



Richland County Council

BLUE RIBBON AD HOC COMMITTEE

April 25, 2017 – 2:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Councilman Greg Pearce, Councilman Paul Livingston, Councilwoman Dalhi Myers, Councilwoman Yvonne McBride, Malcolm Gordge, Carol Kososki, Synthia Williams, Tracy Hegler, Natasha Lemon, Liz McDonald, Beverly Harris, Donny Phipps, Valeria Jackson, Quinton Epps, Miranda Spivey, Michael King, Jamelle Ellis, Carol Roberts, Elaine DuBose, and Jessica Burgoyne

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Pearce called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

SELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. Hegler stated she received an email from Chairwoman Dickerson suggesting that Mr. Pearce be elected as Chair of the committee.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to appoint Mr. Pearce as the Chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

MOBILE HOME REPLACEMENT VENDOR RECOMMENDATION & APPROVAL

MOBILE HOME VENDOR SELECTION PROCESS:

- March 7 – Mobile Home Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted
- March 13 – Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting (5 Vendors attended)
- April 3 – Mobile Home RFP was closed for proposals (received 1 proposal); staff reached out to the other 4 vendors that attended the pre-proposal meeting, but did not get a response
- April 10 – Staff reviewed and determined single proposal was responsive, competitively priced, and recommend selection of the vendor
- April 25 – Present recommendation to the BRC for their favorable recommendation to County Council
- May 2 – Council Reading for selection of Mobile Home Vendor

RECOMMENDED VENDOR – HAMVIS Properties, Inc.:

- Native American owned
- Performed like services for the following disasters:
 - Hurricane Floyd (1999)
 - Hurricane Isabel (2003)
 - West Virginia Floods (2003)
 - Hurricane Charlie (2004)
 - Hurricane Jeanne (2004)
 - Hurricane Rita (2005)
 - Hurricane Wilma (2005)
 - Hurricane Katrina (2005)
 - Mid-Atlantic Floods (2006)

- Hurricane Ike (2009)
- Hurricane Matthew (Current)
- Teaming Agreement with Congaree Home Center, Inc. and Bobby Reavis Company, Inc.
- Price: \$62,000 per mobile home unit
- Includes removal of old mobile home, clean up, remediation and installation of new mobile home
- The mobile homes are a standard (3BR/2BA)
- If the County receives additional funding it may be able to offer a small, standard and larger size mobile home

HAMVIS Properties, Inc. was unanimously approved by the committee as the mobile home vendor.

HMGP 2015 FLOOD UPDATE

HMGP 4241-DR (2015 FLOOD) UPDATE:

- All County submitted applications have been approved by State and submitted to FEMA
- The Lake Dogwood Dam Armoring application was not completed. State has automatically rolled that project to HMGP 4286-DR funding consideration.
- Our 2 public works applications may or may not be funded by State out of HMGP 4241-HR funding
- Federal money available has increased from \$39M to \$48M

HMGP 2016 HURRICANE MATTHEW UPDATE

HMGP 4286-DR UPDATE (HURRICANE MATTHEW):

- Pre-applications were due to SCEMD by April 11, 2017
- The BRC recommended to Council to resubmit all 4241-DR (2015 Floods) applications for 4286-DR (Hurricane Matthew) and to identify any additional buy-out projects
- We identified one additional property for buy-out in the Stoop Creek area under HMGP 4246-DR (Hurricane Matthew). This pre-application was submitted to SCEMD and SCEMD approved the pre-application for full application.
- Public Works identified 15 other properties as potential buyouts for a mitigation project. This pre-application was submitted to SCEMD and SCEMD approved the pre-application for full application.
- Initial estimate of Federal money available is \$36M

Richland County received 21,000 resident calls to FEMA requesting assistance; 13,506 were homeowners

CDBG-DR UPDATE

CDBG-DR SF Critical Path for Housing:

- ~~3/7 – Post Mobile Home RFP~~
- ~~3/20 – Post Single Family Rehab RFQ~~
- ~~4/3 – Close Mobile Home RFP~~
- ~~4/10 – Select Mobile Home Vendor(s)~~
- ~~4/17 – Announcement~~
- ~~4/17 – Outreach Begins~~
- ~~4/18 – Close Single Family Rehab RFQ~~
- 4/25 – Qualify Single Family Rehab Vendors
- 4/25 – BRC for Recommendation of Mobile Home Vendor(s)
- 5/2 – Council Reading for Selection of Mobile Home Vendor(s)
- 5/15 – Intake Begins
- 5/17 – Contract(s) Signed with Mobile Home Vendor(s)

6/15 – Intake Ends
 7/15 – First Cost Estimate Completed
 7/21 – Vendors able to Sign First Contracts with Residents

Status of Request for Additional CDBG-DR Funds:

- Council formally requested additional CDBG-DR funds based on the large amount of remaining storm related unmet needs
- Letter was signed and submitted to Senator Graham’s office on February 1, 2017
- County requested an additional \$57.5 million
- County requested the LMI threshold to be reduced from 70% to 50%
- Budget bill is being developed right now

1. Outreach Overview

CANVASSING

VOLUNTEER GROUPS	AREAS TO CANVAS
Elevation Youth Development Outreach, Inc.	Lower Richland
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	Decker Blvd./International Corridor
Creating Miracles Corp.	Hopkins/St. Andrews
RC Recreation Commission Adult Activity Center	Parklane Road
SC Hispanic Outreach	Arlington St./Muller Avenue
PASO’s	Devine Street
Local Churches	Their Congregations
VOADs	Their Clients
Council Members/Key Stakeholders	Their respective areas of Richland County

OUTREACH MEETINGS
 (All meetings are 6 PM – 8 PM)

DATE	LOCATIONS
May 1	Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center
May 3	Gadsden Park Community Center
May 4	Crane Creek Gymnasium
May 9	St. Andrews Park
May 9	North Springs Community Center
May 11	Decker Center

MEDIA

- Traditional Media
- Social Media
 - Twitter
 - Facebook
 - YouTube
- Other Recommendations

2. Intake Overview

- Intake begins at 9:00 AM, May 15 at Richland County Administration Building and Gadsden Park Community Center
- Intake at Gadsden Park Community Center is for only one day
- Intake ends at 5:00 PM, June 15 or the day we receive 600 registration forms, whichever occurs first
- We only have enough money to serve approximately 148-175 eligible homeowners

- The BRC and Council’s desire is to prioritize serving those in most need
- The BRC recommended to the Council, and was approved by Council, to include in the approve CDBG-DR Action Plan the following priorities:
 - Priority 1: *1A: Extremely Low Income or LMI and one of the following: Elderly; Disabled; and/or Life Threatening Conditions; *1B: Very Low Income or LMI and one of the following: Veteran; Child; and/or Single-Parent Family; *1C: Low Income
 - Priority 2: Household Gross Annual Income DOES NOT fall into HUD’s Low, Very Low or Extremely Low categories

SELECTION PROCESS

6/15 – Intake Ends

6/15 – Determine Initial Priority

6/15-7/14 – Conduct meetings with priority 1As and validate information

7/17 – First staff committee meeting to rank priority 1As

Weekly – Weekly ranking meetings for priority 1As, then 1Bs, then 1Cs

7/21 – Earliest date vendors able to sign first contracts with residents

3. Business Assistance Program (BAP) Contract

- The business component for CDBG-DR is \$1.05 million
- SC Community Development Loan Fund (SCCDLF) is the recommended vendor
- SCCDLF will provide outreach, marketing, intake, processing, and awarding recommendations
- Funds can be used for Rental Assistance; Loan Interest Supplement; Equipment Repair/Replacement
- Minimum loan amount: \$15,000/business owner
- Maximum loan amount: \$75,000/business owner
- Eligibility will be tied to making job available to low to moderate income residents (80% or average median income)
- The vendor would be paid 10% of the contract to provide services

Ms. McBride inquired if there was a competitive process to select the vendor.

Ms. Jackson stated she reached out to this vendor and inquired if they would be willing to do this work.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to move forward with a Request for Qualifications. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CONTINUATION OF RECOVERY CONSULTANCY SERVICES

TETRA TECH CONTINUATION SERVICES

- Current contract only covers consultant CDBG-DR services through June 2017
- This contract extension would see the County through the full-implementation of consultant CDBG-DR services
- Grant administration fees are an approved and expected part of HUD awards for CDBG-DR
- No budget amendment is required
- Funding source = CDBG-DR grant

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to continue consultancy services with Tetra Tech.

WATERWAY MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Waterway Study – Answering the Question, “Who is Responsible for Maintenance”

****Maintenance = cleaning out trees, trash and debris, sediment removal, bank stabilization and realignment****

Requirement: Waters must be fishable, swimmable, navigable

Agency/Owner	Maintenance Responsibility	Areas of Interest	Permitting Responsibility
Federal – USACE	None	Dredging, dams, maintenance that disturbs soil	Will permit maintenance
Federal – EPA	None	Water Quality	Will permit maintenance
State – DHEC	None	Water quality, dredging, dams, withdrawals	Will permit maintenance
Local	None except if local government has an easement on a tributary	Water quality, construction in or around	Will permit maintenance
Property Owner	Complete Responsibility	Routine maintenance, debris removal	Must obtain and follow permit(s)

DITCHES

Agency	Maintenance Responsibility
Local Government where Government owns the ditch or has an easement	Complete Responsibility
Property Owner	Complete Responsibility

NEXT STEPS – Ms. Hegler stated there have been changes to the membership of the committee due to shift in professional assignments since the committee began meeting 1 ½ ago. She requested that if anyone felt they need to come off the committee to please inform either herself or Mr. Pearce.

MEETING SCHEDULE – The consensus is to meet as on as needed basis.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:54 p.m.