

ELEC Minutes for August 2, 2021

Bob Garsha, Forrest Gist and Larry Rosenblum meet at 4:30PM in the community room on August 2, 2021.

Larry Rosenblum noted that the Aquabrick sale was completed. He stated that it was more work than it was worth and he doubted he would participate in future sales lead by the PDNA.

48 forms were completed for the text alert system encompassing about 70 residents. This was regarded as a positive response given how quickly people responded. Bob Garsha thought this was an indication of the demand for such a service especially in light of increased crime and quality of life issues in the Pearl. Larry Rosenblum noted that Goggle Forms will work well for this effort because the responses can be downloaded into an excel spreadsheet and directly uploaded into the Text-em-All system.

Bob Garsha noted that the third monthly tip needs to be prepared. A number of topics were suggested and the group decided on good communication in an emergency. Bob offered to again draft the tip.

Most of the time was focused on the EVAC drill. Larry Rosenblum noted that only a few ELEC volunteers had responded even to decline. He was willing to postpone the drill until later if we did not have sufficient number of volunteers. Bob Garsha offered to call around and drum up more support. A discussion of how many volunteers were needed ensued. It was decided that at least 6 floor captains, 2 incident commanders, 1 person stationed at the Park blocks and at least 1 crossing guard would be needed. Larry Rosenblum offered to finish drafting procedures for floor captains and incident command for review by Bob and Forrest. It was agreed that ELEC would meet again on August 6 to finalize plans to the evacuation drill. A memo announcing the drill to residents would be drafted.

It was noted that no progress was made on Bob Steele's proposal to train some residents on shutting off infrastructure systems. Larry noted that Bob and Chris were out of town and given the drill, ELEC is happy to wait on this.

The suggestion made by ELEC to update the orientation guide to include a paper version of the text alert sign-up sheets was met with reluctant opposition by Michelle Heckman. She noted that the board and perhaps CMI need to approve changes to the orientation guide. We agreed that we would raise this at the next HOA meeting. It was noted that Michelle was pushing for even more ambitious changes.

The SLACK channel created by the PDNA was mentioned. Larry Rosenblum noted that there was a problem with SLACK that limited the number of people that could be invited. The issue is that invited people who had not yet accepted had effectively prevented more people being invited. Larry Rosenblum mentioned this because he had not been able to invite Forrest. Forrest asked for a quick description of SLACK. Larry described it as a place where people could chat, upload and download documents such as their procedure manuals, infrastructure documents, and whatever they think might be useful. For example, a set of radio frequencies in use by building is available. This prevents neighboring building for using the same frequency and aids in setting up a network of buildings.

Another discussion channel focused on filters for the next hazardous air alert from forest fires. Forrest asked which MERV rating was good to filter smoke. Larry noted that he uses MERV 11. Generally 11-15 are good, but anything higher would make the HVAC work too hard. Also, the filters should be installed once the alert goes out and removed right after an all clear. Leaving the filter in all the time would make the HVAC work hard and shorten its life.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.