

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

Naples, Florida, January 21, 2015

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 2:00P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at the Collier County Growth Management Division Building, Conference Room #609/610, 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, 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 (Excused)  
Christa Carrera, City of Naples  
Phillip Brougham (Excused)  
Clarence Tears (Excused)  
Chris Sparacino, City of Marco Island  
Joseph Gagnier  
Duke Vasey  
Mike Sheffield, CC Staff  
Lisa Koehler  
Raquel Pines, Everglade City (Excused)  
Jon Walsh, CC Staff (Excused)  
James Hale (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Caroline Cilek, M.S., FMPC Staff Coordinator  
William Lang, Operations Coordinator, Floodplain Management  
Robert Wiley, Principal Project Manager

*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 2:00pm.

- 1. Approval of all previous meeting minutes 9/30/14; 10/23/14; 11/19/14; 11/20/14; 12/16/14**  
*Mr. Gagnier moved to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2014, October 23, 2014, November 19, 2014, November 20, 2014 and the December 16, 2014 as presented. Second by Mr. Vasey. Carried unanimously 9 – 0.*

*Ms. Cilek reported an attendance sheet for the Committee meetings have been prepared and requested Members to review the document to make sure it accurately reflects their participation in the meetings.*

- 2. Draft FMP Progress Report for 2015 Action Items – comments from Committee welcome**  
**Ms. Cilek** provided the “DRAFT FMP PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2015 ACTION ITEMS” for information purposes. The document is a spreadsheet still being developed designed to track the status of the action items including identifying which goal in the plan it is related to; who is assigned the responsibility for the item; the performance goals, benchmarks, prioritization ranking of the item, etc. The following was noted under Committee Member comments:
  - The document should identify a specific Department/Staff Member responsible for each action item.
  - Mr. Pajer - All existing designs are required to be approved by the South Florida Water Management District requirements and concern the LID Program will develop into a “mandate” to developers. The concept has been implemented in other areas and the designs are limited in success with “high maintenance” components.

**Mr. Kurtz** reported the item is identified in the County’s Watershed Management Plan and any requirements of this nature may not necessarily be fully integrated into the requirements for designs for stormwater management systems. Development of this program would proceed through traditional channels, be highly vetted and require approval of the Board of County Commissioners before it is implemented. The program would be utilized more as a Best Management Practices concept as opposed to a “mandate.”

- 3. Updates on FMP, including staff comments and information on the Planning Commission hearing scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ms. Cilek** provided the “2015 Floodplain Management Plan Update” for information purposes. She noted the Plan is scheduled to be heard by the Collier County Planning Commission on February 5, 2015. She requested at least one representative of the Committee be present to answer any questions that may be posed regarding Committee business.  
**Mr. Vasey** reported he would be attending the meeting.

*Staff encouraged others to attend if they so desire and proper notice as required under the Sunshine Law so more than one Committee Member may attend.*

**4. Draft Executive Summary and FMPC By-laws, following direction from the County Manager's office.**

**Ms. Cilek** provided the Executive Summary "*Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution repealing Resolution Nos. 2006-200, 2011-118, and 2012-06, relating to the Floodplain Management Committee, in order to revise the Committee membership allowing for one member from the local building and development industry*" for information purposes. The Board discussed the proposal. **Mr. Vasey** reported he would not be in favor of an engineer or a member from the Development Services Advisory Committee. He recommended an individual with a real estate/insurance background be appointed.

**Mr. Brougham** was not present but entered an appearance by email as follows:

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*The original resolution of the BCC specifically excluded appointing members of the building and construction industry to avoid any potential perception of conflict of interest. That restriction was tested before the BCC several years after that when the building industry requested a membership change that included one member from their industry be appointed. That request was debated by the BCC and rejected for the original reasons in that they viewed a member from the building industry would not be appropriate as some of the potential changes advanced by the Floodplain Committee could impose restrictions and requirements on the building industry, such as the Floodplain Damage Prevention Ordinance.*

*I do not know the motivation behind this proposed change but I remain definitely opposed to such a change and will in turn contact County Commissioners to reject this change. I see no benefit to the Committee or the County by bringing in a member from the building industry who will certainly comment and vote against any restriction or requirement which increases their costs. In the words of one then Floodplain Committee member, and still a member, "we don't need the help" and in one County Commissioner's words, "if it's not broke, don't fix it."*

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*All matters or proposed ordinance changes pass through DSAC and the Planning Commission where the building industry has every opportunity to comment and request changes to what is being proposed. What is the issue here that drives this requested change to the Committee membership?*

**Mr. Sheffield** reported the initiative is at the direction of the County Manager who has the right to request a change in the composition of the Committee given it is "advisory" to the County Manager.

**5. Scheduling of Future Quarterly Meetings**

**Ms. Cilek** reported Staff will be disseminating a survey to determine the most optimal day to schedule the quarterly meetings on a repetitive basis (i.e. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of a month).

**6. Other Items/Committee Correspondence**

None

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by the order of the Chair at 2:35PM.**

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PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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**Chairman, Jerry Kurtz**

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