



Boulder County CDBG-DR Collaborative Standing Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2016

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Peter Gibbons, City of Longmont Tony Cavalier, Town of Lyons
Molly Luetzgerodt, City of Longmont Dale Rademacher, City of Longmont

Consultants: Angela Norman, Hagerty Consulting Chris David, Hagerty Consulting
Deb Siefert, Hagerty Consulting

Others Attending: Karen MacClune, BoCo Strong

Location: City of Longmont – City Council Study Session Room

Agenda and Discussion Items:

- Boulder County Resiliency Plan report out – Karen MacClune from BoCo Strong
- Update on Resiliency Performance Standards
- Status of Partner Agreements
- Infrastructure Project Updates
- Advocacy and agitation about:
 - FEMA reimbursement/version approval taking so long
 - Relief from 2 year expenditure requirement
 - Other concerns/issues?

Handouts:

- Updated BCC's Suballocation Distribution for Infrastructure Projects

2:30pm – Introductions

Update on Boulder County Resiliency Plan – Karen MacClune from BoCo Strong

Karen MacClune from BoCo Strong presented on the purpose, status, and intended outcomes of the Resilience Assessment being funded by a CDBG-DR grant from DOLA. The Assessment will be a big picture assessment of county-wide community resilience to draw a baseline and develop a metric. It is using the State's Resilience Framework and the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities framework to identify focus areas – “where to look” – and resilience characteristics to determine if what is found is resilient. Intended outcomes include: a report for HUD, disseminated engagement pieces, a process to engage and educate people, and a concrete set of recommendations for moving forward.

The project's key milestones include drafting materials within the next 3 months, presentation/engagement materials complete for the Resilience Summit in September, and project completion in December 2016.

Karen requested help to find out what would be valuable to the Collaborative, find out what gaps or unnecessary pieces exist in the framework, connect her with the right people with the expertise or other resources, and have one-on-one discussions on how resilience is relevant to your work. She can be reached at karen.bocostrong@gmail.com.

Peter Gibbons commented that one piece that should be considered is the government's capacity to design, track, and prepare for new disasters, both before and after. Particularly, how to deal with long-term recovery efforts that last longer than the period in between disasters, so how to put one disaster down and pick up work on another?

Update on Resiliency Performance Standards – Molly Luetzgerodt

Implementation workshop held on 3/17/16 was productive and successful. A draft final report was completed in the first week of April 2016. As a result of some concerns from Boulder County Transportation, Molly will hold a small group test run-through for existing and potential projects, which will be set up for mid-April. Based on the results of that meeting, finalization of the report is planned for late April, and a future agenda item for consideration of adoption of the standards is slated for the 5/13/16 Collaborative meeting.

Status of Partner Agreements – Molly Luetzgerodt

Agreements with City of Boulder, City of Louisville, and Town of Nederland were approved by Longmont City Council on 3/29/16. City of Boulder and City of Louisville City Councils approved on 4/5/16. Nederland Town Board of Trustees to consider on 4/18/16. Town of Jamestown will be considered by Longmont City Council on 4/12/16. Lyons Amendment No. 1 is being drafted, targeted completion in April. All final executed IGAs will be uploaded to Salesforce.

Infrastructure Project Updates – Molly Luetzgerodt & Kathy Fedler

Molly provided the infrastructure project summary spreadsheets, highlighted the first completed draw for Round 1 funds by the Town of Lyons, the added tracker for Hagerty project delivery funds drawn from the \$500,000 set aside for Jamestown and Lyons, and the placeholders added for the St. Vrain/Left Hand Water Conservancy District and the Town of Ward.

Round 1 Reimbursements: Kathy reported that Longmont's Heron Lake Project was reimbursed by DHSEM. One draw has been completed for Round 1 CDBG-DR funds for the Town of Lyons, a second draw for Boulder County and the Town of Lyons is in the works. Approximately \$200,000 is estimated to not be spent out of Round 1, but it is possible the State may swap that amount to Round 2 to keep unspent funding in the Collaborative. Because the added \$1.4 M was already included in each community's proportional distribution, any remaining funding will stay with Boulder County and/or Lyons.

Kathy reported that preparations for Round 3 are underway. Kathy has started working with Longmont Purchasing to procure the Unmet Needs Assessment. Dave Bowman has confirmed the Collaborative will not need to complete its own Action Plan, but instead will be covered by the State's umbrella Action Plan. After the Unmet Needs Assessment is complete, the Collaborative will determine the proportionality split. The State's goal is to submit Round 3 package to HUD in early summer, then HUD's time limit kicks in.

"Advocacy and Agitation" – Kathy Fedler

FEMA reimbursement/version approval taking so long:

- Timeframes for FEMA scope change/versions approval
- DHSEM capacity issue for processing reimbursements
- SHPO approvals: SHPO will not provide clearances unless the request comes from FEMA but FEMA wants SHPO letters included with submittals

Relief from 2 year expenditure requirement:

- HUD's 2 year time clock does not work when FEMA has no time clock

Kathy stated that Congressional action will be required to remove the 2 year time clock and Michelle suggested that the issue be keyed up over the summer in coordination with other Hurricane Sandy states to be ready for a lame duck session in Fall 2016.

Other concerns/issues?

- Collaborative partners are becoming financially over-extended

Engagement: Michelle Krezek suggested that the concerns need to be packaged up neatly and include examples and suggestions for solving problems. Then it needs to be presented in person by elected officials, City/Town Managers, administrators, and/or high level staff. The Round 3 Unmet Needs Assessment will also demonstrate the lack of progress made due to these challenges.

Action Item: Collaborative partners to provide issues, impacts, and ideas for problem solving to Peter Gibbons, Longmont Flood Recovery Manager, by April 22nd. Peter will prepare a summary, then the Collaborative will send to appropriate State and FEMA contacts and have elected officials/managers/administrators/high level staff present in person at the May 12th "Issues" meeting with the State in Centennial.

Reminders:

- Army Corps' area-wide Section 404 exemption to work in flood-impacted stream channels expires in July 2016.
 - Discussion: some communities are working on obtaining, or have obtained, their own Section 404 permits to fill in once the exemption expires.
- Tourism Grants
 - Discussion: No due dates known for applications yet but it should be coming soon.
- Planning and Watershed Training will occur on April 21st from 8:00 – 4:00 in Longmont City Council Chambers.

4:30pm - Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 13, 2016

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Boulder County Courthouse, Dickie Lee Hullinghorst Meeting Room, 3rd Floor