

MINUTES
Morris County - Flood Mitigation Committee (FMC)
30 Schuyler Place - 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
January 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Jennifer McCulloch.

Members present:

Julie Baron
Louise Davis
Ted Eppel
Laura Szwak

Also attending:

Deena Leary, Director, Morris County Department of Planning & Development
Ray Chang, Director, Morris County Preservation Trust
Jennifer McCulloch, Flood Mitigation Program Coordinator, Morris County Preservation Trust
John Napolitano, Esq., Special Counsel to Flood Mitigation Program

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Ms. McCulloch announced that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

BOARD ORGANIZATION

- Election of Officers – On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Ted Eppel, the committee elected Louise Davis to be FMC Chair by a unanimous roll call vote. On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Ted Eppel, the committee elected Laura Szwak to be FMC Vice-Chair by a unanimous roll call vote. Chair Davis assumed control of the meeting at this point.
- 2013 Meeting Dates – Meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Monday of the month, at 5:30 p.m. in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Offices of Planning & Development, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey. There are two exceptions: meetings will be held on *Tuesday* evening in February 2013 and January 2014 due to conflicts with national holidays. The meeting schedule will be as follows:

February 19, 2013	June 17, 2013	October 21, 2013
March 18, 2013	July 15, 2013	November 18, 2013
April 15, 2013	August 19, 2013	December 16, 2013
May 20, 2013	September 16, 2013	January 21, 2014

- Financial Disclosure Forms - Ms. McCulloch informed the FMC that these forms are due by April 30th this year. Forms need to be filed online at the DCA website address given to FMC members via e-mail.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting were reviewed and on a motion by Laura Szwak, which was seconded by Ted Eppel; the Committee approved said Minutes.

PROGRAM UPDATE

“Focus on Morris” segment

Ms. McCulloch informed the Committee that on January 11, 2013 she taped a television segment with the MC Office of Public Information which gave an update on the progress of the Flood Mitigation Program for the “Focus on Morris” series that airs locally.

Closings in Denville

Ms. McCulloch reported Denville had two more closings – one (1) in the FAST TRACK program, and one (1) from the CORE program. The remaining 5 properties are short sale situations and thus will take longer to bring to a close. Denville is working with Rutgers Cooperative Extension to create a community garden when all properties have been preserved.

Presentation to the Board of Chosen Freeholders

Ms. McCulloch gave a progress report on the Flood Mitigation Program to the Board of Chosen Freeholders at their December 27, 2012 meeting. The presentation was well received and the Freeholders seemed pleased with the progress made to date.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:50 p.m., on a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Laura Szwak, the FMC closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, and per the Committee’s standard resolution language voted to conduct a closed session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:46 p.m., on a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Ted Eppel, the FMC returned to open session by unanimous vote.

The following actions were taken, as a result of Closed Session deliberations. On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Ted Eppel, at 6:48 p.m., the Committee granted Final Approval to the following slate by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2013-02: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 1 Minnehaha Blvd – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$57,260 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-03: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 3 Cherokee Ave – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$54,504 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the

Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-04: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 3 Wilbur Avenue – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$45,602 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-05: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 7 Chesapeake Ave – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$62,730 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-06: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 18 Huron Avenue – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$52,455 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-07: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 40 Lake Shore Drive – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$44,953 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-08: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 49 River Drive – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$55,466 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-09: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 57 Rockaway Blvd – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$44,128.50 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-10: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 59 River Drive – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$44,795 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-11: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 63 River Drive – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$37,364 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Resolution 2013-12: Parsippany-4021 Project Area – 126 River Drive – FAST TRACK acquisition funding in the amount of \$41,250 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and soft cost reimbursement, and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with the Township be executed.

Appraisal Review Policy – As a result of Closed Session discussions, staff was directed to assess the Flood Mitigation Program’s appraisal review policy and draft potential revisions for the FMC to consider at their next meeting. Areas to evaluate include:

- Criteria which would trigger a formal MC appraisal review
- MC certification of value – process
- Timing of Initial Mitigation Offer – only after value certification?
- Develop an ‘At Risk’ letter from Morris County?

This appraisal review policy is especially important when Morris County is lead and/or only funding agency for the project.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McCulloch informed the FMC that a meeting is scheduled with Long Hill Township on January 25th to discuss a potential Flood Acquisition Plan (FLAP) and CORE application for 13 properties which have already received a site specific grant from NJ-DEP Green Acres for flood mitigation buyouts.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Laura Szwak, seconded by Ted Eppel, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday*, February 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Offices of Planning & Development, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer N. McCulloch