



Citizen Corps Meeting Minutes November 20, 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	Joe Lopez, District 4 Representative
Andre Perez, District 3 Representative	Carlos Durden, Emergency Management
Albert Hanks, Mayor's Representative	Dennis Freytes, Mayor's Representative

This meeting was called to order at 9:41 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 October 16, 2019; quorum was met. Mr. Drago moved that the October minutes be approved. This movement was seconded by Mr. Perez, and was accepted by the Council.

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Current Business

Vice-Chair Elections

Mrs. Torres mentioned that voted for the Vice was placed on hold for too long and that we had to make a decision for the Vice-chair position. Mrs. Torres nominated Mr. Drago for Vice and Mr. Perez seconded the motioned. Mr. Drago accepted the positon and the council members present voted in favor.

December Holiday Breakfast

Several Council members expressed that they will not be at the December meeting. Mr. Hanks suggested we move the breakfast until January and Mr. Freytes seconded the motion. Mr. Perez suggested that the Orange County Firefighter Association take care of all the breakfast arrangements. All present council members voted in favor.

2020 Meeting Ideas

Mr. Durden threw out some idea to the council about plans for the 2020 year. Mr. Lopez suggested that one month the council meet have their meeting at Walt Disney World EOC. This would show the council a different perspective of emergency operations. Mrs. Torres said we should have a meeting one month at the Orlando EOC. Mr. Freytes mention that the council should be more involved in exercises in the community. Mr. Freytes also suggested we have a calendar with all the COPS, CERT, MRC, and neighborhood watch class dates.

Emergency Management News

Mr. Durden provided the council with a weather update for tropical storm Sebastien. He also provided an update on emergency management issues.

Announcements

District Comments:

District 5, Mrs. Torres briefed that District Commissioner Bonilla will host a Thanksgiving dinner November 26, 2019 at the Bithlo Community Center.

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District 2, Mr. Drago briefed the council that District 2 Commissioner Moore had her final meeting on the septic tank requirements. About 400 residents attended.

Mayors Representative, Mr. Freytes talked about the Orlando Fire Department is having a change of command December 2, 2019 at the Dr. Phillips performance center.

Public Comments:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 am.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2019

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