

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Meeting Summary – 9 June 2026

Members and Guests in attendance:

Agosta, Nadine	Martinez, Ed	Trent, Maria
Bruno, Frank	Mecham, Clint	Troxler, David
Coleman, James	OConnor, Dominique	Volner, Machel
Collis, Linda	Parkhurst, Ray	Woodley, Chartonna
Henderson, Kayla	Perry, Karissa	
Hively, Kendra	Peterson, Lisa	
Howell, Charlie	Sokol, Daniel	

Mr. Ray Parkhurst opened the meeting at 10:01 AM

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Mr. Clint Mecham gave us an update on Emergency Management. Welcome to day 9 of hurricane season. The Pacific has a hurricane already and there is nothing percolating in the Gulf or the Atlantic. Last week our staff was in Orlando at Florida Training for Emergency Management. The common theory now is that FEMA assistance will come in the form of a Block Grant. But there will probably be no changes for this year. COAD becomes an important part of recovery. Our construction is proceeding and should be done by Aug 27. We should be able to sit up to 130 people in a classroom setting. We have an internal hurricane exercise coming up. We have a heat index of 107 this weekend. One thing that COAD can do for us is to help us provide some structure to the spontaneous volunteers and bring in some of the faith-based partners that we are not in touch with. Giving some organization and control over spontaneous volunteers will really be important as well as documenting the resources used. With the changes coming to FEMA the documentation piece will be necessary. Businesses will be important in the new FEMA 2.0 world. The push will be to normalcy after a disaster. Businesses back in business is a step towards normal.

Ms. Kendra Hively of Community Services reports that we are up to 70 volunteers. The Prepared to Assist training in May resulted in 19 in training. July 15 will be an open house for VRRC.

Ms. Linda Collis reported that Red Cross has a 4-hour training course for shelter volunteers.

Ms. Kayla Henderson from VIND gave us a rundown on VIND current activities. This includes 3 interior repair cases under review for funding. One of these cases also presents unmet needs for essential appliances and furnishings.

Ms. Karissa Perry from Department of Health reports that they are preparing for hurricane season with training.

Mr. James Coleman of Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida has spent a lot of time with Sumter County but will be up in our area more often. There is an expo in Lake Mary on June 20th at the Church of Latter-Day Saints and there is one this Saturday in Marion County at the EOC.

Ms. Lisa Peterson with Transform 386 for the homeowner recovery program we are still

accepting applications for Ian and Milton. Lisa reports the numbers of applicants and activities under way.

Mr. Frank Bruno spoke about the Transform 386 successes. We really need to replace what we had with United Way, especially the local business involvement.

There will be no July Meeting. The next meeting will be on August 11, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

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