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Pinellas County
Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Work Group

TBRPC
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Pinellas Park, FL
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- Welcome and Introductions. Ed McKenzie (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone and started the process of everyone introducing themselves.
- Distribution of the Draft LMS Plan and submittal to DEM. The new draft 2009 LMS Plan was distributed to each attendee. This is the version that will be submitted to Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) next week. Members were encouraged to review the final draft and provide comments, errors, and improvements to Ed. He will get back to anyone providing input and include it in the changes after FDEM reviews it.
- Community Status:
 - Appendix 5 – Programs, Policies, etc. The municipalities who have submitted:

Belleair Beach	Belleair Bluffs	Belleair Shore
Belleair	Clearwater	County
Dunedin	Gulfport	Indian Shores
Indian Rocks Beach	Kenneth City	Largo
North Redington Beach	Oldsmar	Pinellas Park
Redington Beach	Redington Shores	Seminole
St. Petersburg	Treasure Island	
 - Appendix 6 – Department Responsibilities. The municipalities who have submitted:

Belleair Beach	Belleair Bluffs	Belleair
Clearwater	County	Dunedin
Gulfport	Indian Shores	Indian Rocks Beach
Largo	North Redington Beach	Oldsmar
Pinellas Park	Redington Shores	Seminole
St. Petersburg	Tarpon Springs	Treasure Island
 - Appendix 9 – Projects – Ed reported that all submitted projects have accepted scores and have been prioritized.
 - Appendix 10 – Accomplishments – Ed reported that all accomplishments have been posted.
- Public Outreach and Participation - Betti
 - Focus Groups – Betti reported on the upcoming focus groups and solicited members to participate in the subcommittee.

She also asked for members to submit questions that might be used to solicit input from the citizens at the meetings.

- The LMS and the CRS. Betti talked about optional Appendix 15 to the LMS plan, where any municipality can include its own Floodplain Management Action Plan and Annual Report. This is where you can include your floodplain mitigation actions and increase your Community Rating System (CRS) scores. Jeffrey Dow offered to share what he has drafted for Pinellas Park for this appendix. It is posted at the public website, under “2009 Update to the Plan”. It is a PDF file, “LMSCRS Activities”.
- Status of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study and other projects. Betti reported on the Evacuation Study and the upcoming Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) that will be due in a year. For those interested in following someone else’s example, contact Lynn Rosetti from Treasure Island. They are working on their own PDRP.
- Overview of Timeline and Deliverables. – Ed explained about the submission of the draft 2009 LMS Plan to FDEM and their review of it. We really have little experience on the level of scrutiny used on plan updates as the review process is new and developing. Regardless, we will incorporate suggestions from working group members, along with FDEM requirements and submit to FEMA. Their deadline, as explained at the Governor’s Hurricane Conference and reported by Betti, is to review and “approve pending adoption by local municipalities” by Nov 15, 2009. We will then have 12 months to get the plan adopted by our municipalities.
- New Business
 - Benefit/Cost Analysis Training – June 16th. Anyone who hasn’t signed up for the BCA (G-278) class can go to <http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/application.asp?id=1485> to do so.
 - Lynn Rosetti, City Planner for Treasure Island, announced that they will be hosting a flood proofing program meeting presented by FDEM on Wednesday, June 17 at Treasure Island City Hall, 120 108th Avenue. They may include getting citizen input as a focus group
- Schedule next meeting – Our working group meetings, normally held quarterly, were increased in frequency to monthly in recognition of the amount of work and collaboration necessary to produce our updated LMS Plan. Now that we have completed that effort, we will revert to quarterly, expecting that by August we will have some feedback from FDEM. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at our regular place, TBRPC.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.