

City of Dunsmuir
Disaster Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) Meeting
Held via ZOOM

Agenda

July 23, 2020 6PM

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Purpose: To advise the City Council on how to prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from natural disasters that could impact the City of Dunsmuir.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2020**
- 4. DPAC Officers for 2020-2021 and New Chair Handoff**
- 5. Public Comment**

Welcome to the Disaster Planning Advisory Committee meeting. This time is set aside for citizens to address the Committee on issues **not** listed on the agenda and that are within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. If your comments concern an item noted on the Regular Agenda, please address the Committee when that item is open for public comment. The public has a right to address the Committee on any subject within the Committee's jurisdiction; however, the Committee may limit public comment on matters that are outside of its jurisdiction. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to provide their name and address for the public record. We greatly appreciate your active participation.

- 6. DPAC Member and Staff Comments**
- 7. Old Business**
 - A. Siskiyou County MJHMP Update**
 - B. Wildfire Safety Guide Distribution Follow-up**
 - C. Emergency Preparedness Web Page**

8. New Business

A. Discussion on current wildfire and COVID-19 situation: What more can we do as a community?

9. Future Agenda Items

The items listed are tentative and can be subject to change due to staff availability and committee readiness. Items may be added to the list as the committee sees fit.

- a. Emergency warning/horn system and potential grant monies
- b. Flooding Safety and Insurance Information

10. Set Next meeting: Next meetings are scheduled for August 27 and September 24. Check on availability of members.

11. Adjournment

Copies of this agenda were posted at City Hall, Dunsmuir Park and Recreation District Office and at the Post Office on or before 6:00 pm July 20, 2020.

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1. **Call to Order:** Scheben called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Blackwell, Cutting, Dellabona, and Scheben present. Shirley absent. Staff present: City Planner Richard Tinsman, Fire Chief Dan Padilla and City Manager Todd Juhasz.
3. **Special Presentations and Announcements**

A. Announcement: Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative Emergency Preparedness Training – Steven Bryan, Regional Director, South Siskiyou County

Bryan provided an update on the Office of Emergency Services (OES)/United Way grant awarded to the Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative to train our communities on emergency preparedness. It's part of the statewide Listos Campaign, meaning *ready* in Spanish, designed to help community members to be ready for emergencies and disasters.

Bryan noted their goal is to train 1200 individuals by December 2020. Target groups include but not limited to at risk individuals and seniors. Due to COVID 19, they will develop safe, small group training sessions and will provide resources and information on GO Bags and emergency preparedness check lists. Rescue Ranch will provide information and help with emergency preparedness for pets. Bryan will inform the City Council next week and DPAC members agreed to receive the training at a future meeting.

B. Special staff presentation and discussion: Dunsmuir Annex to the Siskiyou County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Richard Tinsman, City Planner.

Tinsman presented the completed draft Annex to the Siskiyou County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) and asked DPAC members for input and/or revisions to the completed hazard risk ranking tables and recommended mitigation initiatives. Tinsman reminded DPAC members that some data is outdated due to the need to remain consistent with the Siskiyou County MJHMP parameters. Our emphasis should be to complete the plan, get annexed into the Siskiyou County MJHMP and therefore be eligible for FEMA mitigation funding. The data will be revised in the next countywide MJHMP update and Dunsmuir will be part of that process. Tinsman also noted that Cal OES has been helpful and is willing to review our draft quickly so he can move the process forward with the Planning Commission and the City Council. Tinsman's goal is to get the plan to the Planning Commission on July 8 for their approval and adoption into the City of Dunsmuir General Plan Safety Element. It will then go to City Council and finally Cal OES.

Padilla thanked everyone for their work on the MJHMP and also noted that the Fire Safe Council has been working on a federal grant for wildfire mitigation and fuel reduction. Cutting raised concerns regarding vulnerability of the Pacific Power Dunsmuir Substation under the 800-foot bridge. Padilla noted that Pacific Power will be upgrading the lines from Mott Airport to the Dunsmuir Substation. Scheben asked about reaching out to private land owners and Tinsman referred to #6 mitigation strategy to "reduce fuel loads in highest fire severity zones within and adjacent to the city through pursuit of grant funding, interagency coordination, and collaboration with property owners, volunteer groups and non-profit organizations (e.g., fire safe councils and resource conservation districts)."

There was some concern that the MJHMP did not include hazmat incidences and other human-caused disasters. Tinsman indicated he would incorporate some language to that effect as appropriate and it could be included in next update. Padilla noted that entities existed that have major responsibility for human-caused disasters including the County and FEMA. The City has no equipment to deal with chemical or other hazardous material disasters.

Padilla inquired about compensation methods after a disaster. Tinsman noted this plan provides a framework for pre-disaster mitigation and is not an outline for the specifics of post-disaster compensation. Dellabona asked when this plan will get updated and Tinsman said in about four years. He noted hopefully that the county would apply for and receive planning money to complete the update, with the cities included. Dellabona asked who supplies replacement parts and supplies and Tinsman clarified it's Public Works. Cutting noted concern that the City's shop building is in a vulnerable location.

City Manager Juhasz noted his review and approval. Cutting suggested that DPAC support the draft MJHMP. There was consensus by DPAC members to support the MJHMP going forward and Tinsman was thanked for his perseverance and great work.

4. Public Comment: No public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2020: Motion by Cutting to approve the minutes of May 28 and seconded by Dellabona. Ayes: Blackwell, Cutting, Dellabona, Scheben. Noes: None. Absent: Shirley. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Old Business

A. DPAC Goals and Objectives: City Manager Juhasz presented DPAC Goals to the City Council on June 4 and they were approved in the consent agenda.

B. Wildfire Safety Guide: Scheben reported that the guides are going to the printers to be followed by distribution to residents and businesses. DPAC members, Padilla and Daniel Prielipp will help distribute to residents. Thank you to Black Fox Timber Management, Inc. for sponsoring the printing costs. Additional thanks to Mayor Lucchesi, Finance Director Michaelsen and Mike Dellabona for helping with the guides.

7. New Business

A. Election of DPAC Officers: There was a short discussion regarding appointment of officers for the new term July 2020-June 2021. Cutting consented to remain as Vice-Chair, Blackwell volunteered to be Secretary and Shirley was nominated as Chair. Motion by Blackwell to accept slate of officers for the new term pending acceptance by Shirley and seconded by Dellabona. Ayes: Blackwell, Cutting, Dellabona, Scheben. Noes: None. Absent: Shirley. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Future Agenda Items: Future items include emergency warning system, green waste planning and flood safety. City Manager Juhasz noted that he is working on RFP for green waste and recycling.

9. Next meeting: July 23, 2020 via ZOOM

10. Adjourn: Motion by Blackwell to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Cutting. Consensus by the DPAC members to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.