

Minutes of meeting held October 31, 2007

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At the request of members of the community, CATUCA has been asked to be part of an Multi-institution Commission for Emergencies in Atenas (CIEMA)

This group met for the first time on October 22, 2007 at the Municipality.

The objective: to coordinate donations and follow the procedures necessary to obtain a suitable site for the building of houses for those left homeless by the recent events in Fatima.

The bank account to be used **exclusively** for this purpose is the Club de Leones BCR No. 1569-5. The account will be managed by the Club de Leones' treasurer who is also a member of CIEMA.

The inventory of goods and appliances received and distributed has been handled by the Municipality, Mayor's office.

The process of securing land and funds is currently underway.

Catuca proposed the elaboration of a document with precise information to be presented to organizations who might be able to help with monetary or land donations in the future. This document should state: how many houses are needed, the minimum lot size for same, what the government is offering, etc. This proposal was accepted by the commission.

In addition, it was requested that the Mayor provide the commission with detailed, written information outlining the steps taken by the Municipality to ensure that the available aid (which is handled by the National Emergency Commission) is distributed to those in need. It is clear that there are funds available for these situations.

An Executive Decree is being sought out to provide land from the ECAG to be used for emergencies in the county.

- On December 2nd, there will be a BINGO to raise money for the objective of the commission. Importadora Monge has donated 1,000,000 colones in appliances. This information was provided by Father Warner Salas, member of CIEMA.

CoopeAtenas donated 1,000,000 Colones to the National Emergency Commission which was used for gasoline and other expenses at the Atenas emergency site, and it was generally known that Atenas covered its own expenses during that time.

We will keep you informed of the commission's progress.