

CITY OF WOODINVILLE
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
Special Meeting

Wednesday
April 28, 2010

5:45 p.m.
Emergency Services Coordinating Agency

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by Vice Chair Nancy Montgomery.

2. IN ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Vice Chair Nancy Montgomery, Commissioners Lillie Clinton, Rick Chatterton, Johanna Berkey, Mace Brady.

ABSENT: Chair Peter Tountas, Commissioners Mace Brady, Al Taylor, Janine Brown, and Dominic Marzano.

Also present were Assistant to the City Manager Alexandra Miller, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Linda Fava, and Management Analyst Zach Schmitz.

3. BUSINESS ITEM

The Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC) members boarded a van for a trip to the Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA), to tour their facilities in Brier, Washington. The City of Woodinville has a contractual agreement with ESCA to provide oversight of emergency management services. Upon arriving at their headquarters, the Commissioners were met by Dan Goode, CEM Manager, and Jamie Gravelle, Coordinator. Jamie spoke of the Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor program, which bears some similarities to the Map Your Neighborhood program with which the City is familiar.

She also mentioned that ESCA provides opportunities for the CERT trainees to take further classes, quarterly at their location, to maintain familiarity with the program and continue their value to the program. ESCA will tap this pool of volunteers when certain emergency situations warrant this pool of resources. Such a class is currently scheduled, and Commission members were directed to the Agency's website for registration.

Those Commissioners in attendance were introduced to the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) volunteers, otherwise known as HAM operators, and had an opportunity to see the portion of the facility that was dedicated to their work. With 75 operators available for assignment, these individuals meet weekly and monthly to test equipment and ensure that it is in working order. They also conduct occasional exercises to maintain an understanding of how response will be necessary in the event of an emergency.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Clinton and a second by Commissioner Brady.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fava
Staff Liaison