



**Central Texas
Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster**

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December 12, 2019

Dan Knauft welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made by those in attendance.

Attendees:

Alan Ford – Pres Church USA

Alan McMillin – Red Cross

Angela Malian - HHSC

Anna Tangredi – DLT, TARG

Annie Harton – TARG

Betty Learned – Volunteer

Bob Andrews – Austin Bapt Assn DRT

Cathy Norman – Church of Scientology DR

Charles Baker – Crestview Disaster Ministry

Christine Brown – Travis Cty OEM

David Chincanchan –

Denise Blok – Central Texas Food Bank

Dan Knauft – American Red Cross

Dick Perrone – TARG

Izadora Martinez – American Red Cross

Jiann-Ping Loh – Tzu Chi Foundation

Karsten Darden – Central Texas Food Bank

Kharley Smith - TDEM

Kye Tavemier – Austin Public Health

Linda McCabe - DRTx

Matt Bisacca – American Red Cross

Nelson Andrade – City of Austin HSEM

Robert Vidaurri - ADRN

Roger Wines – Travis Cty ARES & REACT

Sara Record – Volunteer

Shelby Thomas – OneStar Foundation

Taylor Wolter – OneStar Foundation

Tom Herrerd – TARG

Minutes from October Meeting.

Anna Tangredi moved to accept as written. Dick Perrone - 2nd.

Minutes approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker – Jose Guerrero

Dick Perrone introduced Jose:

Our speaker today is Jose M. Guerrero, the Assistant Director of the City of Austin Watershed Department. Mr. Guerrero grew up in Galveston, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1984 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He has been involved in the storm water management field for the past 35 years. He was awarded the Certificate of Excellence by the City Manager for his work on the Wells Branch Regional flood and erosion Control Pond. In 2012 Mr. Guerrero was recognize as the Government Civil Engineer award recipient of Texas.

He is speaking to us today on the Atlas 14 proposal adopted by the Council in November. The program will redefine the flood plain within the city's jurisdiction that impacts new development and existing structures. The hope is that this program will reduce the flooding impact on structures in Austin.

SEE ATTACHED POWERPOINT FOR NOTES – Atlas 14: Austin’s New Understanding of Flood Risk

- To see if you are in the flood plain, visit <http://www.Atxflood.com> to see if you’re in the flood plain. Enter address.
- Question about ramps for people with disabilities: No funding for ramps if someone chooses to increase their foundation 2’ to comply with floodplain guidelines. Separate funding must be obtained.
- FEMA map updates expected in 2022.

Shelby Thomas – Future Practice Exercise.

- Google Docs training was two months ago. We will do an exercise with the Executive Board in January as a trial run. We will do a follow-up drill with the entire VOAD in February.
- Google docs is used in TBM deployment. Must have an email associated with google docs drive.
- What about people who begin and get the password, then quit? They will have a password they shouldn’t have.
- How will we communicate this? Shelby: Sometimes you need a google account. If you have the LINK, you only need the link (no password).
- We will send a new google link for each disaster.

Updates:

- Bastrop County LTR: None
- Blanco River Reg Recovery: None
- TARG: No update. Will participate in “I Live Here, I Give Here” so we will have funds available for next disaster.
- Case Mgmt: No Updates
- Communications: Shelby’s role at OneStar has changed – is now working with Vista Corp. Needs more people on her committee. If you are interested, please email shelby@onestarfoundation.org. Want to continue to build this committee to do website and internal/external communications. Annie T asked about if we had a VOAD phone, but it hasn’t been working.
- Donations Mgmt: Robert Vidaurri. Previous RightGift presentation will be made in CTEC in January/February.
- Education: Over the holiday break, if you can please check the link for google docs so you’re ready.
- Charles Baker: TBM will be doing introductory trainings in 2020 – will get dates for everyone.
- Emotional & Spiritual Care: Alan Ford. Several meetings over this past year. National VOAD says we are responsible for developing points of consensus. They have also come out with principles for each of these areas. We were talking about types of training in this area. After reviewing document, we need to survey members of VOAD to discover areas of interest – 1) emotional; and 2) spiritual. We want to find out what you do and

where you do it. Survey government agencies to see if they have provision for emotional care. Will be working something up in the future.

- Long Term Recovery: Anna. Talked about the kind of work that Dick does – in the last flood, there were people who needed to know what to do to repair their homes. Dick does an assessment for these people and works with ADRN case managers to give them info on reconstruction and repairs. This is one of the functions of TARG. Dick: Buyout process in lower Onion Creek is finished. 900 homes bought since 1997. Upper Onion Creek: 138 to be bought; 78 bought so far. Williamson Creek – bought 63 homes there. City is treating people very fairly, so no complaints. City provided moving expenses, and difference in price if you have to move out of state. City is looking at far western area of Onion Creek now. Money is coming out of drainage fees, and bond money we voted on.
- Membership: Cathy. Waiting on an application for one organization. Cathy would like someone to help on membership if you are interested.
- Dan: Several positions will be open in the Spring, so please start considering future involvement.
- Volunteer Management: No Update.

Announcements:

- Christine Reyes-Paiz passed away last week. Viewing and Rosary will be Sunday in Manor, TX. Funeral service will be on Monday at 10 am. Membership observed a moment of silence in memory of Christine.
- Governor's Office contacted Texas Baptist Men to see if they would provide feeding for Homeless Camp. They will cook 3 meals a day for one week starting this weekend. Twelve People will stay at Woodlawn Baptist. Shower Unit will be provided by Austin Baptist Assn. Austin Food Bank said if they haven't called you yet, they will be calling you. Anna mentioned that we discussed this at the Executive Board Meeting.
- Individual organizations are free to respond however they choose. We need to recognize that some organizations have a disaster arm and a service arm. Austin Food Bank said the Governor's Office doesn't realize we are a DISASTER organization. This is a good time for education.
- TxDOT is charged with finding showers. Emerg Mgmt is tasked with other things. Karley Smith with Tx Dept Emerg Mgmt.
- Anna stated if government was willing to provide \$, it may provide more buy-in since volunteer organization funding is usually for disasters.
- Crestview Men: Are these opportunities to do some real-world training? We could "help" for a time to train people.

Shelby: Assembled everyone for a group picture.

Meeting adjourned: 11:47.