

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 14 May, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 AM by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Dominguez, Jason	Foley, Terry	Greenberg, Warren
Hall, Carmen	Judge, Jim	Kennedy, Lynn
Lewandowski, Frank	Troxler, David	

- After introductions of members in attendance, a motion was made by Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, to accept the minutes of the meeting of 9 April, 2019. Seconded by Jason Dominguez, the motion passed.

- Terry Foley, Program Director for VIND, reviewed their accomplishments and activities:
 - For the month of March, there was one team of volunteers who completed one project and did a total of 276 volunteer hours.
 - Volunteers for May are booked through July.
 - In the month of April, 5 projects were completed through a financial institution, including 4 roofs.
 - There are 26 stick built projects waiting for volunteers to complete.
 - Over 162 mobile homes are registered.
 - VIND is still receiving an average of 5 new clients per week.
 - For mobile homes, registration for Rebuild Florida is still going on but it is not publicized. VIND continues to assist those clients who registered with Rebuild Florida through their process.
 - VIND is growing in capacity and stability. The grant has been approved for Teaming up with American Baptist Church and Disaster Ministries to host the United Church of Christ (UCC) Summer Communities of Service where 2 interns will learn their long term recovery organization and leadership skills. UCC and VIND have conducted 3 interviews with applicants and selected 2 interns to offer the summer internship to. Both have committed to working on scheduling and intern responsibilities from June to August.
 - Mrs. Foley spoke at the District 14 FMO Mobile Home meeting with approximately 100 people in attendance, providing needed information. She is scheduled to speak again in Port Orange on 3 June, 2019.

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- Mrs. Foley will also be attending the Governor's Hurricane Conference this week. Invited by Volunteer Florida, she will be speaking about unmet needs and current projects waiting for volunteers and funding. In addition, she will be asking for monies to provide safe and stable housing to major/destroyed mobile homes. Currently, VIND has approximately 300 mobile home owners that need safe housing.

- Jill Hemmerlein, our COAD's liaison with Volusia County, reported on activities regarding our Hurricane Expo:
 - The vendor list for the Expo at this time is almost all government related.
 - Additional vendors will be added to the list as they sign up. There are also several which have been obtained by Mrs. Inez Nazario-Vega, President of the Volusia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
 - Jim Judge, Director of Emergency Services for Volusia County, confirmed that an EMS vehicle will be on site at the Expo.
 - There was much additional discussion regarding this facet of the Expo.

- Carmen Hall with Volusia County Community Services, continued the discussion on the list of potential vendors for the Expo. Based on County information:
 - She will confirm her list of participants and forward this list to Mr. Bruno and Mrs. Hemmerlein.
 - Regarding the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBGDRP), they have received the final agreement from the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for Matthew which will be presented to the County Council on the council agenda for 4 June, 2019. This will be for \$3.4 million for Matthew recovery.

- Lynn Kennedy, with the Volusia Health Department:
 - They are on track for a new leader.
 - "Healthy Volusia" continues to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.
 - There will be a follow-up on their attending the Expo.

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- Regarding vendor lists, Mr. Bruno asked Mr. Jason Dominguez, our representative with The United Way, if it would be possible to send a “blast” type of email to all the vendors on the list to include all necessary forms and materials needed for the Expo. Mr. Dominguez said that he would do this.

- Much discussion followed about getting the information out to the public as well as potential vendors, using such things as “The Community Connector”.

- Warren Greenberg, who is with Volusia Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), said that he still needs the lists of Home Owner Associations (HOAs) in order to further the work on Map Your Neighborhood (MYN).

- Jim Judge, Volusia County Director of Emergency Services, spoke next:
 - He and his staff are giving many presentations about hurricane season and also talking about the Expo whenever possible.
 - Mr. Bruno asked if we can use the signage from EMS and the Health Department to advertise our Expo. Mr. Judge said that this can be done.

- Mr. Bruno went on to say:
 - He will be working on the set-up at the Hester Building at the Volusia County Fairgrounds.
 - He and Mrs. Hemmerlein will go to the fairgrounds to work out some of the details.
 - Many points and details regarding the Expo were discussed.

- Mr. Brandon reminded everyone that the Governor’s Hurricane Conference was going on now and that Mrs. Hemmerlein was in attendance.

- He went on to say:
 - We need to find someone to lead our CERT program.
 - Mr. Greenberg will be re-starting the MYN program county-wide.
 - The next Steering Committee meeting is 11 June, 2019.
 - The next General Meeting after tomorrow is 17 July, 2019.

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- There will be an Expo meeting tomorrow, 15 May, 2019, followed by another one at the end of the month. The date is still to be determined.
 - Mr. Bruno asked Mr. Brandon to discuss issues with the PayPal account we are using for the Expo, specifically, for someone to monitor its activity. Mr. Brandon said that he will do this and they will discuss it further after the Steering Committee meeting.
 - Mr. Bruno requested permission from the Steering Committee to reduce the amount of monies to be a Gold Sponsor from \$5,000 to \$3,000. The Steering Committee approved his request.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.