

MINUTES
SURFSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Emergency Management Committee Meeting
October 28, 2014

Emergency Management Committee Members Present: Clyde Zaidins, John Williams, Ann Thoreson, and Amy Becke

Visitors attending: Frank Wolfe, Pacific County Commissioner District 2 and Thomas Palmer

Chairman Zaidins opened the meeting at about 1:00 PM PST. All voted to approve minutes for previous month's meeting.

Old Business

Shoreline Master Program Update: A broad discussion on tsunami and flooding threats was held in relation to dune modifications at Surfside. Frank Wolfe shared his understanding of the relative risks and all agreed that storm flooding is the threat most likely to occur. It was also noted that climate change and increasing occurrence of abnormal storms can undermine any threat assumptions. Frank noted that our area hasn't really experienced a major event from a remotely generated tsunami and that would have hours of notice in the event of a distantly generated tsunami. He believes that in the event of a remotely generated tsunami, we could get off the peninsula in an orderly manner in plenty of time. He mentioned that there is a one in eight chance that a local tsunami would occur in the next 50 years.

Frank noted that the State is spending money on inundation maps. Amy and John discussed the Committee's efforts to improve tsunami readiness in Surfside and our concerns about egregious dune cuts and paths in our community.

Frank advised the Committee to consider what it wants done and how it will be funded. The Department of Community Development (DCD) is limited in what it can do due to ongoing budget constraints. He noted that SMP violators could be fined \$1050 per violation and then re-fined 30 days later if they don't restore the modified dune. Ann asked why fines can't be used to pay for enforcement and compliance. When asked about grandfathered statuses, Frank noted it only applies to the condition that existed at the time of the granting of that status. It doesn't cover any subsequent expansion of that condition.

Frank suggested our Committee might benefit from reaching out to DCD, specifically with Tim Krose and/or Faith Taylor, about our concerns about possible illegal dune modifications. A good start would be to draft a letter outlining our concerns and highlighting a single case of non-permitted and dangerous dune modification. He also advised that we are entitled to view permits at the County offices as they are public records and should be accessible. A review of permits will provide greater insight to the policies that have actually been in effect concerning dune modifications. Based on this research, the Committee may be able to develop and propose recommendations for policy changes. We discussed the practice of a former DCD employee to allow dune path cutting based on an unwritten policy, with no oversight or permitting.

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Tsunami Evacuation Mapping Effort: Amy reported that the latest evacuation map mark ups were submitted to Mark Scott. The Committee will await his next revision.

New business: Ann suggests that we should look for a high ground Surfside property in foreclosure for the purpose of establishing an evacuation center. Ann asks that the Committee open a dialogue with the Golf Course operator about the tsunami temporary assembly area. *(Note: Post-meeting research reveals that a parcel owned by Surfside is adjacent to the tsunami evacuation and temporary assembly area (golf course and time share parking lot). The address is: 31712 J Place. Also, the parking lot and the golf course are tax exempt properties owned by Washington State Department of Parks and Recreation.)*

The meeting closed at 2:45 pm PST. **The next meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2014 at 1:00 pm PST.**

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October 2014 Surfside Amateur Radio Emergency Management Hours

John Williams noted that in the event of a winter storm, the emergency ham radio operations effort might have to be relocated to higher ground, maybe even to John's house. Thomas Palmer suggested that this might be considered for the next radio field day.

There was a cumulative total of 14 hours of activity by Radio Committee members. See chart below:

DATE	Surfside Amateur Radio Event Participation (Hours/Distance)												
		John Williams hours	John Williams Distance	Martin Halvorsen hours	Martin Halvorsen distance	Clyde Zaidins hours	Clyde Zaidins distance	Thomas Palmer hours	Thomas Palmer distance	Stephanie Fritts hours	Stephanie Fritts distance	Les Wells hours	Les Wells distance
10/12/2014	District 3 CALL-IN	0.5	0									0.5	0
10/13/2014	Clatsop County call-in	0.5	0										
10/14/2014	Work on TNC, Yaesu	2	0	2	4								
10/16/2014	Quake Simulation	0.5	2	0.5	2								
10/24/2014	Preparation of Agenda for SHOA EMC				1.5	0							
10/28/2014	SHOA EMC meeting	2	6		2	4	2	6					
	totals:	5.5	8	2.5	6	3.5	4	2	6			0.5	0