

ELEC Meeting Minutes May 25 5PM

The attendees were Forrest Gist, Larry Rosenblum and Bob Garsha

We briefly discussed the communication with the board regarding mask mandates, community room usage and the use of the Plaza. It was mentioned at the weekly Covid forums the adjacent Pearl District buildings have not amended the building protocols for wearing masks. We thought there was a lack of clarity around the use of the Plaza and community room. Is it tabled until July HOA Meeting or is further discussion needed sooner? On May 27 Multnomah County is officially going into the low-risk category as 65% of the adult population has at least had one vaccination. Should this fact allow the Plaza to be opened up? While masking in the community room would still be required, can the current rules be relaxed regarding the number or relationship of people in the community room? We decided the caution the Board is taking is slow but appropriate, but we ask the board to explicitly decide on the use of these areas. We further acknowledge that the board may want to delay the reopening of the plaza until the work on the building is completed

It has come to our attention that a number of the buildings in the north end of the Pearl have gotten together to form an FRS radio network in the event of disturbances or other events that could become high alert items-making communication paramount. It was decided we will reach out to E Prep leaders in the nearby buildings to explore this avenue. Several members expressed frustration with CMI's lack of movement toward developing a mass text alert. The system of placing notices around the building in an emergency is less than ideal because it potentially puts the persons posting the notices at risk. We proposed exploring a commercial mass text service maintained by either ELEC or CMI and asking either CMI or the board to fund it. It is believed such a system would cost about \$200/year.

It was mentioned that the PDNA wants to set up a SLACK network for all e-prep communities around the Pearl. This network is intended to share information, expertise, documents and should speed updating of the building's emergency plan.

Aquabricks –we still don't have them -they are already a month late. It seems we are victim of buying collectively as one building's payment has not been received by the vendor and Larry speculated the check was lost in the mail. This should resolve soon. It was mentioned that the cost savings by buying collectively far outweighs this delay as we have saved well over \$2,000

Emailing ELEC strategies to cope with an Emergency - we are setting 6/15 for our first email. We will start with the guidelines for establishing your own emergency preparedness kit. We will then sequence each month what we feel is the next important step to gaining a comprehensive step by step awareness of what to have and what to do. Copies of these 1 page flyers should also be posted on the Elizabeth Lofts web site.

The Elizabeth Website needs some changes. While the web site is not well visited, most people use the Community tab and everyone agreed it would be better to place the emergency prep information there. A new or more expansive title might be appropriate. Especially for new residents ELEC is buried under the Information tab and EQ is under the Community tab. We can add a new item or 2 to the drop down list. For example, the Hospitality Committee has plans to post introductions of new residents and post other information useful to new residents. It was agreed to ask the board for permission to revise the web site and to pay for any expense in making the redesign.

Finally, we reviewed the status of the table top exercise we did on our whiteboard. We find this to be a useful tool to identify, update and expand documents to deal with a variety of emergencies. The SLACK network may help us understand infrastructure systems. It has been pointed out that the network of ELEC volunteers is woefully incomplete and ultimately we will have to rely on people stepping up in an emergency. That is why having as complete as possible a set of documentation on what and how to respond is vital. An example of that is Bob Steele's excellent work developing extremely detailed plans of the building's infrastructure.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 PM