

MEETING NOTES

Hillsborough County LMS Working Group Meeting

Thursday April 8, 2021; 1:30 PM

Via GoTo Webinar

Attendees

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

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

Committee Members: Kevin Moran, Christina Hummel, Kyle Dollman, Bill Twaite, Amir Anisi, Simon Bollin, Shawn College, John McGee, Jose De Jesus, Derek Doughty, Daniel Gessman, Matthew Goolsby, Cynthia Grizzle, Diego Guerra, Eugene Henry, Michelle Jenkins, Ian Kemp, Celeste Lau, Angie Leslie, Colleen Marshall, Sheila McNamara, Trinity Miller, Carmine Pisano, Andrea Roshaven, Angela Salter, Kayla Smart, Ashley Tharp, Anthony Vallone, and Allison Yeh.

Guest Attendees: Manny Perotin, Roy Wright, 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. Guest Speakers/Presentations

a. Roy Wright – President & CEO for the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety

- Building the Future of Resilience
 - Mr. Wright delivered a presentation on the importance of intersectionality between community and homeowner resilience to better situate the built environment as we deal with climate change and attempt to prevent avoidable losses. He highlighted his team's dedication to exceeding code requirements, their focus on creating solutions to address new storm intensities & durations, and their goal to help everyone see the measurable benefits of having proper insurance benefits and fortifying new & existing infrastructure.

Mr. Wright noted that recent storms in Florida have stayed mid-intensity but for longer periods of time, making infrastructure more susceptible to structure fatigue (ex: Hurricane Michael) resulting in higher insurance claims due to water damage. He highlighted how one of his team's focus is on sealing roof decks by Fortified Home™ Hurricane Gold Standards and how it is drastically minimizing home damage and lessening insurance claims. Mr. Wright proposed the idea that if Florida wants to create a larger impact in minimizing risks, we must leverage federal programs that support resilience as we look for ways to retrofit existing infrastructure (ex: successful program in Alabama where they used state funds to retrofit large sections of underserved communities) and to put resilience at the forefront.

III. Action Items

a. Discussion/Approval of Previous Minutes

Shawn College moved a motion to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes (as is) and Kevin Moran seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

b. All People's Life Center

Troy Salisbury advised Hillsborough County was awarded \$1,029,000 for the All People's Life Center project through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program. The project was submitted through the Affordable Housing Department and was created to provide fortified shelter in a low-to-moderate income-level area. Mr. Salisbury noted the grant includes funding for the hardening of the roof, all doors and windows, and to install an emergency backup-generator. This project meets all qualifications to be included in the HC LMS Project List.

Christina Hummel moved a motion to add the All People's Life Center project to the LMS Project List and Angela Salter seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Potential Grant Projects

- None

V. Grant Status/New Funding Opportunities

a. Internal (Hillsborough County) and external (neighboring municipalities, Counties, etc.) collaborations & coordination

- Mr. Salisbury advised the Governor has dedicated more funding to resiliency efforts within the State, and therefore internal and external collaborations & coordination is extremely important. The County is currently meeting with neighboring municipalities and partners (City of Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City, USF, etc.) to keep communication lines open. The County's intention is to create large projects collectively that will elevate the resiliency efforts in the area and garner attention & subsequent funding from the State. He asked for everyone, especially the neighboring municipalities and partners, to let the County know if there are grants in which we can assist, partner, and apply for as the County would be excited to participate in to make the entire Tampa Bay region more competitive at the State-level.

Mr. Salisbury followed-up with stating that the County will continue to let everyone know what grants we are applying for and will continue to add projects to the LMS Project List via the LMS WG. Whit Remer added the LMS Project List is a great vetting tool, and as we all look at other grants, we should really keep our focus on regional flood/storm surge control projects, evacuation/emergency response, and big infrastructure projects to balance what we are planning for the region.

VI. Floodplain Management/CRS Update

a. Coastal Mapping Update

- Kyle Dollman advised the County has received verbal confirmation the coastal flood risk/FEMA FIRM update has been approved and are awaiting the letter (approval date: April 7, 2021). He noted the new maps are effective 6 months from the approval letter and therefore preliminary coastal FIRM maps become effective September 7, 2021. Mr. Dollman acknowledged the County is currently within the compliance period and are updating construction/land development codes to meet all of FEMA's requirements and remains consistent

with the Florida Building Code. His team will be scheduling board hearing dates to get those approved and will also be doing public outreach.

b. Update on January 2021 CRS meeting

- Ms. Hummel advised the County is currently going through its annual re-certification for CRS, which will be completed by the end of May 2021. She noted the County has all of its data and items to submit, and the next CRS meeting will be scheduled for late April or May 2021.

VII. Updates from Key Stakeholders

a. Unincorporated Hillsborough County

• Innovation & Resiliency

• Hazard Mitigation Viewer

Monica Martin advised the group that a Hazard Mitigation Viewer has been created and is now live. She highlighted the intention to make it intuitive and easy to use while still providing a lot of preparatory information for the public. Ms. Martin reviewed functionalities such as viewing (down to the parcel-level): evacuation routes, shelters, environmental information, specific locations/addresses, real-time status updates, HART routes, etc. She asked for suggestions to be sent to her as the viewer will continue to be updated. Elizabeth Dunn suggested added the LMSWG mitigation projects to the viewer as a separate layer and Mr. Salisbury advised it will be added in the future, as the current viewer only lists a CIP project layer.

• Sustainability

- Sheila McNamara advised the County received LEED certification from the USGBC (Green Building Council) after submitting five years of data for the entire County. The application identified strengths and opportunities for improvement and receiving 83/100 points. She acknowledged multiple departments/agencies/partners assisted with this effort and continue to they work to obtain a full Green House Gas (GHG) inventory not only for government operations but at a county-wide scale. Ms. McNamara highlighted the efforts being made to create reduction strategies and strategic plans for each, including investing a lot of time into providing outreach measures (ex: general public, focus groups, surveys, toolkits, department meetings, etc.), developing templates for initiatives to reduce GHGs, setting targets, and determining where we can do largest reductions/timeframes. The results of these efforts will be brought to County Administration in May 2021, and to the Board of County Commissioners in early summer.

• Emergency Management

- Angela Salter advised her team will be bringing in volunteers to assist with outreach material and communications for mitigation in HC. They are currently working with the CDC to see what the CDC believes are the most pertinent needs for community partners.

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

- None

c. University of South Florida

- Daniel Gessman advised the University of South Florida (USF) finalized their mitigation strategy in February 2021 and they are currently going through their EMAP accreditation. USF is also continuing with their cycles of stormwater modeling.

d. Adjacent Communities

- None

VIII. Quarterly Assessment of LMS Plan Document

- None

IX. Old/New Business

a. Speaker Update

- Ms. Martin confirmed the speaker for the next LMS WG quarterly meeting on August 5, 2021 is Rob Braun, Climate & Coastal Resilience Program Manager at The Nature Conservancy, Florida.

b. Project List Updates/Additions

- Mr. Salisbury reiterated that if there any projects that might fit in the list, to let he or Ms. Martin know so it can be added (including retroactive projects since the last annual approval).

X. Announcements/Activities

- a. None**

XI. Future Meetings

- a.** The next meeting (Q3 = 3rd quarter) is scheduled for August 5th, 2021 at 1:30 pm, with the remaining schedule for 2021 being Q4 November 4th, 2021 at 1:30 pm (elections).

XII. Adjournment

- a.** Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Jose De Jesus moved a motion to adjourn, and Anthony Vallone seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.