

Minutes

PINELLAS COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014; 10:00 PM
TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Ste. 100, Pinellas Park

1) Welcome & Introductions

Bob Bray (Chair) welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

2) Approval of Minutes March 6, 2014

There were no changes or additions to the minutes of March 2014. Paula Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes. Betti Johnson seconded. Minutes were approved.

3) Presentation

Brady Smith did a presentation on Climate Change & Sea Level Rise Potential Impacts Upon Florida. Questions were raised by Bob Bray regarding how the LMS Work Group should proceed with addressing Climate Change and Sea level Rise in the LMS Update. Neal Schwartz raised questions regarding the extent of man upon climate change over time. Conclusion was that for the timeframe of the LMS Update a moderate and cautious approach is appropriate. Any new goals and policies that are added to the LMS or the local plans should reflect the timeframe of the LMS. **The presentation will be put on the LMS website: www.pinellaslms.org**

4) Sub-Committees/Assignments

a. Appendix 1- Multi-Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment –

Betti Johnson reported that the models which were used in 2009 are no longer used. New models are being sought that will satisfy the County's needs.

b. Appendix 2 – Workgroup Membership –

Dayton Saltsman identified a list of organizations that were previously participants in the LMS workgroup and indicated that if there was no objection of the Workgroup they would be contacted to determine if they wanted to participate again. There were no objections.

c. Appendix 4 – LMS Goals & Objectives –

Paula Cohen reported that the Goals and Objectives Sub-Committee met and that they felt that the structure of the Goals & Objectives was still viable. Some additions to it would be necessary to address issues of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise, but that could fit within the existing structure.

d. Appendix 5 – Local Programs, Policies and Capabilities –

Bob Bray Thanked all that have submitted their updates to Appendix 5 and urged all others to complete their update. He also asked that if nothing was to change for their local community's section, to please send an e-mail indicating that there was no change.

e. Appendix 6 – Local Departmental Responsibilities in Mitigation Implementation –

Bob Bray told everyone that the Appendix 6 information was sent out earlier this week. He also informed the group that the document sent out (the adopted version) had a problem with identifying the jurisdictions in the Tables and to please be very careful when extracting the information for updating. He was not able to separate the table into individual cities because he was not familiar with the local information to be able to organize it. He also asked that if nothing was to change for their local community's section, to please send an e-mail indicating that there was no change.

f. Appendix 7 – Community Participation and Outreach –

Betti Johnson – Reported that the sub-committee met and had focused on the following FEMA specific requirements:

- 1) Engage stakeholders in the LMS Committee which reflect the “whole community”
- 2) Engage the public to allow the opportunity for input/comment into the plan development
- 3) Fully capture the Mitigation Outreach efforts of the county and communities and stakeholder partners

Recommendations:

- 1) Meet with Tom Iovino of Pinellas County Communications to determine the feasibility of the following:
 - a. On-line Video describing the LMS purpose and update and provide an opportunity via the website for public comment
 - b. Host an online Town Hall meeting regarding mitigation and the LMS
- 2) Prior to next meeting, make an effort to recruit new members to the LMS Committee including Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development, as well as public and private sector stakeholders not currently participating.
- 3) Each community should follow their procedures regarding public participation prior to taking before the Councils for adoption.

g. Appendix 11 – Potential Funding Sources – This section will be updated as appropriate to include changes in the funding sources, information links and requirements.

h. Appendix 12 – Critical Facilities –

Betti Johnson reported that TBRPC will update the critical infrastructure inventories and maps based on State and local assets and facilities. Once completed, she will reach out for local review to ensure that local critical facilities are reflected.

i. Appendix 13 – Repetitive Property Loss Inventory –

Bob Bray Reported that he received the Repetitive Loss and Severe Repetitive Loss Property information from the State Floodplain Management Office and that the numbers of RL & SRL properties have decreased in the county. The RL & SRL info has been given to Betti Johnson. He offered to provide each community with the information he had for their community, just send him an e-mail. A brief discussion arose regarding mapping the RL & SRL properties. It was indicated that previously just general areas were identified. Paula Cohen explained that each City had specific Repetitive Loss areas which the cities have identified. No decision on how the RL and SRL areas will be depicted in the LMS.

j. Inclusion of CRS Floodplain Planning Process –

Lynn Rossetti Reported that the sub committee has not met yet and passed out the 10 step process for Floodplain Management Planning and its changes.

5) Conferences

- a. Governor’s Hurricane Conference May 11 – 16 (Orlando)
Reminded people that the Gov Hurricane Conf is up coming and provides CFM and AICP Credit.
- b. National Hurricane Conference.
No person attended
- c. Florida Floodplain Manager’s Association Conf. March 26 – 28 (Stuart) –
Steve Everitt attended and provided a brief report.

6) Any Other Business

- Introduced Debbie Peck’s Grand daughter for “Bring your child to work day”.
- Johan Hendrickson informed the group of the upcoming Internet based storm preparedness workshop Largo is sponsoring. She provided us with handouts regarding the event. It was noted that if the local governments promote this event they should also include it for CRS outreach activities in their community.

7) Adjourn – 11:45

NEXT LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY MEETING:

THURSDAY, May 29, 2014

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 100

Pinellas Park