

**LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY
WORKING GROUP MEETING**

November 18, 2003

The Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group meeting was called to order in First Floor Conference Room "A" of the Indian River County Administration Building at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

John King, Chairman

Nathan McCollum

Brian Burkeen

Ernie McCloud

Etta LoPresti

Mark Satterlee

Capt. Bill Brunner

Frank Hoover

The purpose of this meeting is to vote for approval to add a project to the existing project prioritization list. LMS Chairperson John King welcomed everyone and proceeded to give an overview of the project prioritization process. The Council on Aging is building a new senior center at their existing location on 6th Avenue in Vero Beach. They are in the process of submitting a grant request for monies to help offset costs to harden that building to make it sufficient to serve as a hurricane shelter. While this shelter will be open to the public, it is felt that the senior center would primarily serve the needs of the senior community. The Council on Aging will be seeking approximately \$300,000 from the State and the project will not be considered if it does not appear on the LMS Project Prioritization List.

A **motion was moved** by Mr. Nathan McCollum that we add the Council on Aging project to the LMS Project Prioritization List. Under **discussion**, Nathan McCollum clarified that the shelter would be open to all, but is primarily designed for senior citizens. He stated that this shelter could possibly reduce the numbers of people seeking shelter at the designated

special needs shelter. Mr. McCollum also clarified that the Council on Aging would run the shelter, not the American Red Cross. John King added that the proposed shelter would have a capacity of approximately 400 people (using the 20 square feet per person formula); with most clients being aged 60 and older. Nathan added that although the property lies within a Category 4 storm surge area, the site could easily handle storms of a Category 1 or 2.

Frank Hoover **seconded the motion.** **The motion passes unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.