

July 18, 2018

**Pasco County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Meeting
Pasco County EOC, 8744 Government Drive, New Port Richey, FL**

***Meeting was opened by Ian Eppig, Emergency Management Coordinator @ 2:00 pm.**

- **Welcome:**
 - Reviewed agenda
 - Will be adding projects to LMS this meeting
 - Discuss changes to LMS this meeting
 - Verified public notice
 - Veronica Hanson, Pam Lynch made motions to accept notices
 - Approval of minutes from 4/11/2018
 - Veronica Hanson, Joanne Jaquish motion to approve
 - Introductions
 - Diverse group, departments with a lot of experience
- **HMGP:**
 - Have been executed and are moving through process
 - They are all Stormwater projects
 - Forest Hills – Modification
 - Zephyr/Port Richey - bids
- **Irma HMG**
 - Stopped taking applications
 - Wiregrass awarded
 - See PPT for what's been awarded
 - Going in order in ranking list
 - Sometimes out of order to meet deadlines based on what's complete
- **Laura Wilcoxon introduced CDBGDR Hermine and Irma**
 - Three grants submitted (FR35, Elfers, Utility generator)
 - Over 100 for Elfers area, only 10 came forward
 - Elfers moving forward and moving through application phase (2.5 million)
 - Hoping additional folks join program as it is in process
 - All preliminary and working with Hilary and Paige in Community Development
 - Looking into/preparing projects for Irma funding (future)
 - CDBG-DR can equipment match – 25% local
 - Holding pattern until tour

- **New Projects:**
 - **Stormwater presented 9 projects**
 - **Cypress Creek:**
 - **David Sua – project not going at this time, other issues with consultant as there is no money**
 - **Ian Eppig inquired if it would be done using HMGP**
 - **David Sua – will put it on list**
 - **2011 funding corporation studied Cypress Creek and set BFE in water shed and identified what county can do regarding flood plain structures that are in jeopardy which would take some of them out of the flood plain and add storage; no money to fund internally – there is flooding but not as much as FEMA would like**
 - **Ian Eppig motioned to add to LMS, Patrick Ballinger seconded.**
 - **Lake Padgett:**
 - **David Sua – 16 homes to remove from flooding, constructing a wall which will protect other homes**
 - **Drainage issues in community; road is impassable in big storms**
 - **Ian Eppig made first motion to add to LMS; George Thomas seconded.**
 - **Granite Place:**
 - **David Sua - in Lake Padgett East subdivision; is experiencing failure with pipe that needs to be replaced and reinforced – existing pipe will be replaced (same location) with more material**
 - **There is homes near the pipe and a home near the pipe which failed**
 - **16 homes on Forest View Dr. – large “wetland” – want to build a wall**
 - **Ian Eppig motion to add**
 - **Veronica Hanson asked if price is really 1.4 million**
 - **Yes, they are doing Reinforced Concrete Pipe which includes design and construction**
 - **Drainage pipe between two houses has caved in**
 - **George Thomas seconded motion**
 - **Bear Creek/Griffin Park:**
 - **David Sua – every rainy season structures around it experience flooding, road closures. There is a partial design to fix this issue – Southside of State Road 52 design storage/retention and move water into the river with pipe**
 - **Veronica Hanson motion to accept; Patrick Ballinger seconded**
 - **Lake Padgett Estates:**
 - **David Sua – Lake Saxon Drive and large segments of roads flood and are impassable. Association petitioned for assistance; aging infrastructure that is inadequate for needs. No money to complete design study and construction**
 - **Veronica Hanson first motion; Joanne Jaquish seconded**
 - **Quail Hollow/Apple Blossom:**
 - **David Sua – has images if wanted. It is overtopped in two areas – major road route that gets over topped in 500 year storms and south portion has undersized**

- culverts – need to increase culvert size and elevate roads to keep roads dry and meet services.
 - \$2 million and will affect 17 structures
 - Ian Eppig motion, George Thomas second.
- Quail Hollow 1 and 2:
 - David Sua – to be deferred for future as Benefit Cost Analysis is low but wants to keep it on LMS in case it improves with study
 - Flood abatement of shores and connected to Quail Hollow/Apple Blossom
 - Remove three structures from floodplain
 - Ian Eppig motion, Hilary Bruno second
- Plantation Palms Revision:
 - David Sua – consultant did study on drainage flow. The slope on drainage ditch and Irma caused a lot of erosion, threatening 36 homes; ditch is within 30 feet of homes. Add gabion baskets to protect homes.
 - Cost increase to 3.2 million
 - Ian Eppig motion, Allan Biddlecomb second
 - Laura spoke regarding 404 – 406 mitigation
- Duck Lake:
 - Mike Garrett: add automated gate to control flooding
 - East of County; usually dry lake
 - Ian Eppig motion, Patrick Ballinger second
- Parks & Rec
 - Tammy Odierna: Blackwell Project – 158 acres:
 - ELAMP funded for 10 parcels and one homestead; borders Anclote.
 - Hold area as floodplain – keep undeveloped
 - Joanne Jaquish – where is it?
 - Tammy Odierna and Ian Eppig pulled up maps
 - Hilary Bruno asked for Seven Springs reference point
 - Joanne Jaquish – is property donated?
 - Tammy Odierna – no, appraisals will be done, working on costs
 - Ian Eppig, Hilary Bruno , Laura Wilcoxon – consider for CDBG?
 - Tammy Odierna - partnership money is the end goal for this
 - Ian Eppig motion, Hilary Bruno second
- Judy Tear – Florida Forest Service
 - LMS is all hazard plan and would like to include projects regarding
 - State is funding but needs local coordination
 - Fuel reduction projects: mulch, chop, burn
- Indian Echo Girl Scout Camp Wildfire Mitigation:
 - \$6,000; impact 50 homes/mobile homes
 - Regional team to work on this
 - Jared Dorrier is out; Judy Tear is point of contact
 - Loss of property is \$50 million
 - Laura Wilcoxon motion, Patrick Ballinger second
- Judy Tear – Crocket Wildfire Mitigation:

- County property – Moon Lake; 600 acres
 - Moon Lake/River Ridge – 200 homes
 - 6 fires within 2 two weeks last year; fireplan will enhance community
 - Will cut lines on Moon Lake side creating more access for fire vehicles and reducing fuel
 - Florida Forest Service company to assist reduce fuel by mulching, chopping
 - \$27 million at risk, will cost \$10,000 to complete
 - Patrick Ballinger motion, Leigh Cowan seconded
 - Judy Tear showed a web-based program – database of registration in Florida; fire map, fire wise
 - Judy Tear – Pine Plantation – Dade City:
 - Will be a future submission
 - Not submitted yet – TBD when submitted
- LMS Five-Year Update:
 - Volunteers of a subcommittee formed
 - Sub-committee worked since May 4 to update LMS for five-year update (see slides)
 - Ian Eppig presented on changes
 - Beginning of plan – example: change name to LMS Working Group
 - Maintain consistency with FEMA, State, etc.
 - Identified changes with lined pages
 - This was sent out before
 - Allan Biddlecomb – difference between minor and major, i.e., what’s the difference “the group can make minor changes”
 - Laura distinguished minor as items not requiring board action
 - Erin Thomas – including information for Economic Development
 - Ian Eppig used local information
 - Kevin Guthrie – discussing blight vs. economic tourism
 - Erin Thomas used for EDA funds and Hernando County is leading
 - Ian Eppig motion to approve and Dirk Palmer second, accepted.
 - This final chance will be amended by 1 representative from each municipality and 1 LMS Co Chair
 - Joanne Jaquish motion, George Thomas, Veronica Hanson second
- Ian Eppig requested sub-committee volunteers for HIRA update
- Ian Eppig reminded group if it is identified in LMS as hazard that method of mitigation needs to be identified
- Judy Tear – Requests to incorporate Florida Forest Service CWPPs in new LMS plan; add in appendix
- Kevin Guthrie:
 - New five-year plan due 8/28/19
 - Jennifer Stagg – plan due six months after CEMP
 - Leigh Cowan – COOP for Sterling
 - Three distinct but hinged together plans
- Ian Eppig motion to adjourn @3:40pm; Pam Lynch, Joanne Jaquish second

Respectfully Submitted by Renee Chambers, Administrative Assistant