

Town of Seabrook Island
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) met Monday, March 8, 2021, and was called to order at 10:00 AM via videoconference, Committee Chair Crane presiding. Committee members attending included Frank Farfone, Art Jones, Ed Maher, and Elizabeth Murphy. Councilman Barry Goldstein and Town Administrator Joe Cronin also attended. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

The Chair confirmed that all requirements of SC FOIA had been complied with.

1. Approval of minutes

The committee approved the minutes for February 8, 2021, by a motion from Ed Maher, seconded by Frank Farfone.

2. Review of March 4, 2021, DRC exercise meeting

The Disaster Recovery Council (DRC) was convened on March 4, 2021, to review the results of the January 27 DRC exercise. We used the Meeting Summary provided by Scott Cave, the meeting facilitator.

a. Action Items

The Meeting Summary included 11 action items for improving our response to an earthquake as presented in the scenario. The list was distributed to the DRC members on March 4, 2021. The Committee discussed each item with particular attention to clarifying the item description, the individual to whom the action was assigned for completing, and the target date for completion.

b. Next exercise plan (date, scenario)

As part of the ongoing CEP review a second DRC exercise will be scheduled for June 2021. The scenario will be for hurricane as the hurricane season will have begun and preparation for the season is appropriate.

3. CEP updates (plan and schedule)

As the practice has been the Committee will begin updating the current CEP to reflect changes in personnel as assigned by individual entities in the plan

and other changes to response to emergencies as identified through the most recent exercises. The Chair will distribute various sections to the appropriate organizations for review and updating. This activity will be completed by the end of April to provide a revised version of the CEP for the next DRC exercise (June 2021).

4. Town Administrator Items

a. Review of Draft Leash Ordinance

The Town Administrator presented 2 options for a Town-wide leash ordinance for consideration by the Committee: a narrower approach that would be applicable to property outside the POA gate that has public access or; building on the POA restriction, making violations a municipal offense. The Administrator prefers the narrower approach. He reviewed with the committee a proposed amendment to the Town Code for Chapter 18, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions. The amendment would add to Article II, Offenses Against Public Safety--no pet would be allowed on any public property without being on a leash (18.26). The definitions of pets and leash or restraint are unchanged as presented in Chapter 32 covering Waterways and Beaches. The Committee unanimously voted for the first approach, and the Town Administrator will present that at the Council Ways and Means meeting March 9.

b. 2021 Disaster Awareness Day

Kiawah informed us that as of the date of this PSC meeting they did not think they could participate in a Disaster Awareness Day using the usual format due to current COVID restrictions. The Committee reviewed some alternatives as presented by the Town Administrator, the most favorable being a format like a "fair" where the event would be held outside and various vendors and interests for the community could set up stations to discuss issues with residents and distribute applicable information. Attendees would be free to go to any station as their particular needs dictate. The Town Administrator will pursue this plan with Kiawah to assess their interest in participating in this format. The target date for the DAD is sometime in June.

5. Miscellaneous Business

None.

6. Next Meeting: April 12, 2021

7. Adjourn

There being no further business or discussion the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Frank Farfone, seconded by Art Jones.

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10:00 am (Virtual Meeting)

AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from February 8, 2021, meeting
2. Review March 4, 2021, DRC exercise meeting
 - a. Action Items
 - b. Next exercise plan (date, scenario)
3. CEP updates (plan and schedule)
4. Town Administrator Items
 - a. Review of Draft Leash Ordinance
 - b. 2021 Disaster Awareness Day
5. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting: April 12, 2021

Adjourn