



FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2020

The May 28, 2020 meeting of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Grelia Steele at 6:46 PM with **9 members and staff, and 3 guests present.**

Guest Speaker

Stephanie A. Nikola, an Emergency Planning Associate for the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response for Fairfax County Health Department, spoke to the council about the county's response to COVID-19. The COVID-19 response was in January. Operations are split into various response areas: community outreach, high-risk settings, rapid-response teams, lab testing & specimen collections, epidemiology team for contact tracing, call center for general inquiries and outbound calls to assist epidemiology in contact tracing, re-opening planning. Fairfax County is also partnering with IPHI to ramp up contract tracing and re-opening planning.

Cheryl Lawrence, Child Life Specialist for the Child Life Disaster Relief, informed the council how CLDR functions. CLDR members are deployed to disasters and crises to support children to cope. Online support groups are available.

Business Meeting

A quorum was not present and minutes for the January 2020 meeting will be voted on at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Elections are going to be pushed to the next meeting [July].

Committee Updates:

Outreach: Grelia Steele informed the council that the current focus is to push MRC outreach and public health. Volunteer Fairfax website lists needs for donation needs.
[Especially face masks]

Grants: Grelia Steele delayed the grants overview until the next meeting.

Membership: Jim Kirkpatrick delayed the membership overview until the next meeting.

Member Updates – Board of Supervisor Representatives:



- At-Large: Jade Harberg had nothing to report.
- Braddock: James Sobecke was absent.
- Dranesville: William McKenna was absent
- Hunter Mill: No representative was present
- Lee: Linda Waller spoke about the conversations about making the annual Bridge Walk a virtual event. 22150 CERT group has also been converted to Zoom. Linda asked if CCC meetings could be held by Zoom so we could see each other - Grelia Steele said she will ask and let us know by the next meeting,
- Mason: No representative was present
- Mt. Vernon: Jonathan Kiell was absent
- Providence: No representative was present
- Springfield: Jim Kirkpatrick informed the council that Supervisor Herrity has been giving frequent updates to what Springfield is doing for COVID response. Jim also said he approved of updates on the CCC Website, except the CERT link.
- Sully: Caitlin Hutchinson was absent

Member Updates – Core Programs:

CERT: Ross Brandsetter discussed how training is transitioning from hands-on to online. CERT is partnering with the University of Utah to use an online program to hold online training. Basic training curriculum will be re-written based on governor's guidance. CERT has been assisting with community services - assisted at Falls Church food distribution site as crowd management and traffic control. CERT has seen a modest uptick in sign-ups since pandemic/online courses.

Fire Corps: Daniel Liebman was not present.

MRC: Paula Rosca explained that new volunteers and volunteer requests have exploded since the pandemic. New volunteers have reached 1,300. 433 have been fully processed, 700 already deployed. These volunteers assembled bags for testing sites and monitoring kits. Annandale high school testing site used 88 volunteers and tested 3000 people. Neighbor to Neighbor program - a toolkit to educate people how to help neighbors in their community. MRC community outreach has focused on promoting testing sites and staffing call centers. Current opportunities: 1) Specimen collection strike team [both medical & non-medical]. 2) Neighborhood health - support local testing sites [both medical & non-medical].



3) Finding staffing for long-term care facilities [both medical & non-medical]. 8 immunization clinics [back to school] will be setting up soon.

Neighborhood Watch: Officer Jacobson informed that council that Richard Twombly has retired.

VIPS/APO: Marques Lowery explained that many administrative personnel have stepped down due to “vulnerable person” status. Brainstorm transition of in-person classes to online courses for youth interested in law enforcement.

Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations:

ARES: Mary Moon was not present.

American Red Cross: Marco Johnson was not present.

Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee: Paul Jolley was not present

PRS-CrisisLink: No representative was present.

United Way: No representative was present.

FCIA: Tom Lambiase was not present.

Volunteer Fairfax: Tejas Patel spoke about volunteer & donation management. He informed the council that VF is hosting a homemade cloth mask drive since last week. Donation site has also been collecting other personal protective equipment like gowns and gloves. The public can drop off other necessary needs like toiletries. Stuff the Bus campaign organized with Fairfax County Public Schools. VF is still seeking out volunteers for both virtual and in-person opportunities pertaining to donations. Marketing & promoting donations on social media.

NOVA Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Bonnie O’Leary was not present.

Office of Emergency Management Report: Ashley Morris introduced herself since having replaced Matt Marquis. She updated the council about NOVA’s transition from Phase 0 to Phase 1. OEM is also monitoring the weather for storms. OEM is participating in the cloth mask drive – 2000 face masks donated to give to vulnerable populations. Ready Fairfax Facebook & Twitter pages are pushing important COVID information. COVID Alerts 88877 -FFX COVID text alerts. EOC has been in a partial level of activation since March 17th. EM Ordinance for phase 1 has been approved. Grelia Steele updated the council about the Volunteer



Annex. OEM is looking to update the documents and working with respective organizations to do so.

iNOVA Hospital: Linda Watkins was not present.

Hope Animal Assisted Crisis Response: Jen O'Keefe was not present.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**Next meeting is Thursday, July 23 at 6:45pm at Fairfax County Government Center Room
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**General Meeting – Sign In
 May 28, 2020**

Name	Organization Represented	Present
Arroyo, Courtney	Office of Emergency Management- Staff	
Brantsetter, Ross	Community Emergency Response Team	X
Brown, Sulayman	Office of Emergency Management- Staff	
Chesler, Dave	American Red Cross	
Colwell, Scott	Volunteers in Police Service- Staff	
Craven, Steve *	NoVA Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster	
Dunne, Matthew *	Fairfax County Council of PTAs	
Foley, Brian *	Mason District	
Fried, Gregory	Neighborhood Watch – Staff	
Harberg, Jade *	At-Large (Secretary)	X
Havers, Mary (* Alternate)	PRS-CrisisLink	
Hovan, Meredith *	PRS-CrisisLink	
Hutchinson, Caitlin *	Sully District	
Jacobson, Reanna (Alternate)	Neighborhood Watch	X
Jolley, Paul	Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Katz, Jeffrey	Staff - Community Emergency Response Team & Fire Corps	
Kiell, Jonathan *	Mount Vernon District (Vice-Chairperson)	
Kirkpatrick, Jim *	Springfield District	X
Lambiase, Tom *	Faith Communities In Action	
Leino, Rick (* Alternate)	American Red Cross	
Liebman, Daniel *	Fire Corps	
Lowery, Marques (* Alternate)	Volunteers In Police Service	X
Marquis, Matthew (*Alternate)	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	
Mawdsley, Justin *	Boy Scouts of America	
McDaniel, Douglas *	George Mason University	
McKenna, William *	Dranesville District	
Miller, Justin *	Northern Virginia Community College	
Moon, Mary (* Alternate)	Amateur Radio Emergency Services	
Mooney, Seamus	Office of Emergency Management – Coordinator	
Nisker, Gary *	Mason District	
O’Leary, Bonnie *	NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
O’Neill, Brendan *	Amateur Radio Emergency Services	
Patel, Tejas *	Volunteer Fairfax	X
Powers, Dana	Community Emergency Response Team – Staff	
Ridgway, William	Volunteers In Police Service – Staff	
Ranck, Marty (* Alternate)	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Rosca, Paula	Medical Reserve Corps – Staff	X
Rothe-Smith, Diana	Volunteer Fairfax	



Seifert, Alexandra		Medical Reserve Corp	
Sobecke, James	*	Braddock District (Chairperson)	
Steele, Grelia		Office of Emergency Management – Staff	X
Sullivan, Andrew	*	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	
Swenson, Emily (* Alternate)		Volunteer Fairfax	
Twombly, Richard “Wayne”		Neighborhood Watch	
Waller, Linda	*	Lee District	X
Watkins, Linda		INOVA Hospital	
Waylen, Francis		Fairfax County Public Schools	
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES			
Cheryl Lawrence		Child Life Disaster Relief	X
Stephanie Nikola		Fairfax County Health Department	X
Ashley Morris		OEM	X

* Indicates Voting Member