



The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River

Hazard Mitigation Planning Group
 Meeting Minutes – **August 28, 2024** - 6:00 p.m.
 City Hall, 1840 Second Street
 Columbia City, Oregon 97018

<p>Citizen Members</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Hudson (Chairman)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chip Dryden (Vice Chairman)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jazzmin Love (Secretary)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Connie Quick (City Council Rep)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Frank Hupp (Member at Large)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Margie Korpella (Member at Large)</p>	<p>City Staff Members</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Bartolomucci, Chief of Police</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Micah Rogers, Columbia City Public Works</p> <hr/> <p>Columbia County Members</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Josh Allen, Environmental Public Health</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corey Padron, Emergency Management</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eric Smythe, Columbia River Fire & Rescue</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Turula, GIS Specialist</p>
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(Meeting Attendees)

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- Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chip Dryden.
- July meeting minutes were approved.
- August 10 Summer Community Prepared Fair Debrief.
 - Attendance appeared less than in past years. Not as many Columbia City residents.
 - Prepared Fair participants included: County Sheriff, St Helen’s police, CC police, County CERT, port of St Helen’s, Search and Rescue.
 - Would like more groups to come next year such as Dispatch, Forestry, CC Fire & Rescue. Will begin planning earlier in order to get on folks’ calendars. First prep meeting in February.
 - combined Will request groups to do demonstrations such as Fire Department demonstrating how to use fire extinguisher. Perhaps allow participants to practice with expired extinguishers.
- Discussion about Columbia City Fire station proposal. Not an active city discussion anymore. A combined Fire, NEOC, and Library would have likely gained more traction.
- State Land security grant available. EOC improvements were requested. Corey would like some of these funds to go towards a CC project or towards purchasing emergency-related equipment that we need. After approval, have two years to spend. Homeland Security grant offered annually. The average award is around \$100K with the requirement that purpose be to prepare for, mitigate, or respond to terrorism related situations.
 - Usage ideas: dedicated Laptops/tablets for First responder communication.

Helping train and prepare community about shelter in place. Provide residents with roles of duct tape, thick plastic and a hand crank radio. Show them what to do with them.

- Chip has three Evacuation plans in process addressing fire, flood, elephant in the room, train emergencies. Mass care sheltering plan has been completed. Will be added into the EOP
- Know your neighbors program discussion
 - Jazzmin to connect with Connie to learn more about logistics of how community events held in upper Columbia City was coordinated and facilitated.
 - Would like to have phone and email of residents and an emergency contact, in case an emergency situation occurs at their property, and they are not home. Ideas for collecting emergency contacts: Door hangers, request in newsletter, 10-20 people to walk around and knock. Have new residents provide an emergency contact when they set up their water service. Jerry has brought this idea to city staff.
 - Corey has access to Get to know your neighbor's information, binders and booklets. He can help us access a map of the city and who homeowners are. GIS offers this online but not sure to what level of detail. Corey has access to a map printer.
 - Committee to continue thinking about approaches, purpose and scope. Include Helen and Kim in the planning.
- Next Meeting Wednesday, Oct 30, 6pm. Meeting focus – Get to know your neighbors.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.