



Alexandria Citizen's Corps Council (CCC)
March Meeting
March 23rd, 2026
Meeting Notes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.
2. Roll Call:
 - Donna Reuss, Beth Mahar, Rosy Noguchi, Elsy Melkonin, Patrick Moran, Sean Gallagher, David Mendez, Reba Winstead, Anthony Benja-Athon, Eric Letzgus, Marc Barbieri, Parker Fritsch, Lachlan Kerr.
 - Introducing Lachlan Kerr, a new citizen representative for CCC, starting April 1st.
3. Review and Approve November Meeting Minutes:
 - Motion to approve as amended by Donna, seconded by Beth; approved unanimously.
4. Review and Approve December and February Subcommittee Minutes:
 - Motion to approve by Donna, seconded by David; approved unanimously.
5. Office of Emergency Management(OEM) Update (Marc):
 - Evaluation of the snowstorm response will be presented to City Council.
 - Welcomed "Walk for Peace" in February and supported a public event at Christ Church.
 - Coordinated with other groups to address Potomac sewage pollution.
 - Had a town hall at the Lee Center last week.
 - Waheeda Yousofzoy has left OEM and OEM is currently in the process of hiring a replacement.
 - Recent parades and events have been a success.
 - Busy summer upcoming with:
 - Tall Ships on the Potomac
 - Jazz Fest
 - Hosting of the Croatian National Soccer Team for the World Cup
 - City Birthday Celebration

- Parker introduced himself in-person to the CCC. He will be coordinating CERT.
- Funding OEM lost from DHS grants is now coming from the City Budget. This was necessary to keep staff.
- Patrick M. asked if OEM has sufficient resources. Marc says that they do and are working on leveraging new technologies.

6. No City Council Update.

7. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Update (Beth):

- Supported the following recent events: Scottish Walk, Boat Parade, George Washington's Birthday Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- Contributed Snow Accumulation reporting during snowstorm.
- Discussed strategic direction with OEM and proposed recommendations currently under review by OEM.
- Working on the "Sound the Alarm" campaign.
- Will support the following events: NOVA Kids, Tall Ships, and Jazz Fest.
- Patrick M. asked about tracking hours of volunteer engagement. Parker responded they track for events, but not for the snow response.
 - For the snow response, CERT received 5 reports from members. CERT is looking into how to improve on this and encourage more continuous engagement.
- Sean G. asked if CERT is working with a volunteer management system.
 - CERT is using Volgistics, which is not perfect.
 - Fairfax CERT is using a system that was made in-house.
- Currently 82 CERT respondents say they want to be active and there are 100 in the queue that want to sign up and complete CERT training.

8. Civic Associations Update (Donna):

- Donna has spread the word about the April CCC event to the civic associations.

9. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Update (Rosy):

- Supported population health activities.
- American Health Association 2025 training materials have come so MRC can now start training with those and get people certified.
- Hosting hands-only CPR and choking response trainings.
- Did a first-aid kit demonstration at a high-density housing complex and want to bring more short trainings to this group in the future.

- For 2026, MRC wants to do more community CPR, stop the bleed, and choking response trainings.
 - Participated in a role playing at a hospital in Woodbridge with other regional MRCs. A couple of Alexandria MRCs joined.
 - Supporting a compress and shock session in Annandale and possibly another in Franconia in April.
 - Rosy will be on maternity leave for May, June, and July. Jasmin will be covering for Rosy.
10. Alexandria Radio Club Update (Sean):
- Busy with parades. Worked with APD and they want more amateur radio during events, including in the command bus.
 - On May 6th, amateur radio trainees will take the exam.
 - Coordinating with other CCC volunteer groups on GMRS and perhaps getting amateur radio certification in those groups.
 - Sean wants to bring new ARC President and Vice President to May CCC meeting to engage them in the volunteer training.
 - Marc wants to get ARC in the EOC for summer events.
 - Still in discussion with the Mt. Vernon radio club regarding the placement of an antenna on the Masonic Temple, as Mt. Vernon club's antenna has been unused for 2 years.
11. Red Cross Update (Elsy):
- Sound the Alarm this Saturday. Working with the Fire Department and will do outreach on updating smoke alarms.
 - Looking for blood donors as there is a blood shortage.
 - Red Cross event in Baltimore on Wednesday.
 - Looking to coordinate social media outreach with City and OEM.
 - Donna asked if Sound the Alarm works with the elderly.
12. Volunteer Alexandria and Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Update (Reba):
- Snow Buddies was overwhelmed in January. Was all hands on deck. Many seniors were requesting assistance the week before the snowstorm. All 311 requests for snow help were forwarded to Volunteer Alexandria and it was difficult to triage these requests. Due to Snow Buddies response, Arlington and Fairfax are setting up similar programs.
 - VRC doing more radio classes and table top exercises. Will have more radio training this summer.
 - VRC class started in March with 10 trainees.
 - Coordinating with MRC on trainings.
 - Developing VRC disaster materials management training, hopefully with classes in April and June.

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 - Updated SOPs for emergency management plan for OEM.
 - City asked Volunteer Alexandria to look into additional things to keep seniors safe in their homes throughout the year.
13. CCC Officer Brief:
- Chair Update (Patrick):
 - Appreciative for the involvement of CCC members.
 - Awareness and vigilance should be heightened for this summer with all the events.
 - No Vice Chair Update.
 - Secretary Update (David):
 - No updates.
14. Old Business:
- Review and discuss status of CCC code revision:
 - Committee on Boards and Commissions has still not finished with their review.
 - Marc will look for a status update.
15. New Business:
- 2026 Events:
 - April Event (CCC Information Session):
 - Donna says we want to get the word out and get feedback.
 - We have the Lee Center from 6-9pm. Need to be out by 10pm. We have 1 hour of setup time before the event at 7pm.
 - Parker going through the idea of the event, summarizing the minutes from the February subcommittee meeting. We should have an outline RSVP to get a headcount in case we need to move to a bigger room.
 - Patrick asks if we can advertise this event on E-News. Parker says yes, once we have a link for RSVPs, etc.
 - Parker has put together a flyer.
 - Can do a questionnaire without City approval.
 - Discussing what that would look like.
 - Reba suggests one question asking how these volunteer groups can best serve respondents' neighborhoods.
 - Sean asks about following up on this at a future event.
 - Marc suggests we can have space at City-run farmers' markets whenever as long as we give enough notice.

- Marc asks if groups are good to participate in this event.
 - For the event, we need to collect slides from groups.
 - Motion to proceed with this April Event by David, seconded by Donna; unanimously approved.
- May Event (NOVA Kids):
- NOVA Kids Campaign (temporary title) is on May 30th from 9am-1pm at Beatley Library.
 - We can have a table there. Any group can have a table.
 - Motion to have a CCC table at and the subcommittee planning for this event by Donna, seconded by Anthony; unanimously approved.
16. Next Meeting Dates:
- Monday, May 18th, 2026 (due to Memorial Day falling on the 4th Monday of May).
 - Monday, July 27th, 2026.
17. Motion by David to adjourn at 9:14pm, seconded by Donna; approved unanimously.