

## ELEC Minutes for October 28, 2021

Forrest Gist, Bob Garsha and Larry Rosenblum convened the meeting at 5 PM.

Larry Rosenblum noted the recent purchase of the megamover and the megachair. After all 3 ELEC members examined them last week and were satisfied with the purchase, Larry ordered the 2<sup>nd</sup> megamover. They will be stored in the first floor black cabinet. Larry Rosenblum asked about the method for reimbursement for recent purchases. Bob Garsha informed him that he should submit receipts to Karina.

Larry noted that he had checked with the online text alert sign-up sheet and no additional businesses had signed up after last month's board meeting. Larry suggested following up again with Tina, but Bob commented that Tina shouldn't have to do all the heavy lifting and he would check with the businesses directly.

Larry wondered about the status of floor signs. He noted that Bob Steele had suggested adding signs in the stairwells. Larry said he thought those signs would work best as floor maps because they are in a corner of the floor and all but 2 units are in the same direction with several turns to get to some. Bob thought that we had done our job of bringing the issue to the board's attention and it was up to them to determine the placement and style of the signs. Larry and Forrest were not so sure. It was agreed to email the board to see what role ELEC now has.

Larry noted that he owed the group a procedures write-up on the use of the annunciator. From the October 21<sup>st</sup> testing, we learned that we should push the button for each floor rather than the all floor button hidden besides the handset. The red light next to each floor lights up when the speaker is active.

Larry asked Bob for more information on upcoming tip 6. Bob said the idea was to provide information and online resources to help residents understand and cope with the stress, anxiety and potentially PTSD of experiencing an earthquake. In addition, he hoped to have an online/ZOOM meeting where people could discuss this and share experiences and coping mechanisms from other traumatic events. Bob suggested that Patti Garsha who is a licensed behavioral therapist would be better than the committee members at leading this, but he thought a psychologist or similarly trained professional would be even better. Bob said he would try to find someone. Larry thought this was a very good idea, but wondered if the time frame for putting this together might be too tight. This is too important not to do the job right. Bob asked for time to see if he could get this done and if not we could postpone it until it is completely ready. Forrest note that in a Zoom meeting people can ask anything and this had the potential to go off topic to more generally sources of stress such as Covid. All agreed the moderator would need to keep a tight rein.

Bob noted Larry's email response to a recent resident question on evacuation procedures. He thought we might want to post a FAQ on the web site. Forrest thought this was a good idea. Larry noted that FAQs are typically short questions and answers and his email was long. Forrest suggested breaking up

the answer into several parts. Beyond that, Forrest thought there are a whole set of questions that might be posted on a range of topics. This received a positive response from all. It was suggested that members send potential Q&A around to begin compiling a list.

Forrest raised the topic of volunteer engagement. He noted that we had suggested doing a floor captain drill on several floors. Instead, he and Bob thought we might have a friendly competition among the volunteers. Maybe who could evacuate their floor most quickly. There would be small prizes like pizza for the winner. Larry liked the general idea, but thought speed was the wrong criteria. A number of ideas were kicked around. The general outline for the competition would be to conduct a task that floor captains or volunteers need to do during an emergency, the task is a learning experience and the activity is fun. Members will send around potential ideas to help flesh this out.

Larry noted that there is still not a home for ELEC minutes on the web site. He is fine with that, but we should make 1 final try. He offered to email the board to see if there were OK with somewhere on the governance page.

Finally, Larry noted that the Pearl District E-prep committee has started a radio happy hour. Not the usual kind, but the ½ hour before the monthly e-prep Zoom meeting, residents from condos all over the Pearl get on their FRS radios and contact each other. The conversation is not really important, but the goal is to create a radio network in case of emergency so that building can contact each other, ask or offer help or information. It will be held over channel 6 – not the one we use internally. Larry encouraged all committee members to join in the next one. He will send an email about the specific time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.