Community Assets Working Group

August 5, 2020

Our task: Help the Resiliency Committee prioritize action items to be presented to and on behalf of the community.

Attendees: Sean Lehav, Amanda Polematidis, Kelly Rich, John Sapora, Susan Stewart, Alan Zube, CM Morgan, CM Defoor

John’s Discussion Notes:

* Method of prioritizing action steps – in follow-up from the Infrastructure Subcommittee discussion earlier today, action steps could be prioritized based on the following factors:
  + Does it affect a neighborhood where people live and work?
  + How many residents are affected?
  + How long have they been suffering with this condition?
  + Consider a special focus on the most vulnerable underserved populations
* As we create a prioritization method, Sean recommended that we define what is meant by vulnerable populations and use data assessment tools to evaluate neighborhood vulnerabilities.
* Amanda said what we mean by prioritization should include vulnerable populations that lack affordable housing and live within 4-feet of sea level. Also zoning changes need to be part of the actions steps to address the needs of vulnerable populations.
* As for using experts to decide resiliency solutions, John said that neighborhood leaders are worthy experts about the resiliency challenges in their neighborhoods and can help government officials and industry professionals identify resiliency needs and prioritize action steps that affect their neighborhood.
* We could convene neighborhood leaders on the following activities:
  + Review current CIP and LMS project lists to help prioritize projects in their neighborhood
  + Identify infrastructure/resiliency problem areas that do not appear on any City list for further evaluation
  + Help prioritize the committee’s proposed action steps and promote their implementation