Glen Ellen Traffic and Safety Committee

November 8, 2017 meeting notes

**Community Emergency Response Planning Meeting**

Location of meeting - London Lodge Saloon

Committee members present at meeting: Archie Horton, Marge Eldridge, Nick Brown, Stacey Vilas

Community members present at meeting: Alice Horwitz, Anna Bryant, Beverley Rodande, Bill Olson, Candice Ludlow, John Wilson, Katherine Hargitt, Larry Davis, Leslie Vaughn, Mona Wilson

Summary

1: CERT, SCOPE, Neighborhood Watch programs

2: Specific issues discussed

3: Sub-Committees formed

Preliminary discussion

The meeting started with each participant introducing themselves, sharing their expertise and their Glen Ellen connections.

Stacey acknowledged Leslie Vaughn for doing most of the research and footwork for developing a community emergency response plan.

1: CERT, SCOPE, Neighborhood Watch programs.

These 3 programs were discussed to potentially glean from each the tools and methods that would best serve the Glen Ellen community. Each program emphasizes teamwork and networking to address specific needs.

**CERT** is a national government sponsored Citizen Emergency Response Team that trains people as first responders for all emergencies- medical, terrorism, fire, psychology, etc. Sebastopol, Russian River, Tomales and Napa have CERT.

**SCOPE** is Sonoma County neighborhood response training for emergencies, less intensive and less involved than CERT- build leadership teams, census of neighborhoods, get to know neighbors and their needs, info on homes, know where the utility shut-offs are, etc. **Neighborhood Watch** is a national organization that emphasizes crime prevention. 3-tier like a three legged stool. Crime needs 1- Motive, 2 - Opportunity, 3 - Anonymity. The program also emphasizes neighborhood networking, telephone trees, and working together. Looting…develop tactics to remove the opportunity and anonymity

The group discussed what we are planning for, Emergency Response to what? Fire, Floods, Earthquakes, Crime… Hazmat was discussed, Chemical Spills, Warfare and Nuclear. Focus will be for BIG catastrophic events.

The group also discussed the need to be independent from government rules and restrictions at the same time of working with the government at times of needs, gain resources to develop the plan and acquire training.

2: Specific issues

Communication (community alert system) loss of power, clean water, fuel, no access to money were discussed and will be addressed in the plan. Community education and participation is key.

\* IN CASE OF REGIONAL EMERGENCY, GLEN ELLEN WILL BE ON IT”S OWN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IF NOT MORE! Any plans need to address long term community survival in addition to short term.

\* Many people were not alerted to the emergency. Glen Ellen FD has a siren which could have been used to alert the town. (our FD was called out to the Nuns Canyon fire at 10:30 and were not able to activate the siren when the fire went totally out of control) Immediate and future plan will have a few local residents access to the siren.

\* Educate people if/when evacuating, make noise! Honk horns, blow whistles…

\* Telephone trees only work if you have phone service. Plan must have alternative method of communication just in case.

\* In Case of Emergency (ICE) who to contact? Add to list for education

\* Immediate access to money? Bury money on property

\* Water- Water purifier tablets

\* Plan needs to be sustainable for generations

3: Sub-Committees

4 sub-committees were created.

1 **- Develop overview of plan**. Review CERT, SCOPE, and Neighborhood watch and piece together tools for Glen Ellen’s plan

2 - **Mapping and Communication**. This committee will look at creating small workable neighborhood groups to start the neighborhood trees. Each neighborhood group will have a leader and work on the SCOPE questionnaire, utility shut-offs, individual needs, etc.

Mapping and census tract info to see how it’s changing overtime, demographics and unincorporated status will be viewed to help develop sustainable plan.

3 **- Education and Resources**. Evacuation kits, honking horns, Emergency kits, community education planning

4 - **Health**. Physical and mental health issues need to be planned for. This committee will seek research and assistance for the current disaster along with future planning.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 15 at 3:00. London Lodge Saloon. This meeting is open to all who want to help develop this emergency response plan.

Meeting notes by Candice Ludlow and Stacey Vilas