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SURFSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Emergency Management Committee Meeting  
October 08, 2013

Emergency Management Committee Members Present: Martin Halvorsen, Amy Becke, Ann Thoreson, James Clancy, Georgia Mourikis, Stephanie Fritts

Chairman Martin opened the meeting at 1:05 PM PST.

**New Business**

**CERT Training and Exercise:** Martin Halvorsen thanked committee members who supported and participated in the recent CERT training at Surfside. Four committee members (Halvorsen, Clancy, Becke, Zaidins) completed the training and three (Williams, Thoreson, and Fritts) supported the CERT training exercise on October 5, 2013. John Williams was a “walking wounded” victim and practiced using the Surfside ham radio to support the exercise.

**Power Outage:** Martin Halvorsen brought up the October 3, 2013 power outage. He noted that he visited the SHOA business offices during the outage and noticed there was no internet access available. Discussions ensued about the relative advantages of satellite internet and TV service and whether or not the present SHOA phone/internet is sufficient to support communications and information needs during power outages or in emergencies. Ann Thoreson opined that availability of news information during a crisis would support community members and reduce stress levels. Georgia Mourikis questioned how many families are likely to actually avail themselves of the SHOA “warming space” in any given emergency and was told there are maybe 325 families residing fulltime at Surfside. Amy Becke questioned if provision of a television viewing station was more of Community Relations Committee function.

**Old Business**

**Emergency Manual Special Meeting:** Martin Halvorsen asked Stephanie Fritts to report to the Committee about the special meeting she organized and chaired on October 4, 2013 to jump start progress on the Emergency Manual. Stephanie shared feedback from participants (Sheldon, Williams, Thoreson, and Becke) most notably focusing on their input to a Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis data gathering matrix.

Based on the participants’ input, seven categories of incidents rose to the top of the list of hazards (*earthquake; tidal wave; electrical failure; windstorm; wildfire; water failure; and communications failure*) likely to affect Surfside. These seven types of hazards are deemed most likely to justify activation of emergency procedures in Surfside. Amy Becke moved that the Committee accept these seven hazard categories as a starting point for continuing development of an emergency manual and the basis for activating Committees’ support at the SHOA facility. Stephanie graciously volunteered

**Backup Infrastructure Support:** Martin Halvorsen brought up the subject of infrastructure gaps if the SHOA facility was not available due to flooding or other reasons. There was prior discussion that the Committee should consider back up resources at that designated high ground/tsunami safe zone by the golf course. Much discussion ensued about the likelihood that

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space would be made available by the hotel or the golf course operators. Stephanie is researching the possibilities of getting support from the Washington State Parks system (they own the golf course lands). Martin noted that while we have a spare radio tower, the community might be better supported with a mobile ham radio station and presented conceptual drawings he prepared of a station in a towable trailer. Martin also talked about a possible future Committee initiative to educate Surfside residents about 72-hour emergency kits and also mentioned the possibility of selling these kits to fund a mobile radio trailer. Georgia asked if there are financing options for our emergency initiatives from the State such as grants. Amy volunteered to research this subject.

Amy Becke mentioned that we should consider exploring possibilities to pre-position emergency supplies in the golf course safe zone area. She noted that it is highly unlikely that evacuees would be able to transport sufficient (or any) emergency supplies in the event of an actual tsunami or other event. She noted that the town of Cannon Beach has made provisions for residents to store emergency supplies in barrels that are placed in safe zones. She also noted that the town of Seaside commissioned a study about this and other types of initiatives to support tsunami evacuees. She volunteered to research this kind of initiative with the aim of finding precedents that might apply to Surfside.

Amy Becke and Martin Halvorsen told the group about Mark Scott's (new CERT member) Surfside mapping initiatives. Mark has a great deal of expertise and knowledge about tsunami inundation zones due to his consulting work for Cannon Beach. He has developed photo maps that clearly depict likely inundation and high ground safe areas in Surfside. In the interest of pursuing efforts to develop educational and informational material specific to Surfside tsunami concerns, Amy volunteered to invite Mark to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm PST.

**The next meeting will be held in the SHOA conference room on November 12, 2013 at 1:00 pm PST.**