

CEPA EXPO – 2009

Planning Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2009

Present:

Roger Barbour	Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
Joseph Errante	CERT
Hyla Ridenour	CRF&R
Nancy Harwood	RSVP
Al Pierce	ARES
Brian Burrigh	CRFR
Jay Tappan	CRF&R
Diane Dillard	CRF&R
Kevin Hawkins	Beary Special Photography
Larry Lucas	OSP
Terri Levie	911
Jim Huff	CRF&R
Debbie Wend	SH Police
Steve Salle'	SH Police
Roy Barbour	ARC (by phone today)
Sherry Welter	CRPUD

The meeting was called to order by Steve S. He noted this is the first planning meeting for CEPA Expo 2009 slated for Saturday, July 18, at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

Jim Huff had talked with Ronda Courtney from the fairgrounds and she noted they are happy with our use of Gate 3 for entrance – encourages not to let others go through it. She needs to know our set-up schedule in advance. Terri and Diane will coordinate the ad layout and public service announcements. Ronda said the one page ad costs \$800 and is distributed to 25,000 homes in the county. We will rough draft copy and get photos ready – Steve will get us name of his newspaper friend who can guide us on what photos are best to use. We need to make sure that CEPA Expo is mentioned in the one-page flyer that is usually handed out to fairgoers. We have been left out of that document the last two years. This year's fair theme is "A Green & Groovy Celebration."

Tent and booth configuration will be handled by Deb Wend and Roger Barbour. ARC will not be bringing their kitchen this year. Set-up is from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. with all vehicles being out no later than 9:30 a.m. Booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Some of the booths we had and/or propose having are: Citizen Corps (probably 7-10) including MRC, CERT, Map your Neighborhood); Drug Court, Ace Hardware, CERT, ARES, CRF&R, Volunteers in Police, 911, CRPUD, ODF, OSFM, Scappoose, Vernonia, Mist-Birkenfeld, Clatskanie Fire, OSP, CCSO (Jack Hinkle and Randy Bonds)

Bleachers – Steve has requested the City to use their bleachers again – Diane to contact school district and see how many we can borrow – hopefully avoiding having to move those heavy ones again.

Donations – Deb Wend will spearhead – with containers in booths, at Expo entrance and for the photography event being managed by Kevin Hawkins.

Theme – consensus was that our theme this year be “Shelter in Place.”

Grant request from Oregon State Fire Marshal – Diane/Nancy will coordinate the request and work with Terry Wolfe.

Demonstrations – last year we had Life Flight, ODF hay burn, Fire Departments mock crash, taser, CIRT, puppet show and K-9. This year we will try to get an electrical safety demo and Larry Lucas will see if we can get Coast Guard. Possibly set up a Shelter in Place demo with student actors, etc. Hoping that Derek White, Michael Cave, Hyla Ridenour and Brian Burright can work on this.

Potential donors – Chris Iverson, Day Wireless, Cascades Tissue Group, Auto Additions, Cities, Dyno Nobel, CRPUD, Graymont, Pacific Stainless, Wal-Mart, Portland Western Railroad, Sanderson Safety, State Military Department, Corps of Engineers, Legacy.

May give out hero awards

Sound System came from Scappoose Fire and the podium from Scappoose Police. Diane will see if the red bags are at Boise and Jay will look for the banner. Need to find covers for cords. Steve will reserve the two readerboards. Would be great to get Ronda to let us put up an extra pole for hanging banner.

Kids gifts – Deb has two big bikes and two small ones. Will make sure winners “need to be present to win.”

Diane will redo the donation letter and send out electronically. We need to find more tents – contact CRPUD, Northwest Natural, Mist-Birkenfeld. Steve will get picnic tables from the City. Jay will make sure we have barrier tape and parking signs at fairgrounds station. Sponsors should bring their banners and we can hang on the fairgrounds prior to the CEPA EXPO.

New CCSO river patrol are Jack Hinkle and Randy Bonds. Diane will add them to the CEPA list.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 14, 9 a.m. at St. Helens City Hall Council Chambers.