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| **Date of Meeting:** | April 19, 2021 |
| **Subject:** | Steering Committee Meeting 4 |
| **Invited:** | **Steering Committee:** Ericka Koss, Jay Wilson, Aaron Fox, Louisa Jones, Laura Lehman, Mindy Brooks, Dave Lentzner, Kate Carone, Kim Kosmas, Nickole Cheron, Chris Silkie, Kim Anderson, Nishant Parulekar, Sallie Edmunds **Planning Team:** Beth Gilden, Jonna Papaefthimiou, Rica Perez  |
| **Agenda Overview** | * Introductions (15 minutes)
* What is the mitigation action strategy (5 minutes)
* Key considerations for our mitigation action strategy (35 minutes)
* Looking at projects—Initial priorities and additional information (30 minutes)
* Review work for next time (5 minutes)
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| **Agenda Item** | **Notes** |
| *1:00* **Introductions** | **Name, role, something you like to do outside in Portland** |
| *1:15* **The Mitigation Action Strategy** | **The Mitigation Action Strategy:** the long-term blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment. The mitigation strategy describes how the community will accomplish the overall purpose, or mission, of the planning process.**Mitigation goals** are general guidelines that explain what the community wants to achieve with the plan **Goals*** Protect life and reduce injuries.
* Engage and build capacity for the whole community.
* Minimize public and private property damage.
* Protect, restore, and sustain natural systems.
* Minimize the disruption of essential infrastructure and services.
* Integrate mitigation strategies into existing plan and programs.
* Prioritize multi-objective actions that can further sustainability and equity goals during “ordinary times”
* Build on collaborations and lessons learned from resilience work that has occurred since 2016
* Incorporate community voice and reflect the priorities of frontline and underserved communities

**Mitigation actions** are specific projects and activities that help achieve the goals.**Action plan:** The action plan: how actions will be implemented, prioritized, administered, incorporated into other plans**What are mitigation actions?:** see the table provided by FEMA* Local plans and regulations
* Infrastructure projects
* Natural systems protection
* Education and awareness programs
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| *1:20* **Considerations for our Mitigation Action Strategy** | **Learning from RIPE and DRRAG:** Since 2017 ISS has been working with infrastructure bureaus in the City of Portland to consider how the city can collaborate and coordinate for a more resilient city. “*Resilience is the capacity of Portland’s social, environmental, economic and built systems to withstand and recover from chronic stresses and acute shocks from environmental events, such as, but not limited to, the Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake or flooding from the Columbia and Willamette rivers.”*We can build on this work to develop a better Mitigation Action Plan. * ISS Resilient Portland Program (2017)
* Partnership formed after a CAMG and City commissioner meeting which considered disaster resilience and integrative planning between city bureaus.
* After securing funding, ISS collaborated with 4 infrastructure bureaus and interviewed people to determine how they could bolster resilience.
* Led to RIPE (Resilience Infrastructure Planning Exercise).
	+ Scenario workshop: showed what would happen during natural disasters and what disaster response would look like.
	+ People worked together within and across bureaus.
	+ Map shows critical infrastructure (emergency transportation routes, critical assets, parks, water infrastructure) and highlights the intersection between major infra pieces.
* Followed up with surveys: report notes key takeaways and developed recommendations/next steps towards resilience.
* DRRAG continues to meet and keeps momentum after the RIPE report.
	+ Currently testing the concept of a resilient island with the East Portland Community Center
	+ Creating a resilient strategy for the city
* Major findings
	+ Resilience and recovery investments pay off.
	+ Significant interdependencies across bureaus. Also, it helped pinpoint challenges that prevented collaboration.
	+ Major focus is a need for a unified vision and working collaboratively across bureaus.
* Mitigation Action Plan is the primary plan that acknowledges and works on major findings from the RIPE workshop.
* Interdependencies: one type of infrastructure is still dependent on adjacent infrastructures. Blind spots and integrative planning opportunities were revealed which pushes for further discussion.

**Community Priorities:** Including community priorities in the plan are an essential part of reflecting community voice and incorporating equity into the plan. We can learn from what communities have already told us about resilience: * Climate Change priorities are linked to resilience
* Using the language of frontline communities and calling-out their experience and impacts of our work is important
* Procedural equity is essential: explaining how we are furthering equity in our actions and investments and creating a clear and open strategy are essential
* Including projects that reflect community priorities for resilience
* Summer 2019, 7 documents analyzed to determine how to accurately incorporate community voices into plans.
	+ Focused on what has already been said in existing climate documents and advised to move forward from there.
	+ What are the community needs and priorities for policies and programs as stated in the documents?
	+ Textual analysis: Coded priorities, recommendations, analysis, preferred process, policies
* Biggest priority: program and policy procedure and execution (procedural equity).
* Major findings:
	+ Resilience is broader than climate resilience.
	+ Procedural equity (the how) is important.
	+ Look for capacity building opportunities/wealth building.
	+ Communities called to be explicit about their experiences.

**The 2016 Mitigation Action Strategy:** We can learn from the 2016 Mitigation Action Plan. We asked for status reports on each action that was listed in the plan. The actions were listed by bureau with a individual point of contact. * In order to ensure equitable outcomes, we cannot rely on anecdotal methods, we need data.
	+ RBA = Results Based Accountability Training
	+ Establish an equity indicator: resiliency in communities in relation to hazards
	+ What data points do we look at that will demonstrate these indicators? How well are these points disaggregated by communities that are impacted?
* The better off measure: how do we do projects that help make people’s lives better?
	+ How do we improve lives in the 5-year timeframe of the plan?
	+ However, we have poor baseline data.
* Survey gathered community priorities and assets that were mined into potential projects.
* Avoid overtaxing the community with questions: look at data we do have and focus on major consensus areas across communities. After, get community involved by bringing them a plan and “are there things we have missed?”.
* Demonstrate the actions will be beneficial to the community and give reason why these actions were chosen.
	+ Provide data to decisions
	+ Be specific about intentions
* Community priorities show non-traditional mitigation projects: how do we integrate them into the plan/strategy?
* How do we develop projects that increase city resilience and build inter-bureau collaboration?
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| *1:55* **Small Group Exercises** | **Consider our list of hazards, for each hazard what are the most important problems to solve?** Examples: major infrastructure damage after the earthquake?, communicating with individuals in a floodplain about their risk. Minimizing damage to fire lanes resulting from severe weather. **At our next meeting, we will be developing a list of projects to include in the Mitigation Action Strategy, including a broader group of stakeholders.** **What additional information do we need to choose and prioritize actions?**  |
| *2:25* **Next steps** | * Read RIPE Report
* Have conversations in your bureau about projects
* Send Beth people who should be invited to the workshop
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