

LEPC Meeting Minutes – 04/18/22 @1600

Attendees:

- Ray Whately, OEM
- Curice Paulus, OEM
- Kevin Coleman, OEM
- Paul Jolley, Fairfax LEPC
- Richard Michalebeck,
- Karl Bach, Council Aide
- Michael Pope,
- Russel Furr, FMO
- Chris Long, Virginia American Water
- Terry Knepp, Virginia American Water
- Jasmine Johnson, VDH
- Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins
- Councilman R. Kirk McPike
- Lucas Dushac

Meeting called to order at 1610

Introductions – all attendees

LEPC update form submitted

Electronic Meeting Policy

Currently have 4 vacancies

- Open to applications

Need to elect new Chairperson (Michael Pope has elected to run)

Committee Reports

OEM – Kevin and Curice introductions, updating CBRN SOP, Chempack training, NoVa HM Plan updates, CCA exercise coming up

Hazmat and FMO – no major recent hazmat updates/events. There was a significant fish-kill incident last year as a result of water park pool drainage in a pond off of Eisenhower; corrective measure taken to prevent valve from draining into pond in the future. Fuel spill last summer about 60 gallons of diesel, all contained. Majority of hazmat related calls deal with gas leaks and construction site incidents. Tunneling project underway and FD personnel receiving mine certification training in preparation for the project.

VDH – Chempack training and updates underway. As part of the IPP, a full cycle of events will occur including a TTX and FSE. Going to create Alexandria-focused Chempack training to conduct online for members of all FD shifts. Coordinating with FBI to discuss different agents. Looking to acquire a Chempack training device for first responders to practice with.

American Water – Potomac Yards and Potomac Greens projects recently worked on. Able to increase pressure in both areas independently. Working on King Street tank next to rail area next to Payne St. – replacing service line to the tank. Executing the flushing program right now...will coordinate with the City during testing to monitor and control pressure during testing associated with replacing service lines to the tank. Will be sharing information about service line updates and program to replace lead pipes. Working with customers to replace old pipes along with Virginia American Water pipes (able to support customer service line replacements with state grant money awarded through the EPA). Lead program replacement timeline expected within next several months, will be contacting customers to inform them. Virginia American Water owns the pipes, City owns the hydrants, and then customers may own service delivery portions. Will inspect older hydrants but may not service or replace them due to age and/or part shortage.

Flushing project – coordinate with T&ES to do this. Flush during the day. Sharing GIS data with the City regarding any OOS hydrants (also shared with 311). In process of tech changes for metered reading allowing them to catch leaks sooner. Moving to AMI fixed rate system that captures readings almost daily. Continuing to stay ahead of lead replacement efforts. Mostly finding lead in smaller sized service lines (3/4"). Corrosive inhibitor coats lead pipes to prohibit reaction with low PH water and the lead pipe. As lead service lines are replaced, customers are given the option. Some customers are opting not to have pipes replaced.

Councilwoman Gaskins – no questions/comments

Councilman McPike – no questions/comments

Fairfax LEPC – fairly quiet, Fairfax LEPC still having virtual meetings. LEPC website currently being changed/built.

Quorum reached with late arrivals...opened items to vote

- **Item 1: Michael Pope for Chair**
 - o Russel motions to appoint
 - o Councilwoman Gaskins seconds
 - o No discussion
 - o Michael abstains
 - o Councilman McPike, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Russel vote “yay”
 - Motion is passed
- **Item 2: Electronic meeting policy**
 - o Ray provided overview of the policy
 - o Pope – language change to policy from “Commission” to “Committee”
 - o Discussion
 - It was confirmed that a quorum must be physically present as outlined in the policy; voting members may attend remotely as long as a quorum is present
 - 1 SARA, 1 broadcaster/print, and 2 community reps vacant (total of 4). Quorum will only apply to appointed members
 - o With discussed amendment, Russel moves to accept with amended language.
 - Councilman McPike seconds the motion
 - No discussion

- No one opposed
 - Motion passes to adopt the electronic meeting policy
- Meeting schedule moving forward, proposed as quarterly. Need to schedule out for 2022
 - Location for future meetings TBD (may not all be at EOC)

Turned over to Michael Pope for closing comments (nothing to add)

Lucas (voting member, abstained due to late arrival)

Meeting concluded at 1650