

**Infrastructure Work Group
for the
Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan
MINUTES**

Date: October 28, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Pinellas County Planning Department Conference Room

Attendees: Tom Washburn, PC Public Works; Lee Kermode, Verizon Business; Carla Bristol, Verizon Business; Bob Powell, PC Utilities; Sam Parker, PC Utilities; Kelsi Oswald, PC Utilities; David Walker, PC Planning; Sue Lanham, PSTA; Jorge Quintas, PC Public Works; Walt Lenz, PSTA; Dawn Lindgen, PC Public Works; Michele Cavallo, Progress Energy; Liz Freeman, PC Planning; Ryan Brinson, PC Planning; Susan Mueller, Teco Energy; Thomas Jewsbury, PC St. Pete/Clearwater Airport; Brady Smith, TBRPC; Sally Bishop, PC Emergency Management; Angela Allen, FDOT; Brian Smith, PC Planning

I. Welcome and Introductions – Brian Smith, with the Pinellas County Planning Department chaired the meeting and welcomed all to the first Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) Infrastructure Work Group. Introductions from those in attendance followed.

II. Overview of the PDRP – Mr. Smith provide a short overview of the PDRP project, and then the video “Building Back- Stronger, Safer, Better” was shown which highlighted the overall purpose/intent of the Plan, and each work group’s individual role in developing comprehensive long term strategies. After the video was shown, a brief description of the website (<http://www.postdisasterplan.org>) was discussed where the video, meeting notes, agendas, future activities, and additional information can be viewed that relate to long term post disaster planning. It was also pointed out that the website can be accessed from the Pinellas County Planning Department’s website. Betti Johnson, with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, provided a status report regarding the other seven PDRP sub-work groups that are involved and discussed future coordination efforts, as there may be some overlapping of issues and other linkages between work groups. The seven other work groups are: Land Use and Housing, Environmental Restoration, Health and Human Services, Construction and Permitting, Economic Redevelopment, Financial Management, and Public Information.

III. Table-top Exercise – Ms. Johnson pointed out that the development of PDRP has a two-year project timeframe. Also, the content of the PDRP needs to be scalable and adaptive, intended to be used in minor and major emergencies and catastrophic events. Next, she discussed the components of the Disaster Cycle and described the 3 main phases of emergency management. The first phase, emergency response, includes search and rescue, immediate roadway debris clearance, and establishing supply distribution facilities. The next phase, short term recovery, includes damage assessment, infrastructure utility restoration (power, potable/waste-water), debris management, and setting up disaster recovery centers and emergency permitting stations. The last phase, long term recovery, includes three major components: reconstruction, holistic long-term recovery, and community enhancement.

The meeting then transitioned into the SWOT Analysis/Exercise which was an open discussion on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats of the County’s existing infrastructure. For a list of the items identified in the exercise, please visit the website under Infrastructure SWOT Analysis. Discussion ensued about similarities between neighboring County PDRPs. It was

suggested to look at Hillsborough County's Plan as a resource to determine comparable public issues, projects, and priorities to incorporate into our plan. Dave Walker, with the Pinellas County Planning Department, suggested that an inventory of Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) projects should be made available and updated on the website.

Brady Smith, with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, presented two large color maps of the County depicting the potential storm surge inundation areas. The first map identified vulnerable municipal/county service, public school, literary, scientific, and cultural facilities. The data for this map was provided by the Pinellas County Planning Department using the Pinellas County Property Appraiser datasets. The second map illustrated the vulnerable locations of potable, wastewater, and solid waste facilities, and also electric power substations. Brady noted that the dataset used to create the map was the Critical Facilities Inventory from the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and therefore includes some private uses, such as industrial wastewater treatment facilities. Sally Bishop with Pinellas County's Emergency Management suggested other resources of GIS data from other County departments so that the map could primarily focus on the location of vulnerable public infrastructure facilities.

Liz Freeman, with the Pinellas County Planning Department, suggested emailing a vulnerable assessment survey to the work group, the results could be discussed at the next meeting.

IV. Next Steps – Ms. Johnson concluded the meeting by identifying the next four tasks that need to be completed. At the next meeting the group will: prioritize the SWOT Analysis/Exercise issues, discuss what group/agency is assigned to address the issues, establish a timeframe to address/complete the issues, and set group or agency milestones of achievement.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.