

LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY

JOINT TASK FORCE

Meeting Notes

July 10, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
Rocky Milliman	ADECA LTRC	Corlis Floyd	ADECA LTRC
Jim Corcoran	FEMA (LTRC Branch Director & Cordova RM)	Mike Shafer	CAPNA
John Olsen	FDIC	Jack Green	CAPNA
William (Bill) Lokey	Witt Associates	Ken Hollingsworth	ADECA Workforce Investment
Paul Fay	Witt Associates	Lorilei Sanders	ADECA Workforce Initiatives
Steve Pratt	Witt Associates	Allen Bowen	USDA RD
Chris Newton	EMA	Kim Wilde	FEMA (Hackleburg)
Alicia Reed	EMA	Chris Harmon	ARWA
Liz Cochran	ADECA Energy Division	Jo Ann Johnson	211 Alabama/Hands On River Region
Via telephone:			
Stephanie Southerland	ADECA LTRC	Antonia Martinez	FEMA (LTRC Office)
De'An Bass	FEMA (Holt Community)	Marian Wingo	FEMA (Rainsville/DeKalb Co.)
John Colon	Neighborhood Housing Services of B'ham	Jonathan Corso	US EDA
Kerry Craft	Habitat – Gulf Coast	Shannon Byrd	Mental Health
Tom Todt	SBA		

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome

- Rocky Milliman, LTRC Coordinator, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

Accept Meeting Notes

- The notes from the May 16, 2012, meeting of the Joint Task Force were approved as written.

ADECA Website

- Josh Carples of ADECA has redesigned ADECA's LTRC web pages. Go to www.adeca.alabama.gov and click on the Divisions tab in the upper, right-hand corner and select "Long-Term Community Recovery" in the drop down menu to view the changes.

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FEMA Update

- FEMA's Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Bob Haywood, recently received a promotion and is now working in the Region IV office in Atlanta. Jim Corcoran, who is, and will continue to serve as Cordova's Recovery Manager, was appointed to serve as Alabama's new Disaster Recovery Coordinator on June 25, 2012.

Field Reports from RMs (Current projects/activities include):

CORDOVA

- An EDA grant application is pending for the construction of a sewer system.
- The City has submitted an application for CDBG supplemental funding to construct a grocery store in the downtown area.
- The City is awaiting final determination from FEMA Public Assistance on the insurance estimates.
- Worked on correcting all the Improved Project worksheets and submitted them for EMA approval.
- Cordova has been working with four teams, comprised of 22 Auburn students, who worked on and presented designs for a new fire station, grocery store, library and city hall. Those designs are in the review process.

HACKLEBURG

- Work continues in developing a strong Community Development Corporation (CDC)
- The coordinated efforts of NACOG, CAPNA, the City and the CDC are proving beneficial in moving forward with implementation of various projects in the Hackleburg area.
- In the process of identifying and getting projects ready that will qualify for the Supplemental CDBG funds
- There is an immediate need for pre-development monies to complete work such as surveys, appraisals, acquisition of properties, etc., in order to get the projects ready for a successful grant application.
- A meeting was held with the Community Foundation of Birmingham to request a \$25,000 donation to assist with pre-development work.
- Construction has begun to rebuild the school and the Wrangler plant.
- A grocery store is still needed.
- The sewer project has been identified and has been sent to EDA for approval.

HOLT

- The Holt in Action Community Development Corporation's incorporation documents are complete and should be filed this week.
- Community members will be submitting nominations through next Monday.
- Nominees will be screened during the week of July 16.
- The Board will elect a full board from qualified candidates at the end of the month.
- A list of topics and a one-page proposal has been compiled for the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (CFGB) to consider for funding. The CFGB is interested in a state-wide

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program and will present the concept at the next meeting of Community Foundations and United Way agencies.

- HOLT in Action will continue to plan and develop capacity building workshops and training using local resources until funding is available to plan a broader program.
- As part of Holt's Greening Project, negotiations are continuing with a local nursery owner to make landscaping material available to Holt residents. In addition, there is a desire to include community education and outreach about more sustainable landscaping and preserving the environment.
- FEMA Recovery Manager is meeting with the LTRC Chair to discuss collaboration and partnership opportunities and seek feedback for a capacity building program.
- FEMA Recovery Manger has requested a meeting with the Executive Director of Community Service Programs of West Alabama, the area case management agency, to discuss a collaborative housing project and other partnership opportunities.
- New Foundry Creative Center – Small business incubation center, workforce development/job ready programs, adult education, idea center, community spaces and events, including culinary, performing and fine arts and heritage components. This Project is in the exploratory phase with potential partners. Community members and the recovery manager will be visiting with Auburn Rural Studios and the Pie Lab in Greensboro and the Shoals Entrepreneurial Center in Florence. A proposal will be developed in the coming weeks and the group will reach out to potential funders.

PHIL CAMPBELL

- The Recovery Manager is developing a zoning training PowerPoint program for community leadership and drafting an outline for a new zoning ordinance. Also, field research continues to determine accuracy of a base map for zoning purposes.
- Work continues on the development and design guidelines for the downtown.

RAINSVILLE

- The Recovery Manager has spoken at numerous Town Council meetings throughout DeKalb County about her role in recovery. The November elections and other relevant issues remain the primary focus of interest; however, progress is evident.
- Various community leaders and persons interested in the recovery process will meet Thursday, July 12, with the goal of forming a long term recovery group to address recovery issues and generate project ideas for long term recovery. Federal partners' packets will be distributed at the meeting.

Resources Workshops

- The Recovery Resources Workshops originally scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, July 11 and 12, to be held in Cordova, Hackleburg, Rainsville and Holt, respectively, have been postponed in order for the Disaster Recovery office to meet with the congressional delegation in DC. We apologize for the last minute notice, but we ask for your support in this matter as it will hopefully help the State of Alabama secure more funding for the recovery efforts. The workshops will be rescheduled for November 14 and 15, 2012.

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Witt Associates

- William (Bill) Lokey of Witt Associates (contractor selected to develop the State's Five Year Strategic Plan) introduced his team members---Paul Fay, Steve Pratt and Charlotte Koestler.
- Since the Task Force meeting on May 16, the Witt team has been busy meeting with various task force members individually to get acquainted and to glean an understanding of each person's contributions, duties, etc., in the recovery process.
- Two of the main components of Witt's tasks include: (1) developing a 5-Year Strategic Plan that provides a road map for recovery to include time sequence, milestones, objectives, goals, strategies, etc., and (2) to work with federal and state agencies and congress to identify programs and leverage monies for the State of Alabama.
- Witt will organize working groups made up of members of the task force for the purpose of interacting and coordinating in three functional areas: housing, economic development and philanthropies/private non-profits. Task Force participation is needed and will be appreciated.
- Task Force members suggested that a working group for infrastructure was also needed.
- At Witt's request, each task force member summarized its agencies'/organization's biggest success and greatest remaining need/challenge in the recovery process.

Congressional Delegation Suggestions: Regional Projects

- A current challenge is that various department heads, local officials, etc., in the state are calling congressional offices independently making funding requests, leaving the delegation in a position where they do not know if what they are being told/asked to do reflects the Governor's priorities, etc.
- Requests for support should come from the State directly and the requests should include needs for regional projects and not individual/single projects.
- Intent of the meeting is/was to address the delegation face-to-face, to introduce the Recovery team, to inform that additional needs exist and to advise the delegation that we are working out a plan with the methodology to accomplish our goals.

Updates to Current Programs & Support Being Provided to the Communities

- The Recovery Resources Workshops originally scheduled for July 11 and 12, have been postponed until November so that ADECA's Director, the LTCR staff and Witt Associates could travel to DC to meet with Alabama's congressional delegation. An email notice of the workshop dates in November will be sent to everyone once the venues have been secured.
- FDIC will hold an information session on *Money Smart for Small Business* on Tuesday, July 17 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm EST. This event is free, but advance registration is required. The last day to register is July 13 at 5pm EST. To register online for this event, please go to <https://fdicsurvey.inquisiteasp.com/fdic/surveys/XC48X8>
- The Alabama Association of CDC's website often sends out email updates about grant opportunities. You can sign up for email alerts at <http://www.eassets.org/contact-us>
- To date, EDA has received 6 applications from Alabama for funding. Applicants include Hackleburg, Phil Campbell, Cordova, City of Riverside, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, and Macon County.

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- EMA reported that it had reviewed Cordova's Improved Projects worksheets, removed the hazard mitigation funding, and returned them to the City for signature. The paperwork will be forwarded to FEMA once the City approves EMA's changes.

Rocky Milliman gave the following reports for ARC and HUD:

- ARC reported that it worked with FEMA to fund safe rooms in Pickens County, Gordo and Reform and currently has a request for a safe room in Winston County. In addition, ARC funded technology equipment for a Cullman school and Plainview High School in Rainsville. In the upcoming grant cycle, ARC plans to fund technology in Geraldine's school. Pre-applications will be accepted the entire month of August. NOTE: ARC does not fund construction of buildings.
- HUD's Birmingham CPD Division has received the State of Alabama's Disaster Action Plan which is currently under review. Birmingham, Jefferson County, and Tuscaloosa are currently preparing amendments to their FY 2011 Action Plans to address housing, infrastructure and economic development needs. The deadline for submission is July 23, 2012. The CPD Division has 45 days to review the plans and approve or reject them. HUD will expedite the approvals, where possible. Tuscaloosa, Phil Campbell and Hackleburg are using Public Housing funds to rebuild and using Housing Choice Relocation Vouchers for displaced families. The Birmingham Public Housing Division has confirmed that PHA projects are currently under construction in both Hackleburg and Phil Campbell and they are monitoring the construction process closely.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be in mid August. A notice detailing the date and time will be emailed to task force members approximately 7 to 10 days prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.