

**GENESEE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2020, 1:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Genesee County Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020, in a Zoom meeting conference call format due to Coronavirus concerns.

**I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Jeff Wilson opened the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Jeff Wilson thanked everyone for attending and thanked Cody for all that he's done to get the Hazard Mitigation Plan Review going.

Cody Roblyer started everyone off in introducing themselves.

Jeff Wilson introduced himself and stated he has had the opportunity to work with the majority of everyone on this committee at some time or another.

**Present:** David Benn, Ed Blight, Robert Burdette, Suzanne Cupal, Carrie Edwards-Clemons, Melissa Hayduk, Chris Metropoulos, Sheila Taylor, Dave Thibeault, Bruce Trevithick, Mike Vogt, Ron Wiles, and Jeff Wilson.

**Absent/Excused:** Megan Siemiantkowski, John Stewart, and Spring Tremaine.

**Others present:** Katie Mehl, Cody Roblyer, and Debby Compton.

**II. COMMITTEE ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Jeff Wilson advised that he reached out to committee members regarding Election of Officers. Mike Vogt accepted the nomination of Chairperson and Jeff stated he will be vice-chair when Mike is not able to attend the meetings.

**Motion: Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Sheila Taylor, **Supported by** Ed Blight, to approve Mike Vogt as Chairperson and Jeff Wilson as the Vice-Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

**III. OVERVIEW OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE PROCESS**

Cody Roblyer discussed why everyone is here, what the Hazard Mitigation Plan process is and what the committee members role will be in updating this plan.

Cody Roblyer and Katie Mehl presented a PowerPoint to the committee at this time.

Cody Roblyer discussed what Hazard Mitigation is, the Purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Plan Update, the Timeline, and the Hazard Mitigation Goals.

Katie Mehl discussed what a Hazard Analysis is, why we do a Hazard Analysis, the Hazard Mitigation Matrix, Vulnerability Assessment, Mitigation Strategies, and Final Steps.

Important to Note: The Plan must be re-adopted by all local units of government (LUGs) to be eligible for federal mitigation funding.

Katie Mehl explained what each committee members role will be in updating this plan.

- Participating in the Hazard Ranking for all potential hazards that occur in Genesee County and also provide input on the Mitigation Strategies
- Encouraging the public to attend and participate in the Public Involvement opportunities
- Provide feedback on the data that is going to be incorporated into this plan
- To assist with gaining local approval of the final plan

Upcoming Public Involvement:

- Survey to Local Units of Government to gain some input from them
- Survey to residents that is tailored for input from them
- Open House to introduce Update Process to the public (virtual)

The Public Involvement steps will be completed before the next committee meeting.

Suzanne Cupal, Genesee County Health Department, mentioned that the Health Department has a regular standing committee called "Our Health Threat Preparedness" that consists of community leaders from Law Enforcement, Hospital Systems as well as other participants that staff can use to get input from. This committee has done the Hazard Mitigation process before, so they are familiar with it.  
(Email list can be provided to staff)

David Benn, McLaren-Flint, inquired if staff had access to qualitative assessment tools instead of the quantitative ones?

Cody Roblyer advised that if anyone has data that could be beneficial or important to this plan it would be helpful if they can to send it to staff.

Discussion ensued on what the committee's involvement will be between now and the next meeting.

Sheila Taylor advised that participating in the survey's, getting the public to attend the open house, and providing feedback to staff are things the committee will be involved in before the next meeting.

Bruce Trevithick, Genesee County Medical Control Authority, stated that he has been through a lot of these reviews in the past and this one seems very well laid out and organized. Staff is doing a great job.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

Dave Thibeault, Genesee County Water and Waste, inquired if someone can speak as to some of the mitigation that arose out of other assessments.

Cody Roblyer advised that it is those projects that purchased generators for the community, warning sirens, and changing of building codes. Staff is looking at past plans of what worked and what didn't work and what data we need.

Sheila Taylor stated that part of the survey to the LUGs is so they can provide updates to us to let us know if they have done any type of mitigation measures that we should be aware of.

Jeff Wilson inquired about efforts for all the different communities within the county to do a presentation of what is going on in their community and to present their needs.

Cody Roblyer stated that the Open House is for the communities to attend and get information and talk about things. Staff will be in contact with the communities through the surveys.

Sheila Taylor explained to the committee that the LUGs had to submit a letter of interest before this process began so they are aware of this.

Cody Roblyer stated that the plan is to have a profile for each LUG in the county that will include their social economic data as well as their needs.

Katie Mehl stated that in reviewing the last plan almost every community submitted multiple mitigation strategies and information, so that shows the surveys do their job in getting information out of everyone.

**V. NEXT METTING – FEBRUARY 11, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.**

Debby will send the committee member contact list to the group.

Jeff Wilson adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Compton, Secretary  
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission