

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 14 November, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by Frank Bruno, Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Gerald	Greenberg, Warren
Howell, Charlie	Lowe, Deanie	Rademacher, Jeanne
Troxler, David	White, Pat	

Guests in attendance:

Hall, Carmen, Operations Manager, Volusia County Community Services

Jackson, Clay, Manager, Volusia Human Services

Kuehn, Pat, with the Volusia County Community Information Services (per telecom)

- First on the agenda, Mr. Bruno brought up for discussion that the people and businesses who helped out during the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Irma need to be recognized and thanked for their services.
 - An individual proclamation can be written for each organization, religious group and church, business, as well as individual people.
 - A full list will be drafted and given to Pat Kuehn who will draw up each proclamation which, when given, will then be able to be posted on each individual site for public notification.
 - It is important that names not be omitted and the list will include:
 - Father John Bosco Mason, Pastor of the Catholic Church of the Epiphany, who opened church properties to house 14 members of AmeriCorps. This is a Federal program for people aged 18 to 25 which does volunteer work. The members sign up for one year, get a stipend and college credit through Volunteer Florida and ESF 15.
 - Catholic Charities
 - Stetson and DeLand Baptists
 - Church of the Latter day Saints

- Individual restaurants which donated 14 meals each to AmeriCorps members:
 - Crabby Joe’s
 - Portofino Restaurant
 - North Turn
 - Chick-Fillet in Port Orange
 - Houligan’s in Port Orange
- Sean Fisher and Sloppy Joe’s Food Truck
- United Way
 - Opened their doors to volunteers who worked with first responders the first weekend after Hurricane Irma;
 - Represents quite a variety of organizations so it is unlikely that recognizing them and not others will not be a problem.
- Jerry Brandon, Vice Chair, asked if these proclamations were to come from the County of Volusia or our COAD. Mr. Bruno agreed with Mr. Brandon that COAD’s name should be included and he went on to say that Jim Dineen, Volusia County Manager, thinks the same way because it was at the COAD’S request that the assistance was given.
- Therefore, COAD’s name will be used along with the county on each proclamation.
- There should be more than one type of wording so that the type of help provided an also be mentioned. “On behalf of the County, and the COAD, and the citizens of Volusia County...” we thank them for their assistance in this area.
- The proclamations will not be presented at a County Council meeting. Mention will be made at the meeting itself, and then Mr. Bruno will go to each site to physically present the proclamations themselves.
- There will be one generic proclamation for churches with specific notations listed in the “Whereas” portion.
- After much additional discussion, it was decided that detailed information will be forwarded to Mrs. Kuehn who will draw up the proclamations.
- Mr. Brandon noted that our COAD’s logo should also be on the proclamation letterhead because it is a combination thank you. He went on to say that the community needs to know about COAD’s being involved, that we will continue to do so, that it actually is COAD that is asking for and co-ordinating the assistance not the county, and that we are thanking them along with the county.

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- Since a proclamation is a legal document, it is very specific. Mr. Bruno will pursue an investigation of what wording is officially allowed.
 - The final decision is that separate proclamations will be issued for:
 - UMCOR
 - United Way
 - Church of the Epiphany
 - VIND
 - Generic proclamations naming the following as a “whereas” will include:
 - Catholic Charities
 - Baptists
 - Church of the Latter Day Saints
 - Restaurants involved
 - Other religious organizations
 - Mr. Bruno will work with Pat White to determine how to recognize the assistance that came from colleges and universities especially Embry Riddle with its DART (Disaster Assistance Response Team) program.
- Mr. Bruno announced that the next General Meeting should be in January, 2018 at the Health Department, and that we should endeavor to invite as many organizations as possible to attend.
- We should indicate what has been done throughout the 2 hurricanes and plan how we can be more prepared.
 - We need to specifically invite:
 - Businesses
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - Community Connectors
 - We should work on up-dating our Capability Matrix and Resource Matrix beginning at this meeting.
 - We need to capitalize on the damages done during this hurricane season while it is fresh in everyone’s mind.
 - We need to utilize the media and economic development areas of government and organizations.
 - Next year we need to promote more business connections and assistance, include all Chambers to help and be more involved, and use our membership with the United Way to resource community connectors.

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- General discussion continued including the following items:
 - Mr. Bruno suggested that our COAD contact all 17 municipalities in the county, especially the fire departments, to explain what we do.
 - We should take advantage of all fire departments as first responders and utilize them for crisis clean-up.
 - It was noted that Angela Briggs is Community Development Director in Deltona.
 - Our future speakers will be Jim Judge and Donna Demarsh Butler.
 - We should invite Ken Skolinski with Volunteer Florida to the January meeting.
 - We will move the COAD elections to January, 2018.
 - Mr. Brandon moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of 10 October, 2017. Seconded by Deanie Lowe, past co-chairman, the motion passed.
 - Pastor Dave Troxler gave an up-dated review of what VIND has been able to do on long-term help after the storms.
 - Clay Jackson, Manager of Volusia Human Services, and Carmen Hall, Operations Manager of Volusia County Community Services, gave up-dates on disaster recovery and what FEMA has done.

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.