

Minutes ELEC July 12, 2021 @ 5PM

Attending: Bob Garsha, Forrest Gist and Larry Rosenblum

Larry Rosenblum noted that Aquabricks and spigots have arrived and the process of distributing them to purchasers has begun. Bricks will stay in the community room until only a few remain. Bricks delivered here for the Casey have already been picked up.

PDNA has set up a SLACK network for e-prep committees throughout the Pearl. Larry and Bob have already joined and Larry said he would send an invitation to Forrest to join as well. The network is a means to chat, share information, documents and organize work for emergency preparedness.

Bob drafted the 2nd tip to be sent to residents to help them be more aware, prepared and knowledgeable about earthquakes. The goal is to distribute it by July 15th. Larry said he would review the draft and when it is complete he would post it on the ELEC page of the web site.

Bob Steele sent an email asking if ELEC would be interested in participating in training residents to shut down and make harmless systems within the building. Larry stated he was inclined to accept Bob's invitation, but he wanted to clarify a few points and extend the process. ELEC has knowledge of some systems such as water and elevators, but others we do not have enough knowledge to safely shut down. If Bob Steele does, then we can proceed. Bob Garsha suggested that a CMI engineer such as Brian should accompany us in the training. Larry also wanted to use the exercise to document procedures. Third, the training should be broader than board members (Bob Steele was concerned with insurance issues about who can shut down systems). Finally, we didn't think the shutdown included turning of water, gas and electricity in units since Bob has only surveyed the water shut-offs in the 12 stack. All three ELEC members expressed a desire to be trained. It was also suggested that some floor captains and other ELEC volunteers might be interested. All three members agreed to support Bob Steele's proposal and express some of the topics brought up in this meeting. Larry Rosenblum agreed to draft an email to Bob Steele.

Bob Garsha raised the topic of text messaging. He said that the board seemed supportive of using a commercial service. Larry Rosenblum agreed and asked Bob to draft an email to the board with the details of the commercial service Bob recommended with details of the service and cost involved. Larry noted that the cost should be minimal since it is a mostly a pay by the text service and we would not be texting except in emergency. Bob Garsha noted the challenge will be to get people to opt-in.

Bob Garsha noted that one of the floor captains is leaving the building and a replacement has been found. Bob offered to email the new floor captain and introduce himself, the committee and send any materials that might be useful. Larry asked Bob to request a photo so we can update the floor captain flyer that hangs in the trash room. He also noted it is not required and some other floor captains didn't provide them. Larry also noted that the original notice of resignation went to Teresa Jankus directly. This indicates that we failed to update the volunteers of changes in ELEC. Larry volunteered to draft an email to volunteers letting them know of the changes but that they can still reach ELEC via the elec.leads address.

Forrest Gist asked if we thought an evacuation drill would be a good idea. Both Bob and Larry agreed and Bob noted that this had been on our radar for a long time but fell through the cracks. Bob also noted that we did a floor captain drill on the 5th floor long ago. Larry thought not only would residents learn some things from this such as where the evacuation site is, but this would be an opportunity for the floor captains to go through a set of procedures to make sure people evacuated, dealt with medical emergencies and those physically unable to evacuate, develop a method to account for the unaccounted for and to communicate via FRS radios with the central command. Larry offered to make sure procedures were up to date for floor captains and then send an email to the board proposing a drill. Forrest noted that a lot of people are not going to want to participate and we can't force them. Bob agreed and stated we would just have to work around them.

Larry apologized that he had a 6 PM Zoom conference with the PDNA e-prep group and the meeting adjourned at 5:57PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2nd.