

MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2014
Park Station, Pinellas Park, Florida
5851 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
Bob Bray (Pinellas Park) welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Introductions of attendees were made. It was explained that David Walker, (Chairman) had retired.
- 2) Confirmation of Annual Updates to Appendix 9 (Mitigation Initiatives) and Appendix 10 (Accomplishments) of LMS Document
Mr. Bray thanked everyone for their participation in the update of Appendix 9 (Mitigation Initiatives) and Appendix 10 (Mitigation Accomplishments). He stated that if these appendices met with everyone's approval they would be submitted as part of the Annual Maintenance Update of the LMS. A question was raised about making further modifications, because some projects had recently been completed. Mr. Bray indicated that if it was ok with the group he'd accept and modify accordingly the appendices till January 23, at which time he would need to wrap up the update and forward it to Tallahassee by January 31, 2014. No objections were raised.
- 3) Mitigation Projects/Initiatives - Grant opportunities (HMGP Status)
There was discussion about the announcement for Flood Mitigation Assistance Funds.
- 4) Confirmation Training and Exercise Planning Workshop
Provided notice for the upcoming Readiness: Training Identification and Preparedness Planning Course at the TBRPC Feb 27 – 28.
- 5) Conferences
Reminded the workgroups of the upcoming educational opportunities at:
 - a. National Hurricane Conference April 14 – 17 (Orlando)
 - b. Governor's Hurricane Conference May 11 – 16 (Orlando)
 - c. APA Conference April 26 – 30 (Atlanta)
 - d. FEPA Annual Meeting & work sessions February 3 – 7 (Daytona Beach)
 - e. Florida Floodplain Manager's Association Conf. March 26 – 28 (Stuart)
- 6) LMS Update
Informed the workgroup that the 5 year update of the LMS Document is upon us again. The updated document is due in Tallahassee on November 4th, 2014 and after review and approval by the state it would be forward to FEMA. The document must be approved by FEMA no later than May 4, 2015 or else the LMS Expires. It was also discussed that the update would need to be conducted to be compatible with the CRS Floodplain Planning requirements if local governments chose to use the LMS as the Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) as it has in been I the past. Mr. Ken Sides explained that by meeting the Floodplain Management Planning requirements ALL the communities that are signatories to the LMS would not have to individually develop a FMP and would still obtain the necessary points towards the municipality's CRS Score.

The topic of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise might be considered for inclusion in the LMS. It was brought to the groups' attention that Hillsborough County will be looking at these issues in their LMS Update. It was then recommended that Gene Henry, the Hillsborough County Hazard Mitigation Program Manager be contacted to see if there was an opportunity to share data. The chair indicated that contact would be made.

The workgroup was told that information would be forthcoming regarding the work schedule for the LMS update and that there may need to be some committees formed to help in the update.

7) Selection of LMS Chair/Vice-Chair for 2014

Mr. Bray asked for nominations for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair for the LMS workgroup for 2014. None were received. Mr. Bray stated that he would not be able to hold office another year. He is the only planner remaining in his office. Dayton Saltsman, said that he would act as a nominating committee and reach out to other members of the workgroup and would get back with a slate of officers. Everyone agreed.

8) Other Business

Mr. Bray indicated that in the package of information everyone received, there were two flyers which may be of interest. One was on a Statewide Sinkhole Vulnerability Assessment and the other was regarding Sea Level Rise Data Available for Use in Hazard Mitigation Assistance Applications. Finally the LMS Workgroup Meeting dates for 2014 are: April 17, July 17, and October 16. Special meetings will be called as necessary to meet the LMS document update.

9) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 11:10 am

NEXT SCHEDULED QUARTERLY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY MEETING:

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014 10 AM

TBRPC

4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Pinellas Park