

## MEETING NOTES

Hillsborough County LMS Working Group Meeting

Thursday January 14, 2021; 1:30 PM

Via GoTo Webinar

### Attendees

Facilitators: Troy Salisbury (Hazard Mitigation Manager), Monica Martin (LMS Coordinator)

Officers: Elizabeth Dunn (Chair), Whit Remer (Co-Chair)

Committee Members: Kevin Moran, Bart Weiss, Christina Hummel, Tom Aderhold, Ben Allushuski, Simon Bollin, David Burnett, Shawn College, Jose De Jesus, Ross Rickerson, Kyle Dollman, Derek Doughty, Daniel Gessman, Cynthia Grizzle, Diego Guerra, Enrique Lairet, Patty Latshaw, Angie Leslie, Colleen Marshall, Trinity Miller, Carmine Pisano, Nola Ristau, Andrea Roshaven, Kayla Smart, Ashley Tharp, Bill Twaite, Anthony Vallone, and Allison Yeh.

Guest Attendees: Steve Davis, Joe Mastandrea, Lynn Spivey, Cody Winter and Chris Zambito.

### I. Welcome

#### a. Introductions and Attendance

Meeting started at 1:30 p.m. The Chair, Elizabeth Dunn, introduced herself and attendees introduced themselves during roll call.

### II. Action Items

#### a. Discussion/Approval of Previous Minutes

Christina Hummel moved a motion to approve the November 2020 meeting minutes (as is) and Tom Aderhold seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### b. Modifications to LMS Report

Troy Salisbury requested a minor title change within the Planning Process and Plan Maintenance Section of the LMS Report on pages 2-12 and 2-14. The current version listed the "Hillsborough County Engineering and Operations Department" as the point of contact to coordinate scheduling and notification efforts (re: the LMS WG). Mr. Salisbury suggested instead of having to continuously change the language to reflect the most current department name, which changes regularly, to replace it with "The LMS Coordinator" (on pg. 2-12). He suggested replacing "under the direction of the Technical Services Director, Engineering and Operations Department" with "The LMS Coordinator" to be assigned the responsibility of monitoring and coordinating annual tasks associated with the implementation of the plan. Mr. Aderhold moved a motion to approve the November 2020 meeting minutes (as is) and Derek Doughty seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

### III. Potential Grant Projects

#### a. There were no items listed on the agenda. Ms. Dunn asked the attendees if they had anything to add regarding grants and potential funding opportunities.

- Whit Remer mentioned several municipalities and regional partners received word that they were awarded CDBG grants (\$20M statewide), with the City of Tampa (COT), Pinellas County, smaller jurisdictions and non-profits being some of them. He advised the COT received \$5M, which would include doing an

evacuation study in regard to land use plans. Mr. Remer mentioned these awards highlight the importance of resiliency and congratulated everyone involved.

- Mr. Salisbury advised these grants will be coming up again and greater coordination efforts are being taken to make sure the County has competitive projects to submit that will not be limited to unincorporated Hillsborough County, but instead will be inclusive of larger, multi-jurisdictional projects. He also highlighted that in doing so allows for the submitted grants to obtain more points and to stand out. Mr. Salisbury mentioned as grants are announced, the County will let our partners & neighbors know so that everyone is aware of them.

#### **IV. Grant Status/New Funding Opportunities**

- a. See notes from above.

#### **V. CRS/Floodplain Management Update**

##### **a. CRS Upcoming Annual Recertification**

- Ms. Hummel announced the annual certification is due in May (2021) and she is currently working on it with other departments, as it is a collaborative effort. She advised she is in the processing of finalizing a Floodplain Management-specific webpage for the County website and scheduled a CRS group meeting for the end of January or early February (2021). Ms. Hummel noted since many of the outreach events are still taking place online due to COVID-19, the webpage will serve as a major information hub for the public (re: flood insurance, preparation for hurricanes, etc.). She announced the CRS Manual was updated for 2021 and is available for viewing. Ms. Hummel also mentioned within the CRS Manual update there are new rules for elevation certificates for everyone, as well as new opportunities to get more points.

##### **b. Coastal Mapping Update**

- Kyle Dollman advised the updated Flood Hazard/FIRM maps for Hillsborough County are currently going through the final Quality Assessment check, and once completed the County will receive its letter of Final Determination (est. to be received in March 2021). He highlighted that once that letter is received, the County will enter into a 6-month compliance period, which is when the County would update its ordinances.

##### **c. Floodplain Management Ordinance Update**

- Mr. Dollman advised the ordinance has gone through iterations internally to have concurrence with the land development and construction codes, and the current effort is towards the adoption phase. He mentioned his department is working with legal to setup a meeting with the BOCC for adoption and getting new amendments before summer 2021 (as they need to be adopted within 6-months of receiving the Letter of Final Determination & that is also when the preliminary FIRM maps will become effective).

##### **d. Citizen Corps Council Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

- Bill Twaite advised a non-profit was created last year, called the Citizen Corps Council of Hillsborough County, and is facilitated by Mr. Aderhold. He advised meetings will be held virtually and anyone who was interested in attending should e-mail him directly for the registration link. Mr. Twaite provided a brief history of the Council and highlighted its purpose – to function as an outreach

opportunity for the Local Mitigation Strategy, Floodplain Management, Emergency Management, Public Works, etc. as information is shared, the public is educated, and communication & cooperation is encouraged between as many NGOs as possible.

- Mr. Aderhold added the non-profit is registered as a private 501(c)(3) and can now accept funding. He encouraged everyone who has knowledge of funding sources or has sources of funds that could be direct towards the non-profit to participate/contact him, as it's the first time a master Council has the ability to bring in the funds and divert it back out to support community organizations while supporting their mission.

## **VI. Updates from Key Stakeholders**

### **a. Unincorporated Hillsborough County**

- The update from Sheila McNamara (representing Sustainability in HC) was tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Salisbury advised the County, with the help of the Planning Commission and other partners, received LEED certification from the USGBC (Green Building Council), one of 4 to receive Platinum status. He also advised Sheila is currently working on a Sustainability Action Plan, to which a survey had been sent to the group already, and the information gathered will add to the County's efforts to create a plan.

### **b. Cities within Hillsborough County (Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City)**

- **Tampa**
  - **FEMA Maps**
    - The City currently has 27k properties in Special Flood Hazard Area. Under the newly proposed FEMA maps, they will have 37k. Therefore, the City is proposing to change how they calculate height and base it on the base flood elevation rather than grade.
  - **Tampa Sea-Level Rise Conference**
    - The Sea-Level Rise Conference was brought forth through part of a \$75k grant from the Resiliency Coastal Program (via the Dept. of Environmental Protection). Speakers represented the builder/municipality perspective and received great feedback.
- **University of South Florida**
  - Currently working on EMAP (accreditation process) for Emergency Management, managing COVID, helping with CERT (Campus Community Emergency Response Team), vaccinations and preparing for the Superbowl.
- **Adjacent Communities**
  - Plant City – No Updates

## **VII. Quarterly Assessment of LMS Plan Document**

Ms. Martin advised we were not required to submit an LMS annual report since it had been approved within the year (2020-21). She highlighted how a thank you letter was sent to all committee members, and re-thanked them for all of their commitments and helping with getting the LMS approved and assisting with the yearly update. Ms. Martin

advised the updated project list would be sent to the state at the end of the month, along with the election results, and is currently being finalized. She also advised one of the biggest focal points for 2021 is looking for events to attend to meet our CRS requirements. Mr. Salisbury added an additional thank you to everyone who is an LMS WG member and/or attendees, as the member list has been updated and nearly all categories are being represented in the Committee now.

## **VIII. Old/New Business**

### **a. National Risk Index Tool**

- Mr. Zambito advised the tool's purpose is to compare one's vulnerability relative to others (can be done at the County and/or census-level), and is unique in that it has a specific formula, that includes social vulnerabilities, paired with a 300-page manual that documents how they came up with their methodologies. He highlighted how the tool combines social vulnerabilities with natural hazards and other resources in communities as well as resiliency indexes, creating a different way to look at risks and vulnerabilities.

### **b. Program for Public Information (PPI)**

- Ms. Hummel advised she has started on drafting needs, however, she is focusing on completing/publishing the webpage and having the CRS committee meeting first.

### **c. Speaker Suggestions**

- Ms. Dunn reiterated the search for speakers to present at future LMS WG meetings. She advised suggestions could be sent during the meeting, via e-mail, etc. and could include speakers talking about other state/federal/communities that have great mitigation measures underway, helping the Committee learn about the LMS, and/or inspire innovative ways to move forward with our LMS/LMS WG.

## **IX. Announcements/Activities**

- ### **a.**
- There were no new announcements and/or activities mentioned.

## **X. Future Meetings**

- ### **a.**
- The next meeting (Q2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter) was scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:30 pm, with the remaining schedule for 2021 being Q3 August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:30 pm and Q4 November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:30 pm (elections).

## **XI. Adjournment**

- ### **a.**
- Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Aderhold moved a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Doughty seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.