

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Naples, Florida, November 19, 2014

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Collier County Floodplain Management Planning Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 1:00 P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at the Collier County Risk Management Training Room located at 3311 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

Chairman: Jerry Kurtz, CC Staff
Vice Chairman: Craig Pajer, CC Staff
Kenneth Bills
Rick Zyvoloski (Alt.), CC Staff
Christa Carrera, City of Naples
Phillip Brougham (Excused)
Clarence Tears (Excused)
Chris Sparacino, City of Marco Island
Joseph Gagnier
Duke Vasey (Excused)
Mike Sheffield. CC Staff
Lisa Koehler
Raquel Pines, Everglade City
Jon Walsh, CC Staff (Excused)
James Hale

ALSO PRESENT: Caroline Cilek, M.S., FPMC Staff Coordinator
Gary McAlpin, Director, Coastal Zone Management
William Lang, Operations Coordinator, Floodplain Management

Any persons in need of the verbatim record of the meeting may request a copy of the audio recording from the Collier County Growth Management Division – Planning and Regulation building –Contact Mr. Evy Ybaceta at 239-252-2400.

Chairman Kurtz called the meeting to order at 1:08pm and a quorum was established.

Staff provided 3 handouts for the meeting: “Goal Setting;” “The Mitigation Strategy” and “Past Mitigations Update Strategy” for information purposes.

David Stroud and Amy Crowley of AMEC, consultants engaged to assist in developing the updated Floodplain Management Plan.

Mr. Stroud reported the purpose of the meeting was to develop the goals of the 2015 Floodplain Management Plan. He noted:

- The “*Goal Setting*” handout contained the “*Goals from the 2010 Floodplain Management Plan*” and the “*Goals from the “Draft” 2015 Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS)*” prepared by the Local Mitigation Strategy Work Group through the Bureau of Emergency Management Services.
- The 2010 Floodplain Management Plan contained 2 goals, and he recommended the updated plan have between 3 – 4 goals.
- The goals need to be broad based relative to the impacts of flood hazards from which a series of objectives will be developed to assist in achieving the goals.
- The goals must address the following 6 mitigation strategies:
 - *Prevention*
 - *Emergency Services*
 - *Property Protection*
 - *Natural Resource Protection*
 - *Structural Projects*
 - *Public Information*
- If two projects can be assigned to each of the 6 mitigation strategies (with the exception of Natural Resource Protection) the County will receive additional points towards the Community Rating System administered by the National Flood Insurance Program, potentially lowering insurance rates for policy holders in the County.

In order to develop the goals the Committee reviewed the goals of the 2010 Floodplain Management Plan and the Draft 2015 Local Mitigation Strategy and undertook an exercise in which each member and Staff answered the question “*What would you like to see most in Collier County’s future?*” Each individual provided 3 responses to the questions which were tallied and prioritized into the following general areas to be addressed:

1. *Stormwater*
2. *Economic*
3. *Outreach*
4. *Recreation/Open Space*
5. *Water Quality*
- 6/7/8 – *Flooding/Infrastructure/Housing*

A similar exercise was conducted whereby the question “*What should be the goals of our mitigation program?*” was posed. The results were tallied into the following prioritized categories:

1. *Critical Facilities*
2. *Protect Wetlands*
3. *Repetitive Loss*
4. *Education/Outreach*
5. *Residents Health Safety and Welfare*
6. *Reduce Flooding*
7. *Leverage State and Federal Partners*
8. *Post Disaster*
9. *Water Quality*
10. *Improved Floodplain Management*
11. *Growth Pays for Growth*
12. *Ensure future development does not worsen flooding conditions*

Based on the results of the exercises, the Committee developed the following preliminary goals for the 2015 Floodplain Management Plan.

1. ***Reduce vulnerability and/or exposure to flood hazards in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents and guests.***
2. ***Encourage property owners to protect their property from flood hazards through education and outreach measures.***
3. ***Reduce the vulnerability of critical facilities and infrastructure from the effects of flood hazards.***
4. ***Protect natural resources by employing watershed based approaches that balance environmental, economic and engineering considerations.***
5. ***Minimize adverse impacts to surrounding areas and watershed functions.***

Staff and consultants reported they would develop a set of objectives to help achieve the goals and provide them for review by the Committee. They noted the goals could be revised as they are still in preliminary stage.

Mr. Stroud provided a chart on 26 Past Mitigation Actions as identified in the 2010 Floodplain Management Plan and requested Staff to update the status of the strategies (“completed, ongoing, not yet started or for action in the 2014 FMP update”) so a determination can be made on if they need to be incorporated into the 2015 Floodplain Management Plan.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by the order of the Chair at 3:40PM.

**COLLIER COUNTY FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

Chairman, Jerry Kurtz

These Minutes were approved by the Board/Chairman on _____, as presented _____, or as amended _____.