

**Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Emergency Preparedness Committee
followed by Sunnyside NET
Meetings June 17, 2013**

Minutes

Present: Lee Greer, Jacob Worek, Stephanie Mathews, Margaret Eickmann, Ann Gaffke (Richmond NET), Greg Lamb. For NET meeting also: Anthea Fallen- Bailey, Elena Balduzzi, Laurie Kovack.

Ann Gaffke told us about **Richmond's series of preparedness workshops**. The first one had attendance around 60. Next one is on Sunday 6/23 from 1:00-4:30 at Echo Theater. Also Wednesday 7/10 and Thursday 7/25, both 6:30-8:45 PM both at church at 33rd and Woodward.

Street Fairs: Sunnyside groups are not inclined to have a booth at the Hawthorne fair, which is Sunday August 18. Jake will follow up about getting a booth at the Belmont fair on Saturday 9/14. He will request a free booth under the auspices of the SNA EP Committee. Another possibility is combining NET and EP with the SNA, which may have a table. Contact is Josh Palmer at SNA (re booth sharing, not re free booth).

Ham radio update by Greg Lamb: Issue 1: how do ham operators assigned to fire station orange boxes get into the stations in the absence of fire crews? Recommendation is for team to establish relationship with FMA 9, develop trust, and see if they will share the code.

Issue 2: How can NETs who are ham operators engage in volunteer opportunities if they don't own equipment? Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) has some loaner radios; could ask to borrow them for specific event/activity.

Issue 3: What is the position of ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) in disaster preparedness? ARES is looking for volunteers primarily committed to ARES (even though they may be NET members), who will be assigned to specific agencies/sites in a disaster. Other NET hams will be committed to NET, and could be assigned to FMA/BEECN radios.

Plan: Jacob will set up a meeting with Ed and Mac (of Laurelhurst NET) and the FMA staff.

Emergency equipment/supplies storage. Jake hasn't been able to establish contact with Ryan at Mars Hill Church to follow up on possibility of using their garage. We will pursue other options. Mennonite Church? SEUL? SEUL may have indoor storage (basement?) or possibly space in the parking lot. Outdoor, away from buildings is

preferable for accessibility and safety. If we could get indoor space we could start gathering supplies and move them outdoors when we get something to put them in. We agreed a contractor's box (gang box) would be good. Jake will look for one on Craig's list and will buy and donate one if he finds one. We could ask SNA for money to put it on wheels, buy locks, etc. Lee will check with SEUL to see about storage space there.

Announcement: June 28 and 29 Mass Casualty training. NETs have received e-mails about it.

Sunnyside NET response plan: We need to develop one, including communication plans, probably a phone tree and contingency plans for self-deployment if phones are down. There is a Red Cross app which might be used for contacts by phone. Hams may help if phones are down. We may use a colored card in the window, so NETs living closeby can check on each other, e.g. Red: NET or family not OK, need assist; Yellow: NET, family are OK/coping but NET can't deploy yet due to other demands on time. Green: NET has deployed.

GIS project: Anthea has added URM (unreinforced masonry) collapse zone buffers to the map, which now shows that Belmont may be largely impassible after a big quake. Also the downtown fire station may be surrounded by collapsed URMs so their trucks can't deploy.

Anthea is setting the Sunnyside NET map/database up in Quantum GIS which is free open source software and she will then do training for NET so we can do the upkeep.

Information: Many different types of solar chargers are available at solar-styles.com

NEXT MEETING: Monday August 12, 10:00 EP, 10:30 NET. Fred Meyer, Hawthorne and C Chavez, 1st floor eating area. NOTE NEW LOCATION. No July meeting.