



Citizen Corps Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021

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, District 5 Representative	Roselyn Clouden, District 6 Representative
Kenneth Dwyer, District 2 Representative	Dennis Freytes, Mayor's Representative
Andre Perez, District 3 Representative	Carlos Durden, Emergency Management

9:37 am/19 May 2021 Mrs. Carmen Torres called the meeting to order followed by reading of the mission statement and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (5 person Quorum Met)

All attendees read over the meeting minutes from April 21, 2021

- Motion to approve the minutes by Kenneth Dwyer
- Second the motion to approve the minutes by Andres Perez

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Current Business

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Durden provided a COVID-19 PowerPoint update on what the County has accomplished since the start of COVID-19. Shared were vaccine locations and statistical data reflecting statewide and county vaccination counts of the overall population. Additionally, the committee was provided information on the latest known vaccine sites that included the Orlando Hub at Valencia College and mobile missions at different churches, community centers, the Orange County Library – South Trail, and inside communities where citizens live.

2021 Goals

Mrs. Carmen Torres explained that in previous years the council was heavily involved with the annual Hurricane Expo, Faith Based Breakfast, Governor’s Hurricane Conference and Commissioners events. Mrs. Torres explained that because of the pandemic, the goals were not followed, but things will get back on track when the pandemic is over. Mrs. Torres explained that the council is volunteers and gets direction from Emergency Management. Mrs. Torres also wants to vote in a vice-chair when everyone is present during the meetings.

Mr. Freytes re-stated the mission statement and asked where is it written that the Citizen Corps Council is under or facilitated by the Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

Mr. Dwyer mention that one of his groups had collaborated with Home Depot in the past to help the community with supplies.

Mr. Freytes mentioned having a calendar to track all the events and that we should invite or have guests at the meetings i.e. the Salvation Army, Red Cross, the Mayor, etc. Mrs. Torres suggested that all members of the board is present before we vote on any changes. Mrs. Torres also suggested we have all the material present before we move forward. Mr. Freytes stated that under the “Roberts Rule”, he could not be interrupted while he is speaking. He said, “The mission statement was written by the Mayor and the County Commissioners”. Mr. Freytes also mentioned that we should not have a Faith Based Breakfast because we are not a Faith Based organization.

Mrs. Clouden asked about time limits during meetings. She mentioned that individuals should make a statement, and then the council responds.

- Motion to table the 2021 goals by Kenneth Dwyer
- Second the motion to table the 2021 goals by Roselyn Clouden

All were in favor.

Hurricane discussion

Mr. Durden briefly talked about the 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season. He mentioned that during the next meeting, he would provide a hurricane update for the upcoming year. He also stated that he would be on vacation during the June 16th meeting.

- Motion to the cancel the June meeting by Kenneth Dwyer
- Second the motion to cancel the June meeting by Roselyn Clouden

All were in favor.

General Discussion

- Mr. Dennis Freytes discussed with the committee to change the Citizen Corps meeting time from 9:30 am to later in the morning (11:30 am) or afternoon (around 3:00pm) to create flexibility for members.
- Mrs. Clouden talked about a parade in District 6 for December and wanted to hand out preparedness material during the event.
- Mr. Freytes wants the terms of the rules for the chair and vice-chair.

Announcements

District Comments:

None

Public Comments:

None

Meeting Adjourned 10:52 am.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kenneth Dwyer
- Second the motion to adjourn the meeting by Andres Perez

All were in favor.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2021

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