fair coming August 10. Continued brainstorming of ideas for fair activities.
 - Planning for sheltering in place, what to keep in your car, self-rescue strategies
 - Two or three 10-minute demonstrations. Need to keep simple.
 - Games/activities with token prizes to engage participants – county offered prizes such as remote EOC, radios, 1st aid stations
 - Do you know who your neighbors are? How to get people familiar with their neighbors. Perhaps hand out a scavenger hunt type activity they could later turn in for a prize. Map your neighborhood tool was suggested. <https://mil.wa.gov/map-your-neighborhood> However, this program was discontinued in 2021, to be replaced by “Be 2 Weeks Ready” currently being developed by partners in Washington and Oregon. The program will be readily accessible for all to use and will be scalable for use by families, neighborhoods and communities.
 - Are you familiar with the Columbia City newsletter?
 - Post an events board to advertise when activities are occurring. Perhaps have Dohi radio station announce at event when things are happening.
- Full scale Hazard Material exercise will be happening this spring in Columbia County
- Oregon Preparedness Workshop
- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 6pm
 - Discuss which demonstrations/activities to do and what times
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.