



Citizen Corps Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Independence Public Library
6361 Selig Blvd., Independence, Ohio 44131
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

Table with 5 columns: NAME, Present, ASSOCIATION, ALTERNATE, Present. Rows include Rebecca Hysing, Sharon Nicastro, Marek Owca, Nicholas Phillips, Karen Seidman, Serena Steele, and Rick Whitehead.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

Quorum present

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Karen Seidman and seconded by Rick Whitehead to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Yes: Hysing, Nicastro, Seidman, Whitehead; No: None; Abstain: Steele

4. CITIZEN CORPS CORE CAPABILITIES / UASI STRATEGIC PLAN

American Red Cross assisted with the Mass Care and Housing capabilities. The CERT Association Core Capabilities Working Group will meet to determine the capabilities relevant to CERT.

5. CREDENTIALING

Karen Seidman moved to eliminate the municipal ordinance as a condition of CERT volunteer credentialing. Rick Whitehead seconded. Yes: Hysing, Nicastro, Seidman, Steele, Whitehead; No: None; Abstain: None

After discussion the Council decided to change the criteria for background checks of volunteers to a (1) national check, (2) from age of majority, (3) through fingerprinting or Social Security Number, and (4) not repeated. The Council also agreed to add domestic violence and animal cruelty to the list of disqualifying convictions. A vote was not taken as more research is needed to determine the databases to be searched.

6. CITIZEN CORPS PROPOSAL

Walter Topp, Justin Bechtel, Serena Steele, and Sharon Nicastro will meet with the County Department of Human Resources on February 17, 2015, to discuss the incorporation of individual volunteers into Citizen Corps.

7. CITIZEN CORPS WEBSITE

The Citizen Corps page on the County website will be updated and redesigned. Various features were discussed.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

Citizen Corps is going to start a Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). The members of VOAD will form a Long-Term Recovery Group when necessary.

Citizen Corps will pursue planning for Animal Emergency Management.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION*

None

10. NEXT MEETING

Second quarter of 2015

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.