



Citizen Corps Meeting Minutes November 18, 2020

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
Kenneth Dwyer, District 2 Representative	Judith Fletcher, District 6 Representative
Dennis Freytes, Mayor’s Representative	Carlos Durden, Emergency Management
Derek Carlins, Emergency Management	Elizabeth Hamlett, Medical Reserve Corps

Chair Carman Torres called this meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. Chair Torres read the Mission statement 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 January 15, 2020; quorum was met. Mr. Freytes moved that the January minutes be approved. This movement was second by Mrs. Fletcher, and was accepted by the Council.



Current Business

New Member Update

Mr. Kenneth Dwyer introduced himself to the Council. District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore recently appointed him. Everyone present at the meeting introduced himself or herself.

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Durden provided a COVID-19 PowerPoint update on what the County has accomplished since the start of COVID-19. He shared the Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) that the County has distributed to the residents of Orange County. The COVID Worldwide, United States, Florida, and County numbers were discussed during the meeting.

Hurricane Update

Mr. Durden briefed on the 2020 hurricane season and its weather pattern. Hurricane development regions by month was shared along with the wind swath for Hurricane Dorian, Irma, and Mathew. The presentation ended by talking about the Sea Surface Temperature, El Nino, and Tropical Cyclone names.

December meeting

Chair Torres made a motion to cancel the December meeting and start fresh in 2021. This movement was second by Mr. Stroup, and was accepted by the Council.

Announcements

District Comments:

District 1, Mr. Stroup mentioned that he does not know if he is going to be assigned to the Council next year when Commissioner VanderLey is replaced.

District 6, Mrs. Fletcher said the District 6 Thanksgiving giveaway is November 21st from 10-1PM at the Holden Heights Community Center.



Mayor Representative, Mr. Freytes talked about several issues during the meeting. Would like to have the County approve some type of virtual platform for the Citizen Corps meeting for those who cannot attend in person via Zoom, Skype, What's App, etc.... He also mentioned that the Council was not doing their role during the Pandemic. Mr. Freytes discussed his concern with the CDC and the use of N95 and N99 masks based on particle size.

Public Comments:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:44 am.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2021

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