

MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 8, 2015
GROWTH SERVICES TRAINING ROOM.
2710 East Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, Florida

A meeting of the Local Mitigation Strategy Committee (LMS) was held on July 8, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Marion County Growth Services Training Room, located at 2710 East Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m., by Chairman Joe Campfield. Proof of advertisement was submitted through the Marion County Office of Public Information.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Joe Campfield (Chairman), Sue Farnsworth, Sean Lanier, Marya Latson. Marion County staff present were Kevin Smith, Strategic Resources Project Manager; Samuel Martsof, Growth Services Director, Natalia Cox, Planner II, Richard Martin, Planning Tech II, Gail Mowery Storm Water Engineer and Suzanne DiPietro Growth Services Admin Manager.

Others present: John Longacre, The Villages-Fire Safety, Randy Ming, MC Dept of Health, Masood Mirza, MC Traffic Engineer, and Payal Pandya, City of Ocala Storm Water Engineer.

OLD BUSINESS

In considering the previous meeting minutes of March 18, 2015, for approval, Chairman Campfield wanted to change a word in the last line of the last paragraph, to make it more accurate. Kevin Smith suggested changing "the higher your CRS rating" to "the better your CRS rating". Sue Farnsworth made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended. Randy Ming seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin proceeded with Agenda item # 5A, update the names and Email address of members. No motion was needed. This is just informational. Kevin asked the committee members to provide him with any changes to the committee names, as we try to maintain the most current information.

Kevin moved to Agenda item # 5B, Chapter 6, Hazard Identifications for Marion County. Kevin proceeded to highlight the changes he made. Discussion followed with suggestions and requests for changes. No motions were made. The Committee asked if the flood software allows filters that will let us manipulate the data? Comments were made regarding grant writing, and that the "vulnerability" map is generalized to the Marion County limits, not depicting the municipalities at all. How can we represent the municipalities' vulnerability? Sue Farnsworth will provide Belleview LMS information for Kevin, and would like the City of Belleview added to the maps on page 6-12 and 6-38. It was noted, while reviewing Map 6-26, that Belleview's "City Park" is a sinkhole called the "grotto" and that the City of Belleview has several sinkholes/karst areas. The chairman asked everyone to please email updates to Kevin for inclusion into the LMS document.

Kevin advanced to Chapter 7, Vulnerability Assessment. The matrix that was used before was low, medium and high. The maps are in process. If there are no other questions we will continue on with the Appendix. The information is carried over from previous LMS plans and correlates to the subjects in the chapters referenced above. This information has not been updated and can be used with the long range planning and statistical references.

Discussion turned to Agenda Item # 5C, Web page for the Draft LMS Review – SIRE System. Kevin showed the committee how to pull up the Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy agenda on the County's Sire agenda site.

Agenda Item # 5D – The Outreach Program is an informational gathering tool, which Natalia Cox and Kevin will be working on. This is an outline of what kind of information we are going to look at.

Agenda Item # 5E – This is letting everyone know of correspondences received by this department in reference to the LMS. Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) were touched on. Concerns regarding the Sabal Trail Natural Gas pipeline and sink hole/ karst areas were discussed. With that pipeline being pressurized natural gas, and it going near I-75 and residential areas, what safeguards are going to be put in place? Kevin explained that the Federal agencies have jurisdiction over this and the local government can't prevent it from happening. Sabal Trail developer will provide the vulnerability assessments and emergency contingencies to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Kevin explained that this will all be covered in the Certificate of Necessity Application that Sabal Trail would provide to the Federal Government

The next meeting will be early next month. Discussion continued on when Kevin was planning on getting the LMS Update ready to submit to Tallahassee. He is hoping to get a draft to this committee to vote on by September and the adopted LMS up to Tallahassee by November, 2015.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sue Farnsworth and seconded by Kevin Smith. With nothing further to be considered by this committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved by LMS Steering Committee:

Chief Joe Campfield, Chairman LMS Committee

Date