

MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Naples, Florida, February 16th,
2021

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 9:00 A.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 (Excused)
Vice Chairman: Craig Pajer, CC Staff
Kenneth Bills (Excused)
Rick Zyvoloski (BES Alternate)
Christa Carrera, City of Naples
Kelli DeFedericis, City of Marco Island (Excused)
Duke Vasey
Lisa Koehler (Excused)
Terry Smallwood, Everglades City *aw 5/18/2021*
Stan Chrzanowski
William Miller
Deborah Curry, CC Staff
Linda Orlich
Ed Moulton

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Mason, Floodplain Coordinator

Vice-Chairman Pajer called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. The meeting was held via Zoom and telephonically.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes from November 3rd, 2020

Mr. Vasey moved to approve the minutes of the November 3rd, 2020 meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Chrzanowski. Carried unanimously 10 – 0.

2. Introduction of new FMPC committee members

Ms. Orlich and Mr. Moulton were introduced as new Members of the Committee.

3. CRS Program Status Update

Mr. Mason reported:

- That staff will be undertaking measures necessary to submit the Annual Recertification request to the ISO (Insurance Services Office). Work is anticipated to start on March 15th and conclude by May 1st and is necessary to maintain the County's standing in the CRS (Community Rating System).
- This activity was last completed in May of 2020, and this renewal consists of updating files.
- The County participates in the ISO and CRS programs that FEMA sponsors.

4. Upcoming changes to Floodplain Management Ordinance

Mr. Mason reported:

- That there are changes required by the State of Florida and CRS effective January 1st, 2021. They involve eliminating the provision to allow Pre-FIRM mobile home parks in the State from being exempt from the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), plus one standard when placing a new mobile home on site.
- The current provision allows placement of the home at 36 inches above ground regardless of the BFE.
- If the County does not comply with the provision, it will negatively impact the County's CRS rating changing the existing premium discount from 25 percent to 10 percent.
- The change is anticipated to be completed over the next 120 – 160 days.

During Committee discussion, it was noted:

- The Board of County Commissioners is required to approve the change to the ordinance.
- Staff will provide a copy of the new language to the Committee for informational purposes.
- This change only impacts Pre-FIRM mobile home parks, not those lands currently zoned for mobile homes, as these areas are already required to comply with the BFE plus one standard.
- Mr. Mason reported that to the best of his knowledge, the elevation requirement does not apply to accessory buildings in the community, such as structures on boat docks.

5. Mitigation Action Items Update

Mr. Mason provided the "*Collier County Floodplain Management Planning Committee Progress Report for 2021 Action Items – 1st Quarter 2021*" for informational purposes and noted the following ongoing activities:

1.2 – Amending the ordinance for Mobile Home requirement.

1.3 – Meeting schedule change to 3rd Tuesday quarterly – the next meeting to be held in May.

3.3 – Maintaining the Professional Landscaper Certification Program

4.1 – Continuing public outreach endeavors with local real estate organizations and others, including education meetings about Floodplain Insurance

- 4.2 – Maintaining communications with Federal/State/local agencies for Flood Hazard information.
- 4.3 – Updating flood information at locations such as local public libraries.
- 4.5 – Developing a comprehensive plan to provide Floodplain Insurance information to landowners and residents.
- 5.2 – Fulfilling training and reporting requirements to ensure Storm Ready Community status.

Mr. Mason noted that he is available for presentations to the community Homeowner Associations request.

6. Development Review from last quarter

Mr. Mason provided the "Building Plan Review Statistics," which outlined data for new construction with activity in the County for the 4th quarter of 2020. He noted:

- That from 1/2020 – 2/5/21 elevation certificates reviews numbered 3,029. This included those for construction activity (i.e., commercial and residential buildings, accessory structures, generators, etc.).
- The reviews may also include elevation certification data tied to permits that had been issued from previous years.
- Staff intends to submit approximately 1100+ Elevation Certificates for CRS Recertification review this year.

7. Search for New FPMC Chairman

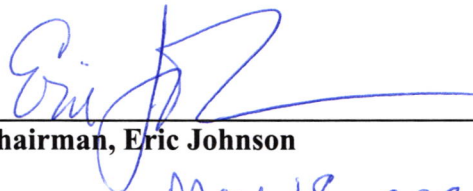
Mr. Mason reported Mr. Kurtz will be resigning from the Committee, and a new Chairman is being sought.

8. Other Items/Committee Correspondence

Mr. Vasey reported and submitted a Memorandum – "Subject ACUNE & ACUNE Plus," noting that ACUNE was discussed at the previous meeting. He expressed concern on data utilized for the platform stating, "Blind acceptance of Coastal Urban and Natural Ecosystems ACUNE & ACUNE Plus materials provided to date is pretty much like dumping social, racial, and species issues for a custom, internal algorithm. If not audited, you could be doling out infrastructure permits based on a planner's tool and arguing that you've covered all of the bases."

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 10:04 A.M.

COLLIER COUNTY FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Chairman, Eric Johnson

These Minutes were approved by the Board/Chairman on May 18, 2021, as presented, _____ or as amended .

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