Alexandria Citizen's Corps Council (CCC)
July Meeting
July 27th, 2026
Meeting Notes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.
2. Roll Call:
    - Lachlan Kerr, Reba Winstead, Jasmin Johnson, Madison Davis, Sean Gallagher (with other members of ARC), Anthony Benja-Athon, Beth Mahar, Donna Reuss, Patrick Moran, David Mendez, COuncilwoman Jacinta Greene, Councilwoman Sandy Marks.
    - Vice-Chair Rachel Mann has resigned from the CCC.
3. Review and Approve November Meeting Minutes:
    - Amendment to show Anthony Benja-Athon was not at the May meeting.
    - Motion to approve as amended by Donna, seconded by Beth; approved unanimously.
4. Office of Emergency Management(OEM) Update (Marc):
    - Events held with the Croatian National Soccer Team.
    - EOC deployed on July 4th for Independence Day, with no major incidents.
    - Ready Kids event was a success with over 300 attendees.
    - June Hurricane Awareness Month outreach was done.
    - September is National Preparedness Month.
    - Have had exercises related to preparedness.
    - Have a new employee coming in soon and started interviews for the second vacancy.
5. City Council Update (Councilwomen Greene and Marks):
    - Councilwoman Greene
        - Rugby teams are going to Scotland for the Mayors Cup. Scottish teams coming here in May 2027.
        - Homelessness rates have risen this summer. Want to focus on keeping cooling stations open later and supporting the unhoused.
        - Budget process is starting in the fall.

        - Patrick asked about the unhoused situation and the genesis of the increase. Councilwoman Greene explains that is complicated and can be due to rising costs and evictions. Definitely a regional issue. She is worried about the trend of increased numbers of young people being unhoused.
        - Councilwoman Greene says she could invite someone from DC Homeless Services to speak at a CCC meeting to help us serve that community.
            - Patrick supports that plan.
    - Councilwoman Marks
        - New federal work requirements for social services are leading to some citizens becoming more vulnerable.
        - School starting up soon, with some school bus routes changing or going away.

6. A. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Update (Marc):
    - CERT supported special events in the Spring and Summer.
    - Graduated 21 volunteers in most recent CERT training.
        - Streamlining training. Now 6 weeks instead of 9.
    - Stop the Bleed training in September.
    - Supporting National Night Out.

   B. Civic Associations Update (Donna):
    - New president has been elected to the federation.
        - Previous president is relaying to the new president the outreach work we do.

   C. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Update (Jazmin and Madison):
    - Will participate in the act of violence training along with CERT.
    - Supported the population health exercise.
    - Conducted a CPR course for volunteers last month.
    - Rosy coming back in August.
    - An intern is starting soon.
    - Working on an MRC curriculum for teens.
    - Will participate in Tons of Trucks and bring the box truck.
    - Madison is the regional MRC coordinator.
    - Supported the national 4th of July in DC. The evacuation of the secure area during the storm was a challenge.
    - Volunteer levels are still increasing and hours volunteered were strong this fiscal year.

   D. Alexandria Radio Club Update (Sean):
    - Sean introduced the president and vice president of the club.
    - Explained how the club contributes to emergency management and volunteer operations. And how Alexandria has such a big club and ARC supports a lot of DC emergency scenarios.

- Field Day was in June.
- Supported the downtown event on July 4th.
- Will support National Night Out in Del Ray and wondering if there are other locations they can do some outreach.
- Will support Tons of Trucks.
- Doing a special event at the Pentagon for September 11th.
- Working on custom radio trainings for both the VRC and CERT.
- Patrick stresses the importance of the radio club's volunteerism and the importance of them becominga voting member of CCC.
  - Councilwoman Marks will look into the status of that process.

E. Red Cross Update:
- Absent; no update.

F. Volunteer Alexandria and Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Update (Reba):
- Supported the Ready Kids event.
- Held a donations management training class with 6 graduates. Specifically catastrophic disasters where the general public needs to be activated.
- Focusing on leadership training, radio training, and others for the rest of the year.
- Conducting public training sessions in August as a training exercise and for outreach/recruitment purposes.
- Restarting annual training this fall.
- Has been working with DC Homeless Services about volunteer hours and how they can be used towards federal welfare work requirements.
  - This could lead to a big increase in work for Volunteer Alexandria to track and management might require them to hire additional staff.

7. CCC Officer Brief:
   - Chair Update (Patrick):
     - Excited for ou support of Tons of Trucks and our member groups.
   - No Vice Chair Update (Vacant).
   - Secretary Update (David):
     - Attended Ready Kids and handed out whistles and first-aid kits.
     - Explained that the meeting of the event planning subcommittee to discuss an October outreach event and Tons of Trucks handouts was cancelled.
8. Old Business:
   - Ready Kids event went well.

        - CERT supported.
        - Marc performed in a skit as a weatherman.

9. New Business:
    - Vice Chair vacancy
        - Patrick nominated David Mendez, seconded by Councilwoman Marks.
            - Elected unanimously.
                - Thus creating a Secretary vacancy.
    - Secretary Vacancy
        - David nominated Anthony Benja-Athon, seconded by Councilwoman Marks.
            - Elected unanimously.
    - National Preparedness Month
        - Tons of Trucks event
            - We have the same spot again this year.
            - More trucks than ever!
            - Perhaps a CCC outreach card with a QR code to give away with the first aid kits.
        - Reba asks about an outreach event after Tons of Trucks.
            - Motion by David to postpone an October outreach event and table the planning of a future event to Old Business during the September meeting, seconded by Donna.
                - Approved unanimously.
    - City Communications/Outreach Campaign
        - Social media, etc. promotion of CCC and volunteer groups during preparedness month.
            - Marc will loop in groups as needed via online.
                - Will reach out to officers.
10. Next Meeting Date:
    - Monday, September 28th, 2026.
11. Motion by Donna to adjourn at 8:58pm, seconded by Beth; approved unanimously.