

AGENDA & Meeting Notes
FOR
TERREBONNE PARISH
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
5/22/2014
@ 2:00 P.M
8026 Main Street
2nd Floor Council Meeting Room
Houma, Louisiana

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

The Terrebonne Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee held their first open to the public meeting at the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room in Houma, Louisiana, on Thursday, May 22, 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the committee and discuss an overview of the Plan Update process. Handouts attached include an agenda, the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update from 2010, the Comprehensive Master Plan, and the mitigation project list.

Michel Claudet, Terrebonne Parish President, welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and informed them that this is a parish effort and he is thankful for the participation of attendees.

Nicole Cutforth from CB&I introduced herself and discussed that CB&I was hired by Terrebonne Parish to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2015. Nicole informed the attendees that throughout the planning process we want to make sure that we are incorporating the effort into other planning processes.

Jennifer Gerbasi from Terrebonne Parish also welcomed everyone and informed the committee that if anyone else is interested in the planning process that the meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to participate. The committee was also informed that the meetings will now be held at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum located at 7910 West Park Avenue in Houma.

Nicole asked attendees to introduce themselves and provide what agency they represent.

Nicole informed everyone that there are a total of 3 meetings and there will be meeting notes mailed out along with her information if anyone has any questions or input between meetings. Also, there will be significant data gathered between meetings. Prior to the second meeting all the maps

will be updated along with the project list, critical facilities list and risk portion from the past Hazard Mitigation Plan with input from the parish and committee.

Pat Gordon, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) Planning and Zoning Director, volunteered to take the role of Committee Chair Person for Terrebonne Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

II. PURPOSE, NEED, AND EXPECTATIONS

Nicole informed the attendees about the grant that Terrebonne Parish has received to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The grant is a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDM) and it flows from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to TPCG.

Nicole defined Hazard Mitigation Planning to the crowd and explained that it is "Planning for any sustained action(s) taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards."

A few definitions that will be used throughout the planning process were discussed such as Hazard, Vulnerability, Vulnerability Assessment, Risk, and Risk Assessment.

The state (GOHSEP) is our guide in the planning process and will be attending the meetings to make sure that Terrebonne Parish is covering all topics necessary for approval. The past & present planning standards were discussed and the mitigation plan has to be updated every 5 years for TPCG to remain eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds. Nicole informed the committee that this plan should be Terrebonne Parish's plan and the committee's input into this plan is much appreciated.

Terrebonne's plan was approved in 2010 but there are new hazards and criteria that need to be incorporated and including how the parish resources can be allocated to expedite the implementation of hazard mitigation projects. Input regarding the project lists that are sent out between updates is imperative to the planning process.

Nicole discussed all the new data that we need to incorporate into the new plan including vulnerability analyses, any changes in hazard identification, different flood inundation areas, where the committee thinks we should spend extra time on modeling, and progress of projects that has been made in the past 5 years. Community Rating System (CRS) principles will also be discussed in the future meetings.

The planning process was discussed and phases were described (see attached PowerPoint slide 10). The idea is to stay circling between phase 1, 2, and 3 within the planning process to ensure that there is enough input from the committee for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

III. PARTICIPATION STRATEGY

Participating Agencies and a list of stakeholders on the steering committee was discussed. Nicole encouraged attendees to invite as many people as possible to attend plan update meetings.

The committee structure was discussed and what would be discussed at the meetings in the future. Nicole encouraged the committee and parish for their input on this plan as it is imperative to make it customized to Terrebonne Parish.

IV. PLAN REVIEW

Nicole discussed the existing plan overview and an overview of what this process holds.

Nicole broadly discussed the Community Rating System and how the planning process will be implemented.

Goals and Critical Facilities were discussed and will be updated throughout this plan. The committee asked to add the Civic Center, Public Works and Acadian Ambulance to the Critical Facilities list.

Nicole discussed the four tasks of risk assessment and eligible hazard mitigation projects (see handout) and discussed that the projects on the handout will be looked at for funding as it becomes available. Also, the committee was encouraged to list any projects so they can be incorporated including the following:

- Hardening or Retrofitting of Critical Facilities
- Drainage
- Increasing culvert size
- Increasing pump station capacities
- Elevation of structures that have flooded
- Safe Rooms
- Etc.

Funding and match percentages were discussed. Non-HMGP funds including PDM and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), are available every year. The funding process flows from FEMA to GOSHEP to TPCG.

The hazards that are identified in the plan were discussed. Some hazards that the committee ask to add include sea level rise, coastal erosion, sinkholes, and ice events. Also, Hurricane Lee, Atchafalaya Flooding of 2011, and May/October flooding needs to be added to the plan's flood event profiles.

Maps were discussed and will be updated for the next meeting.

V. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Data that will be sent out for committee's input includes the project list, goals, etc.
- Project list needs to have all projects that can reduce damages from hazards
- Between meetings, any participation is encouraged
- Next meeting (4-6 weeks) will include Risk Assessment, Map Review/Editing, Project list/Prioritize

VI. CONCLUSION

VII. ADJOURN