

ELEC Meeting Minutes for April 25th, 2022

The Meeting was held in the Community Room. Larry Rosenblum, Forrest Gist, Bob Steele, and Bob Garsha were present.

Bob Steele opened the Meeting by discussing volunteers having the ability to shut off the water in the building if there were multiple leaks in the event of an earthquake. There are direct and intermediate shut-off valves. Bob will continue to advocate for stop-cock replacement to get immediate attention. Bob emphasized that the middle units do not have direct valve shut-offs; that can only happen by turning off the entire stack. Bob now has three additional volunteers to learn about the water shut-off procedures. So, with ELEC and Bob, the total number of informed volunteers will be seven, thereby increasing the ratio of volunteers in the building to deal with water at any given time. Bob said timely water shutoff even 1-2 hours before a plumber comes can save much expense around water damage. We briefly reviewed Bob's introductory water shut-off guide. Larry had constructive suggestions for the procedures as outlined. This work in progress will become more defined as the volunteers are trained. We all acknowledged it is more than a great start as Bob's work on potential water damage begins drawing to completion. Then he can continue with other areas of his preparedness plan. Once again, we acknowledged the great work by Bob Steele, and he left the Meeting.

The three of us went through our agenda.

First up were the changes mentioned by Brenda to our Text Em All protocols. Larry suggested adding Pacific Patrol and any utility like PGE. It was confirmed we will be adding some Board members to Text Em All as fellow administrators.

Next, we talked about the Directional Signs and the Fast Sign order. We acknowledged word from Brenda was it would be dealt with at the May HOA meeting. Bob mentioned the handwritten sign in the 1 R elevator area with an arrow pointing to the Trash Room. He feels if there is going to be something there, it should be of higher quality and more permanent. After some discussion, we decided this is not an ELEC issue, and Bob could bring it up at the owner's forum part of the Meeting.

We discussed our next tip, Number 9. How to Survive an Earthquake in Your Car. We decided this was a good tip with outstanding graphics, which Forrest would help to transfer to our tip. We also said that Wikihow.com, the author of this tip, should be given full credit.

We discussed the idea of having a Financial Preparedness Talk on knowing how to access your funds and other financial ideas. After Patti Garsha and Vern Newcomb's talks, we want to keep it at this elevated level. Jim Kennedy's name came up as a possible presenter of practical applications for your money and documentation needed for your financial go-bag. We thought that would be great, and Bob agreed to reach out to Jim.

Bob read an email from Barb Casey a local construction manager whom Vern Newcomb recommended to see if she could add observations and info to our preparedness build-out. Bob reached out to her, and after a few days, her response was --"your building is well advanced in preparedness, perhaps better than 90 % of buildings I have reviewed, and there is not much I could add-- well done".

We continue to try to add FAQs to our webpage.

Finally, Forrest announced he would soon be nominated to join the Board, and he reassured us he would continue his work with ELEC. We said great fit, and Larry joked that we finally have an in on the Board.

Meeting adjourned.