



Manchester Citizens Advisory Council

Minutes of August 6, 2019 MCAC Meeting
Manchester Library
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Malmquist at 6:35pm

Members in attendance: Carol Malmquist, Paul Nuchims, Kari Corey, Denise Burbidge, Mark McKay, Hailee Boyd (secretary)

Excused absences: Scott Billingsley, Frank Gilbert, Carrilu Thompson, Bob Cairns, Carole Leininger

County representative: Commissioner Charlotte Garrido

Guests: Bill Bowlan, Susan Seykota-Smit, Janie Johnson, Mark Boatwright-Frost, Howard, Budway, Michael & Marlis Mijal, Leslie Lacock, John & Lynnette Wickersham, Gwen Warren, Beth Theisen, Jerry Clark, Dorothy Wilson, Gloria Gilchrist, Cynthia (no last name), Janna Krein, Andrea Leingley, Lou-Ann Lauborough, Patrick & Donna Quain, Sharon Smith, Carol Kowalski, Debbie Waite, Robin Williams, Kenny Woche, Jenny Bloom, Karin Murray

Bill Bowlan spoke on disaster preparedness. He opened with explaining the “Five W’s” in disasters, and what the planning should be depending on the severity of the disaster. House fires are the most common disaster, occurring once a week on average in a community. However wildfires are becoming more and more common.

Mr. Bowlan spoke of other past disasters and explained the devastation of those, and connected those to this community and explained how under-prepared the community is for similar disasters. After this he began to explain how most of the items needed for disaster kits are already in the house. He also pointed out that many volunteer organizations, such as the Red Cross, have prep calendars to help prepare over a period of time. He also pointed out that Bishops Kitchen is good for stocking up on emergency food items. Bishops Kitchen is located at 288 Wilkes Avenue in Bremerton.



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Mr. Bowlan explained the importance of emergency car kits and how many of the items he has are available on Amazon (such as food, hygiene items, first aid, emergency blanket, rain poncho, small emergency sleeping bag, flashlight, straw/water purifier, hand warmers, and a Swiss Army knife). He also stated the importance of having an emergency out-of-state contact for communication during disasters. He also recommended a program called Map Your Neighborhood, which will come and help your neighborhood develop a plan in case of emergencies. In conclusion, make a plan.

Extra information:

- Library is holding a free CPR class, September 4th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. 15 spots are available as of right now.
- Map Your Neighborhood contact: Dave Rasmussen (360) 307-5874

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Carol Malmquist

Carol Malmquist
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