

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE
February 2, 2009**

1. **Call to order** by Chair, John Judson at 7:05 PM
2. **Roll Call** – Present: J. McAllister, J. Judson, J. Paden
3. **Visitors and Citizens' Comments** - None
4. **Review of previous minutes** – Motion to accept by J. McAllister. Accepted
5. **Restaurant Inspections** – These are now under Dept of Agriculture. No additional information.
6. **Flags for people crossing streets.** Mr. Frank has obtained some information from Kirkland, Wa. Where program initiated. We will need to get more information from Pen-Dot. Mr. Paden had some concerns about safety. If we implement, we will not do so before Spring-Summer.
7. **Crossing guards:** School District now reimburses us for 50% of the cost. The two guards spend about 3.5 hours per day. Estimated cost per year is \$9000 to \$10,000 but need to confirm this. Training is approximately one week on the job by member of the highway department. Dr. Judson raised the question of using

volunteers for this position. Background checks would be required and reliability could be problem especially in bad weather. Further discussion when cost figures available. At present, cost seems minimal and use of volunteers could be problematic.

8. **CPR course** – Saturday, June 6 at Negley Park, Lower pavilion.

Note from Jodie Ruediger “Project Jump Start-A-Heart is hosted by Take It To Heart, the Nicholas Ryan Over Foundation and South Central EMS. Rhonda Foster is heading up event which is held for people to learn what to do if a friend or loved one has a sudden cardiac arrest, choking episode and how to recognize stroke. They will give away Family and Friends CPR Anytime kids (\$29.95 value)” At present, we do not know if this includes AED instruction. This committee supports the course as scheduled and will consider future courses as needed.

9. **Safe Driver course** – Feb. 7 and 14 from 8:30 AM to 12:30PM:

Thus far, we have only a minimal number registered for the course. The instructor, Mr. Owen Moore, feels that a minimum of ten is required for proper class participation. We will make a final decision whether the course will be held on Thursday morning,

Feb. 5. If we have less than 10 registrants, Mr. Moore has agreed to call them and arrange to place them in another course. It appears that we did not advertise adequately for this course and will need to do more if / when we schedule another course.

10.Old business: We are continuing our efforts to have all council members certified with the NIMS (National Incident Management System) IS-100 and IS-700 courses. Hopefully this will be complete by the time of our next meeting

11.New business: Mr. Paden indicated that there may be an opportunity to use “Safe Walk To School” funds to improve safety at 3rd and Market as well as 12th and Market Streets. Mr. Paden plans to discuss the possibility of such a grant with Mr. Craig Bachik at the meeting of the design subcommittee on Feb. 17. This will also be discussed in the Streets and Parking committee. Mr. Paden also mentioned that Mrs. Farr had received complaints of speeding in various parts of town. There were no specifics as to which streets were involved. Recommendation was made to bring this to the police commission, one of its members, or the streets committee. Speed bumps and speed humps were discussed. The former is like a log in the street while the latter is more like a 30

inch wide sidewalk raised 3-4 inches above the road surface.

These can be a problem for emergency vehicles and could cause us to lose income from the liquid fuels tax. Dr. Judson did report that the new Officer in Charge of the Police Department, Jim Karns, has stated he plans much greater use of the new Enrad speed detecting system.

12. **Meeting dates** for 2009. First Mondays at 5PM in April, June, August, October, and December.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM on motion by J. McAllister.

Submitted by John Judson, Chair

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