



Lowell City Council

Non-Profit Organizations SC Meeting Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: May 13, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber, Lowell City Hall, Lowell, Ma. / Zoom (Hybrid)

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Gitschier, C. Nuon, C. Mercier and C. Robinson. Also present were Kyle McWilliam-Lopez (Red Cross) and Gabriela Twaalfhaven (Principal – Saint Michael’s School).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Gitschier called the meeting to order noting attendance and agenda item regarding the Red Cross and Saint Michael’s School.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Gitschier introduced Mr. McWilliam-Lopez who provided presentation entitled “American Red Cross Massachusetts”. Mr. McWilliam-Lopez outlined the role of the organization which included the mission statement, volunteering programs, overview and services. Mr. McWilliam-Lopez noted the organization was made up of chapters in the community and the services are for blood drives, disaster and training. Mr. McWilliam-Lopez noted global and environmental coverage of the organization. Mr. McWilliam-Lopez noted most frequent disaster is home fires. Mr. McWilliam-Lopez noted various programs for community which include programs for youth and adult, hands only CPR and Read Riding for businesses. Mr. McWilliam-Lopez noted ways to assist would be to volunteer, donate blood and communicate in community. C. Gitschier noted the programs adding the



importance of assisting businesses, fire response and partnering with schools and the senior center. Mr. McWilliam-Lopez commented on upcoming event at UMass-Lowell for volunteer participants. **Motion** by C. Gitschier, seconded by C. Mercier to have the City Manager reach out to Red Cross to establish a coalition with the organization. So voted. C. Mercier noted the presentation and the positive message. C. Gitschier open meeting to public: Sandra McNamara addressed the body reflecting on prior floods in the City which Red Cross responded to. C. Robinson noted organization is at ground zero and questioned if they could assist with lifeguard training in the City.

C. Gitschier open matter up regarding Saint Michael's School. Ms. Twaalfhaven outlined the many programs available through the school which are full year and during the summer and are available to all members of the public. C. Gitschier requested contact information for the school. C. Robinson commented on the efforts of the school in the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Nuon. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk