

September 16, 2016

Memorandum #2016-115

TO: Coastal Resiliency Committee

BY: Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

**RE: Meeting of the HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Committee – September 23, 2016
RSVP – September 21, 2016**

The next meeting of the **Coastal Resiliency Committee** will be held on **September 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the HRPDC Board Room, the Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

Please RSVP by September 21, 2016 so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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Coastal Resiliency Committee Voting Members:

Alan Archer, NN
Dennis Carney, Windsor
Mark Carter, YK
Donald E. Goodwin, FR
John Horne, JC
David Kuzma, IW
Thomas Leahy, VB

Beth Lewis, SH
Brian Lewis, GL
Eric Martin, CH
Scott Mills, SU
James Peterson, HA
William Saunders, SM
Ron Williams, NO

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Marc Collins, WM
Tyrone Franklin, SY

Lydia Pettis Patton, PO
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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE HRPDC COASTAL RESILIENCY COMMITTEE
September 23, 2016
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the June 24, 2016 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Coastal Resiliency Committee.

The summary and attendance sheets of the above meeting are attached.

Attachments: 1A – June Coastal Resiliency Meeting Summary
1B – June Coastal Resiliency Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. FEMA Requirements for Permitting Development in Special Flood Hazards Areas

The City of Hampton received a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) from FEMA Region III in July 2015. During this visit, FEMA Region III staff identified a serious finding concerning the city's administrative and enforcement procedures. According to FEMA Region III, the city's practice of exempting from permit requirements certain kinds of routine home maintenance and improvement, such as replacing windows, roofs, and cabinets, was not allowed under the regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program. As a result, FEMA Region III issued an immediate Corrective Action requiring the systematic permitting of all development in the Special Flood Hazard Area. The City has disputed this finding and recently briefed the Chief Administrative Officers on the matter. Mr. Steve Shapiro, Deputy Director of Community Development, and Ms. Bonnie Brown, Senior Assistant City Attorney, will brief the Committee on the matter.

Attachments: 3A – FEMA Letter to Hampton and CAV Report

ACTION: Per discussion.

4. Economic Impacts of Sea Level Rise

In 2015 the HRPDC staff completed an assessment of types of economic analyses that could be used to estimate the impacts of sea level rise and flooding. The goal of the assessment was to develop a strategic plan for future projects by determining which analyses were both feasible and rigorous. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the assessment and lead a discussion of options and priorities for future projects.

Attachments: 4A –Economic Impact of Sea Level Rise White Paper

ACTION: Recommend an alternative for economic impact analysis.

5. Survey of Perceptions of Sea Level Rise, Flooding, and Adaptation

Faculty and staff at Old Dominion University recently completed a regional survey to help inform planning and resilience efforts in Hampton Roads. The web-based survey was conducted from May to July 2016. The survey recorded perceptions about vulnerability to sea level rise and flooding and the feasibility of and support for adaptation actions. Dr. Michelle Covi, Old Dominion University, will brief the Committee on the survey findings.

ACTION: None required

6. HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Program and Budget

The HRPDC approved funding for a new staff position focused on coastal resiliency issues for the FY16-17 budget. The Committee's guidelines, adopted in September 2014, provide a provision for recommending a proposed program budget to the Commission. As part of the budget cycle for FY17-18, the HRPDC staff will present a draft budget to the Committee for its consideration.

Based on the adopted guidelines, the Committee can vote on the proposed budget at the meeting. Alternatively, the HRPDC can send out a revised budget to the Committee following the meeting, and localities can vote via email or written correspondence.

Attachments: 6A – Committee Guidelines
6B – Proposed FY17-18 Coastal Resiliency Program Budget
6C – Proposed Budget for Benchmarking

ACTION: Approve the proposed budget

7. HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Work Program Update

The HRPDC staff will provide an update to the Committee of regional projects and efforts, including proposed topics for workgroup discussions.

ACTION: None required

8. Update on Federal and State Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on federal and state efforts related to resiliency, sea level rise, and recurrent flooding.

ACTION: None required

9. Updates on PDC and Local Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Members will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required

10. Other Matters