



**DISTRICT XI
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2008 @ 10:00 AM

**South Florida Regional Planning Council
3440 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 140
Hollywood, FL 33021
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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Gary Koen at 10:03 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were LEPC members Eric Borbe, Charlie Boyd, Bob Christensen, Alain Donderiz, Larry Doyle, Juan Farach, Martin Klett, Gary Koen, Nick Kontax, Bob Marton, Jeffrey Peleg, Shawn Powell, Rich Taylor, Gregory Thompson and LEPC Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance was Miguel Alfonso for Felipe Hermida.

3. Previous Meeting Summary

Minutes from the June 25, 2008 LEPC Meeting were moved by Bob Marton, seconded and carried unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Bob Marton, Chair)

Manny Cela and Bob Marton described the training courses that have been offered so far this year as well as upcoming classes. A long discussion ensued regarding the Ethanol/Foam class, its merits and concerns over permits for “burns” during the outdoor portion of the class.

Subcommittee Chair Bob Marton invited the members to remain for a few minutes after the LEPC meeting to choose a date for the next Training Subcommittee meeting. Information on upcoming classes as well as training opportunities can be found on the LEPC website www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm

Exercise Subcommittee

Manny Cela thanked all the members and others who participated in the LEPC/HMEP Table Top Exercise (TTX) held June 12, 2008 at the MD WASD facility in Miami.



Since the last LEPC Meeting, plans for a Field Drill at Homestead Air Force Reserve Base were changed. An excellent opportunity presented itself when we became aware that CSX Railroad was interested in bringing an exercise to South Florida. Specifically, CSX offered to contract with Compliance Associates to plan, setup and coordinate a functional exercise (FUNX) in the Hialeah area near their rail yard. After discussions with the Chair and Vice-Chair, and go-ahead from FDEM, we extended an invitation to CSX. The City of Hialeah graciously agreed to host the event at its Milander Auditorium on September 3, 2008. We are extending an invitation to all interested parties to attend this very informative event. For more information on the CSX FUNX, please refer to www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm.

Attendance Subcommittee (Jennifer Mwaisela-Rose, Chair)

There were several membership applications:

- LEPC Member Chief Ron Khawly, Miami Fire Department, change from Alternate to Primary in Firefighting Category
- Lt. Charlie Boyd, Miami Fire Department, Alternate for Chief Ron Khawly
- Gregory Thompson, Sun-Sentinel Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Primary in Facility Operator Category
- Sheri Archambault, Sun-Sentinel Facility Operations Supervisor, Alternate for Mr. Thompson
- Bret Maxwell, Broward Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department Natural Resources Specialist, Alternate for Nick Kontax
- Jose Tovar, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department Hazardous Waste Specialist, Alternate for Yvette McLeod

The applications were moved by Bob Marton, seconded and approved unanimously for submission for consideration by the SERC at its next meeting. An updated Members List is available on the LEPC website www.sfrpc.com/lepc/members.htm.

A long discussion ensued on the merits of having the Attendance Subcommittee review new member applications before they come up to the LEPC and whether the current process needed change. A motion to this effect failed. A second motion to disband the Attendance Subcommittee and have members provide comments to the Chair, Vice-Chair and/or Coordinator on prospective members before each meeting was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.

5. HazMat Emergency Response Plan (Paulette Kandel)

Manny Cela stated that FDEM was reviewing the current year updated plan. Copies of the 2008 Draft version is available from the LEPC website at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/news.htm>.

6. Election of Officers

Gary Koen indicated that Chair George Danz had expressed an interest in continuing to serve the LEPC in the capacity of Chair and asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none, Larry Doyle moved the re-election of George Danz, which was seconded by Bob Marton and carried unanimously.



Gary Koen then stated his interest in continuing to serve the LEPC in the position of Vice-Chair and asked for additional nominations. Hearing none, Jeffry Peleg moved the re-election of Gary Koen, which was seconded by Juan Farach and carried unanimously.

7. Other Matters

Lt. Charlie Boyd stepped out of the room during the next item. Chief Taylor nominated Lt. Boyd to serve as the LEPC representative in the SERC's Subcommittee on Training (SOT), formerly called the Training Workgroup. After a brief discussion on what responsibilities the position entailed, several members made favorable comments on behalf of Lt. Boyd. Gregory Thompson moved the nomination, which was seconded by Jeffry Peleg and carried unanimously.

8. LEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

Manny Cela described the need for additional support and attendance to the CSX FUNX on September 3 in Hialeah.

9. Upcoming Meetings

A revised schedule of upcoming meetings will be made available on the LEPC website: www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:12 am.