

## **SEATTLE HERITAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (SHERN)**

Date: 02-05-2021, 9:30 – 10:30am

Location: Virtual meeting (Zoom)

Present: Matt Auflick (City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management), Clara Berg (MOHAI), Allison Campbell (Washington State Historical Society), Camille Davidson (Archdiocese of Seattle), Sarah Frederick (Museum of Flight), Loretta Greene (Providence Archives), Cory Gooch (Frye), Geneva Griswold (SAM), Tamara Hayes (King County Law Library), Katherine Hughes (MoPOP), Julie Irick (Seattle Municipal Archives), Stephanie Lamson (UW Libraries), Kate Leonard (UW Libraries), Jennifer Martin (City of Lake Forest Park), Gary Menges (UW Libraries, WESTPAS retired), Laura Phillips (Burke Museum), Ann Poulson (Henry Art Gallery), Peter Schmid (Providence Archives), Stephen Seely (King Co. Law Library), Stefanie Terasaki (MoPOP), Kaia Wahmanholm (Nordic), Andrew Walsh (Bellevue Arts Museum), Diane Wells (Episcopal Diocese of Olympia), Clete Wood (MoPOP).

### **MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND UPDATES:**

Virtual welcome. Consent received to record the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves in the chat function.

**GUEST PRESENTATION:** Matt Auflick (he/him), Community Relations Manager, City of Seattle's Office of Emergency Management (OEM). As of 2021, OEM is now a stand-alone department in the City of Seattle that reports directly to the Mayor's office; it is no longer housed under the Seattle Police Department. The new OEM director is Curry Mayer (she/her); she was formerly the Emergency Manager for the City of Bellevue. Matt will be the new SHERN representative for the OEM, replacing Melanie Cole who left the organization last summer. Matt presented several slides related to the Hazard Mitigation Plan (the Plan). SHERN members are advised to review the Plan's sections regarding arts and cultural organizations (5.41), Seattle Public Library (9.13), and community partners (UW in 9.3).

Plan url:

[http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Emergency/PlansOEM/HazardMitigation/2021%20HMP%20Draft%200115\\_2021%20for%20Web.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Emergency/PlansOEM/HazardMitigation/2021%20HMP%20Draft%200115_2021%20for%20Web.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

The Plan covers actions to minimize risk of and response to natural and human-made disasters. The Plan's outlines preventative actions that are intended to keep Seattle eligible for post-disaster FEMA mitigation grants. The main categories of Hazards covered in the Plan include: climate change, geologic, biologic, intentional, infrastructure, and weather. Attention to climate change hazards is increasingly necessary. Currently, OEM seeks FEMA mitigation funding to cover infrastructure projects such as bridge retrofits, seismic upgrades (to library buildings, for example), and seawall replacement. Importantly, OEM can apply *on behalf of* an organization for funding; for example, they helped Roots Housing successfully apply for and receive \$5 million to seismically retrofit their building.

Cory asked Matt to speak to the role of arts and cultural organizations in the Plan. Are we/they on the radar for examination? Matt responded that the Plan traditionally reflects requirements from FEMA, therefore it focuses on City-owned property and projects.

Private community assets such as arts and cultural organizations are not directly included in the Plan at this stage.

OEM released the Community Mitigation Survey in November 2020, which asked the public to rank categories of hazards that they are most concerned about. Result: earthquakes and disease are the top concerns. The top four community services that respondents prioritized for protection through mitigation efforts include: health and mental health, homelessness/emergency shelter, food assistance/food banks, and affordable housing. Arts and culture did not make the top four responses from the public.

The Earthquake Early Warning System has sensors located 6-12 miles apart throughout the west coast, from British Columbia to California. The sensors detect P-wave shaking. The Wireless Emergency Alert System will immediately push alerts from the sensors to your cell phone (in approximately 30 seconds or less depending on the fault line). System testing will begin on February 25<sup>th</sup> and full rollout is expected in May 2021.

You must opt into “test messages” on your phone. To enable alerts:

iPhone: dial \*5005\*25371# and tap call.

Android: Setting->Notifications->Advanced->Wireless Emergency Alerts->State and Local test (turn on).

See <https://mil.wa.gov/alerts> for more information.

### **GUEST WELCOME:**

Allison Campbell (she/her), Heritage Outreach Manager for the Washington State Historical Society was introduced by Peter. She would like to initiate a heritage response network in Pierce County. Allison reports that only 37% of 200 arts organizations in WA State have an emergency response plan.

Stefanie Terasaki (Curatorial Assistant and Assistant Registrar), Katherine Hughes (Registrar), and Clete Wood (Preparator and Mountmaker) from MoPOP were introduced. Peter met with them, and Melinda Simms, Collections Manager, on February 3 to tell them about SHERN and they are interested in joining!

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The 12-4-2020 minutes were approved with no changes.

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

On the Membership page of the website, a new line was added that reads: “Annual dues are payable by check or PayPal.” Further details about paying via PayPal are forthcoming.

Going forward, the Board will be using Dropbox to centralize working documents such as minutes, the record retention schedule, the PreP, and others.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

*Current balances*

Checking: \$2,762.59

Savings: \$25.00

Outstanding dues: UW Law Library, King County Archives.  
Dues invoices will be sent in March. They are payable by check, electronic transfer, or PayPal.

Records Retention Schedule (RRS): A few changes were made based on comments from the last meeting. The updated RRS was approved. It is located in the Dropbox folder.

## **OTHER NEWS**

*Our current boundaries / Potential new members (Peter):* The membership currently falls within a 15 miles radius. Bellevue is the eastern boundary and Elliott Bay is the western boundary. Looking north and south, a 15 mile radius could include Shoreline and Burien. Peter wrote to several places, such as Highline Historical Society, but response times are slow due to Covid. Sarah F suggested that SHERN reach out to the Association of King Country Heritage Organizations (AKCHO). Cory reports that Michael King is the new Executive Director at the Southwest Historical Society. Is it reasonable to work within the current radius? Further discussion is merited.

*Board overlap position (Geneva):* Proposal to shift Board member service periods, so that at least one Board member stays on to help transition the new Board.

## **MEMBER UPDATES**

Peter: Providence Archives will return to the office next week. 100% of the St. Joseph Residence residents and staff has been vaccinated.

Clara: MOHAI is tentatively reopening at beginning of April. They're grateful that their exhibit schedule has been flexible.

Geneva: SAM is reopening to members on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and to the public on March 5<sup>th</sup>, timed tickets.

Laura: The Burke is open. Laura is in the office, working with less than three staff members, and she is teaching two students in person.

Cory: The Frye is opening Feb 11<sup>th</sup> with timed ticketing.

Sarah F: MOF is tentatively reopening the first week of March, four days a week, timed tickets.

Julie I: SMA are not reopening until July because there is no way to have limited capacity.

Handling references remotely.

Ann: Henry will reopen soon, but no set date. Sat-Sun with timed tickets and room for walkup.

Kathryn: UW Libraries still offering curbside service two days per week. Hoping to open limited study space in Spring quarter for students. Preservation staff can now have one person in the lab two days a week.

Jennifer: No set reopening date. Staff continue to rotate through the office.

Andrew: BMA reopens tomorrow at less than 25% capacity.

## **NEXT MEETINGS:**

April 2: Zoom

June 4: TBD