



## Citizen Corps Meeting Minutes July 17, 2019

### Opening Ceremonies

#### **Citizen Corps Mission Statement:**

The Orange County Citizen Corps empowers every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make Orange County, Florida a safer, stronger, and better prepared community that is resilient to all threats from terrorism, crime, and public health concerns.

#### **2019 Goals**

1. Invite more community Partners and Stakeholders to the Citizen Corps meeting.
2. Engage more with District Commissioners for community events.
3. Have 1 to 2 School Based County Wide events.

#### **Attendees:**

Carmen Torres, Chair, District 5 Representative	Tom Stroup, District 1 Representative
John Drago, District 2 Representative	Judith Fletcher, District 6 Representative
Andre Perez, District 3 Representative	Carlos Durden, Emergency Management
Albert Hanks, Mayor's Representative	

This meeting was called to order at 9:54 a.m. by Chair Carman Torres. The Mission statement was read by Chair Torres and all in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

All attendees read over the meeting minutes from June 19, 2019; quorum was met. Mr. Drago moved that the May minutes be approved. This movement was seconded by Mr. Perez, and was accepted by the Council.

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## **Current Business**

### **New Member Update**

Mr. Durden provided an update to the council on the Mayor's final position to be filled. As of 17 July 2019, the position is still vacant. Mr. Stroup provided a brief introduction about himself to the new council members.

### **Faith Based Breakfast**

The annual Faith Based Breakfast will be held August 21<sup>st</sup> from 0900 to 1100. This year's theme will be "Disasters Happen", Support-Assist-Promote. Everything is in place and ready to go. Mr. Stroup is going to reach out to Stanley Murray about getting his picture and bio for the event. Members were reminded to wear either their Blue or White Citizen Corps shirt to the breakfast. Mrs. Torres confirmed that Father Jose Rodriguez will do the blessing of the food. Council members are to be in place by 08:30 on the day of the event.

### **Vice-Chair Elections**

Mrs. Torres brought up the idea that elections should be held in September when all members were present. Mr. Drago made a motion that elections be moved until September and Mr. Stroup second the motion.

### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

Mrs. Chavez talked about the history of CERT. She mentioned, as a volunteer CERT member, you will learn life-saving skills for major emergencies including hurricanes, floods and fires. You will also learn about fire suppression & injury care for everyday situations. As a CERT graduate, your skills will be valuable to you, your family and your community in the event of a major disaster. CERT members assist in their neighborhoods and also play an important community safety role, as well as support professional emergency first responders in the event of an emergency. This is a free program Orange County offers to residents.

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### **Announcements**

#### **District Comments:**

*District 5*, Mrs. Torres briefed the council on events in her district. District 5, Commissioner Bonilla is having her annual Back to School and Wellness Fair on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the Bithlo Community Center.

Chair Torres gave an update on the CRC official meetings and subcommittees that have been assigned by Chair Evans of the Charter Review Commission.

Chair Evans has assigned two subcommittees thus far:

Number and Composition of County Commission Districts committee will meet on Wednesday, July 24 at the Orange County Administration Center located at 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, 4th Floor Martha O. Haynie Conference Room beginning at 2:15 pm.

Rights of the Wekiva River and Econlockhatchee River committee will meet on Thursday, July 25 at the Orange County Administration Center located at 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, 4th Floor Martha O. Haynie Conference Room beginning at 3:45 pm.

The next official District meeting will take place on August 7th at the Dr. Phillips High School at 6pm.

*District 6*, Ms. Fletcher briefed that District 6, Commissioner Victoria Siplin will have her annual Back to School giveaway at Barnett Park July 27, 2019 and another Back to School event August 10, 2019 at the Holden Heights Community Center.

#### **Public Comments:**

None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:44 am.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2019

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