Flood Recovery task force Committee Meeting Minutes
1972 July - 1972 December

Bill Morrill, asst dept of OMB — Highway & BA Engrs

Bill Kolberg, asst " .

Gen. Lincoln

Bill Hunt, asst to Frank Colacia

Bessie Rosenbaum – Trailer

Invitees

✓ Thomas Kiley –
✓ Edward Boltz –
✓ Richard Ross –
✓ Russell Gardner –
✓ Kenneth Burden –
✓ George Sadler –
No ✓ Elmer Kleinichok –
✓ James O Malley –
✓ Harold Rose
✓ Gene Roth –
✓ Harold Rosen –
✓ Edgar Lashford
✓ Andrew Hourigan
✓ Andrew J. Sordoni
✓ Roy Morgan
✓ Francis Michellini
✓ Father Lane Kilburn
✓ MAX Rosen
✓ Dr. Holden of Wilkes –

Agenda

1) Election of Chairman – (Permanent)

2) Appointment of Staff Executive –

3)

Metropolitan District

Dr. Holden – Minutes

Acting Secy —

Agenda

1) Report
   a) meeting tomorrow in Washington, D.C. at W.H.
2) Election of permanent chairman —

3) Appointment of Staff.
4) Addtl nominations — 3 nominating Committee

5) Committees: —
   a) ~~Financial~~ Equity Rehabilitation & legislation

   b) Govtal Unification

   c) Cross Valley Expressway

   d) Streets & Roads.
   e) Education —
   e) Statistics — Ed Heidelberg.

   f) Flood ~~Zoning~~ Control Committee

   g) Redevelopment & planning —

   h) Model Cities

   i) Pressand Public Relations

~~J) Buildings & Equipment~~
~~J) Labor & Building~~
J) Labor & reconstruction Committee

5) Pay for your own Lunch.

Col. Mayer:- (717) 787-7210

Civilian program -
Commitment in error -

District Engr's office -
Major Vick at Don Flood School -
$20.00 per day.
Unemployed.
Will be pd by Army Engrs -

Dear Mr & Mrs Kaplan:

I understand that ~~you~~ because of ~~[illegible]~~ the flood damage you do not intend to resume possession of the apt you occupied at 85 First Ave Kingston. ~~So that I can guide myself, will you please let me know~~

May I hear definitely from you by return mail so that I can decide ~~what plo~~ ~~[illegible]~~ what future plans to make for the apt.

I am very sorry that you, ~~too~~ ~~[illegible]~~ like so many of us, were also unfortunate victims of the flood. I hope that you can cope w/all of the inconvenience & suffering ~~visited~~ which ~~[illegible]~~ has been visited upon us.

~~I wish you & your family~~

~~I hope the future holds~~ May nothing but the best for you & your loved ones.

Sincerely.

Bedroom Slippers

Ed. Wrable
Ltr.

Jesse Rosen — vote no
for stay

Frank Carlucci:-

Worked until 1:30 P.M.

787-2500

Hugh
Scott:-
Ch. H — 2 = 3803 -

Friday to

Mrs Nixon — —
Statement by Nixon —

Scott:-
Equity —
Worst disaster —
FEd. = 58 % —
+ = 20 % = Conditional
State = 30 % —

Sally Dollar — at White House
Secy to John Whitaker

344-7111 Scranton F.T.S.

Democratic Convention —
Flunked out —

Flood — ~~[illegible]~~ Rose

J. Family & Health —

K. ~~Labor~~ Labor & Construction —

Stoff :— authorized

women appointees

Charles / Hardwicke — Sizeman Products

Previous

X Tom Kiley — 12 15

X Edward Boltz ~~[illegible]~~

Richard Ross

X Russell Gardner

Kenneth Burden

MR Geo Sailes

MR Elmer Kleinchk

MR James O'Malley

MR. Harold Rose, Chairman

MR Gene Roth

MR Harold Rosenn

~~[illegible] Holtzman~~

X Edgar Lockford

MRX Andrew Hovigan

~~A. W. Morgan~~

— 0 —

MR Andrew J. Sordoni,

Roy Morgan

MR Francis Michellini

8) Public Relations

9) Metropolitan Market

10) United Fund.

(1) Gov't Committee

(2) Capital Committee

(3) Cross-Valley Xpressway

(4) Streets & Roads

(5) Flood Control

(6) Development

(7) Flood Zoning.

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Suggested Names for Inquiry Committee

Tom Kirby
Rick Rose
Ed Rattey
Bob Jones
James O'Malley
Harold Rose
Harold Rosen
Judge Rosen
Charles Hardwick - Luzerne Products
Andrew Hannigan
John Hannigan
Andy Sordoni (Geo Sordoni)
Roy Morgan
Rosen Weinman
Russ Gardner
F. Runnels or Dave Schooley
Dewitt or Nat Smith
Ed Schecter
Dave Baltimore
Kellum
Ken Pollock
John or Arthur Cosgrove
Robert Masons - Bell
Jos. Stopenski - PP&L
Ben Badman
Robert O'Brien, RCA

Charles Epstein
John B. Hibbard ✓
✓ Dr. Micklin
Joe Spitko
✓ Henry DePaola

Unification i—
Joe Dennis
M. R.

30 people

Elmer Kimmel
Geo Sailus
Noel Coverly

Frank Eshner
John McCabe
Ed Wadsworth III
Geo Spencer
Chas Nelson
Sam Weiner -

July 6, 1972

HUD — Housing

6069 - Applications received to date
1000 - Approved to date
Bids received today for 5000 mobile homes which will be rolling by 13 July from Washington area
7 - Site locations obtained
693 - Sites ready to receive units

SBA — Loans

7405 - Applications to date
281 - Home Loans — Dollar Value $1,178,332.00
12 - Business Loans — Dollar Value 406,986.00

USDA — Food Stamps

14,409 - Households served with
46,619 People — Dollar Value 653,391.00

Red Cross

36 Shelters in operation housing 4,693 people and feeding 16,309

Salvation Army

5 Centers for collection and distribution of food, clothing and furniture:
4 in Scranton; 1 in Pittston

Personnel Involved

Federal: 112
Temporary: 76

COE — Debris Removed

Number contracts let - 162
Number contractors involved - 125
Total Dollar Value - $3,795,673.00

Peter Rossow

Expo '74

Workmen

Flood - 457-3544

Mrs. Justine Cohen -
Rm 1158 Federal Bldg.
782-3778 FTS
P.O. Box 55,

Army Helicopter
Rog Osborn at Madin School
FTS. 571-3261 — Madin School

See Redisen Lowe -
Names + addresses of all major
owners of dwellings affected by flood + estimated
amt of damage.

825-5655 Saidus.
823-0131 WYO Nat'l Bank/P
825-7311

Carlucci – White House – 7/14/72
Room 2008 –

$1.7 B.

1) Federal Ass – "only piece of the effort". Citizenship participation necessary.

a) HUD

b) EDA

EDA $56 M – new } Planning, subsidence etc.
20 M – available }

Highway Dept – $200 M – federally aided highway
Non fed. highway from Pres Emergency Disaster Relief Fund
200 M For Disaster Relief Fund.

495 M Total

Environmental Protection Agency } To improve water, sewers etc

Food Control

10 M – To improve levers at WB
2 M – Tioga project

SBA –
Farmers
Loan Program.

1.3 B – Loan program

Agnes Recovery Act: –

SBA – present – 30 yrs @ Treasury rate of
5 1/8 %. Forgiv – $2500
Proposed: $5000 forgiven –
Interest: 1 %.

Home Loans: –
Illus. – $8000 damage
Loan – 8000
Cancelled – 5000
Bal. @ 1% – on $3000

Business:
$150,000 property
SBA 150,000 +
150,000 refinancing
300,000
5000 Forg
295,000 @ 1%.

Seattle —

Economic Development Council —

NB — Economic Re Development Committee :—

(1) Structure incentives so that people do not rebuild in flood plain —

(2) Comply for Fed. flood insurance.

Teamwork & Cooperation

"James Mitchell" — Kingston.

Questions & Answers

Assessment of losses:

SBA will speed up.
GAB adjusters. Will assess etc within 7 days.
Not necessary to get a contractor.

Unemployment — Lewistown, Pa — American Vision.
20% unemployment — Disaster Funds.
$20M — Dept of Labor — Reprogramming
8.5M — For State Employment Service

Future Flood Control :—

Gen. Clarke :— Tioga - Hammond — expedited
Suz River Basin plan —
add'l Reservoirs at Chester Creek
etc. Restudy in light of Agnes
(1) Long range solution
(2) Restore dikes.

Bankers : — Elderly people — no means of
repaying loans.

Ans : — Program is a loan program.
Children may be able to help etc.
(Belle & Brille).
No decision for age, race etc.

Applications within 90 day period

SBA forms :— Will simplify.

N.B. → N.Y. State assoc. of S&L assoc. —
(1) Each member bank would be agreed to contribute
to a disaster fund. — formula — approx. $2,7 M
Contribution for grants to flood vectims on formula basis
(2) Union
(3) Penna. Bankers assoc.
} Hardship cases :—

Fast Buck artists — Fed. Consumer Action.

a) Free legal assist for low income by OEO, Bar assoc. etc

Disaster Unemployment Corp:—

90 day appl. period:— Can be extended.

Shoppe:— R.R's:— $60 M. loss
SBA — too much red tape.
Is 1.7B new money? Yes.
Will it be suff't? 3B in Pa. alone.
$00 M will be reprogrammed plus existing programs.
RRs eligible for sec. 237 SBA loan program.

1.3B for SBA
200M for Disaster Relief Fund } existing loans
200M for Emergency Roads — Highway Trust Funds.
200M already appropriated by Congress
Ask not 200M

Jim ~~Pifford~~ Pickford

~~Americ~~ Advisory Com on Intergovtl Relations

New Executive Office Bldg
Wash DC

Caution:

(1) That money be used locally.

(2) That areas not damaged encroach or intrude on available programs.

Urban Renewal: –

Priority to applications. Divert funds to deal w/ flood renewal problems.

Money will be diverted from other parts of the country..

Tax Base: –

$ 1969 Calif. – 1¢ on gasoline tax for rehab.

Fed. Coordinating office can assist to subsidize tax base.

121 000 homes
6 000 businesses } Est. damage $ 1.3 B.

Flood Insurance: –

Rates in effect are subsidized.

There will be a substantial reduction.

$25 for 10,000

17 000 – max. coverage for $65.00.

IRS: –

Clean up costs are deductible

1971 returns can be amended so as to give you refund – or take deduction in current yr.

~~Clean~~

Clean up costs if supported by receipts can be included in loan application.

Farmers Home Adm. advances some loan program as SBA.

Flood zoning is a community problem. Exercise a leadership role in that connection.

NB

Morrell Kitchens: Can be handled by Urban Renewal Program. Cons. Can move in w/fed. assistance & pay value before the flood & relocate elsewhere w/fed. assistance.

IRS: (1) Is $5000 foregiveness income? IRS does not know answer yet.

(2) Deductibility of casualty loss.

SBA [illegible] will have the answer.

Indep'd'r Colleges: —
(o)

Public Schools — O.K.
Relocation? — ad hoc.
Private Schools not covered — unless it covers
burden to a public school agency.

Appropriation Reg'l Commission will also
have money —

Community Recovery Committee
8

Nominations

	1	MAX Rosenn		(Kingston) W Barre	Judge
	2	Andrew J Sordoni III		Forty-Fort	Utility
	3	George Sailus		Wyoming	S & L
Flood Control	4	Eugene Roth		W Barre	Attorney
Agriculture	5	Harold Rose		Dallas (WB)	Banker
	6	Thomas Kiley		Dallas (WB)	Banker
	7	Andrew Hourigan		Forty Fort (WB)	Atty
	8	Frank Burnside	?	Harveys Lake (WB)	Business
	9	Roy Morgan		Forty Fort	Radio
	10	Henry DePaola	?	WB	Union Leader
Ed.	11	Francis Michellini		WB	Educator
Ed.	12	Lane Kilburn		WB	Educator
	~~?~~	~~Frank Townsend~~		~~Dallas (WB)~~	~~Civil Defense~~
Agreement	13	Edward Schecter		Trucksville (WB)	Industrialist
	14	John Conyngham		" (WB)	Businessman
Statistics	15	Harrison Smith	MR	Dallas (WB)	Publisher
	16	Richard Demmy	MR	Dallas (Kingston)	Utility
	17	Robert Masoner		" (WB)	"
	18			(Plymouth)	
Labor & Const	19	Bernard Brominski	MR	Swoyerville	Judge
	20	James Addonizio	?	Pittston (WB)	Lawyer
L+C.	21	Charles Hardwicke		Huntsville (Plains)	Business
	22.			Shickshinny	
	23	Roy Turner, Jr	?	Nanticoke (Hanover Twp)	Plumber
	24	Wm Golden	MR	Hanover Twp (Mt Top)	- Business
	25.	Dr Robert Kerr	?	WB	- Doctor

Ex-officio - Edgar Lockford - Staff member C/C
- Frank Townsend - Civil Defense Director
John B. Hibbard - Pres. E. D. Council
~~Dr. Robert Kerr - Pres. Elect. Medical Society~~

~~26 Geo Stozinski, UB PP&L~~

~~27~~,

26. Paul Strongin ? Kingston (UB) Labor (I L G W U)

Unif. Corp 27. Jos Quinn Laflin (UB) atty

2nd P.M. :- WNEP -

a) Tour -

5 men -

3 men at WNEP - Tom Shelburne -

agenda

newsteam from ABC
network
headed by Charles Burke
from N.Y.C.

Tom Shelburne -
Bill Newton, Kl. & WNEP,

Agenda

✓ 1) Report of Nominating Committee
Dr. Michellini

✓ 2) Nomination of Officers: —
a) Chairman
b) Secy
c) Treasurer
d) Ass't Secy
e) Ass't Treas.

✓ 3) Name of Organization: —

Suggestions: — Rebuild Wayoming Valley, Inc.
a) Community Recovery ~~Commission~~ Council "Core"
of Wyoming Valley, Inc.

✓ 4) Incorporation as non-profit org.

✓ 5) Contribution from A. J. Lachowicz Fd'tn, —
as soon as we qualify w/ IRS.

✓ 6) Washington Report — Harold Rose & Boltz.

7) Report from Tom Kelly on his efforts
for Equity capital this week.
a) Pennsa. S & L League
b) Pennsa. Bankers

8) ABC Network Team — Rich Ross
3 men
Agenda

9) Appointment to Committee

10) John Hibbard

11) ~~Good~~ add'l business

11) Payment for Lunch

12) News Release — Edgar Lockford

13) ~~Home~~ Henry Greenwold: —
Homer Bigot — Sunday 10:00 A.M. at Treadway.
2 days.
3 men.

Edward Jones, V.E.P.

1) * Federal Reg'l Council
Harrisburg, Pa

Ted Robb —

2) S.B.A. — *

~~Ag~~ "Hurricane Camille" — Biloxi, Tenn.
Woman Committee —

Com. on ~~Lord~~ Local Govt. —

Committee on Aging

agenda

(1) Fran Tobin

(2) Sister Miriam Teresa — Misericordia

~~Mo~~ Mercy Hospital
Nesbitt Hospital

(3) Walter Wood, Supt of Schools.

4) Gov Leader Home

11) Dr Michellini

5) Boston Store

13) Mgr Seminary.

6) Newark Silk Co

14) Prof Ben Zion Academy

7) The County Home

Villa

8) Marge Spencer

9) Louis Smith

18) Jules Cyders

11th floor

The County Commissioners
(Bud Widemon or Crossin)

The City Mgr

Council of West Side Govts

Hanover Twp

Plains Twp

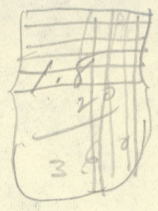
West Side Council — Raymond Lowry —

Bernard Gallagher } — Acting Mgr.

Authorizing by A.G. adjuvate &
the act of ass't was really no more than notice,
to Makowski — & thus — ministerial act.
If we consider it as ~~authorization~~
a literal designation to authorize, then
Shepard acted within the authority vested
in Wilson & was authorized to affix his name
(as in Cild). No error

Jr Halesy — Hanover Twp, Chrmn of
— " Bd of Commissioners

Frank J



1.8
2.0
3.8

Breakfast — $2.00

Reports

1) Report by Kelly — ✓
2) Schecter — ✓ Further activity
2A) John Hibbard — ✓
3) Andrew Hairings — State Committee :—
4) Camille Committee — Harrison Smith ✓
5) Homer Bigart ✓
6) ABC Teams — Geo Sartus ✓
7) Aging — Foster Middleton ✓
8) Name of Committee "Community Recovery Action".
9) Incorporation — Jr Quinn
10) Nominating Committee
11) Professional agencies —
Ltrs to Tikin & Geo Lindsay
✓ Jewelcor " " Flood Patmall
" " Governor Stationery
" " Murray
" " Scott & Schweitzer etc
12) ~~Statistics~~ — to Scott & Sch
Joe Haley
Jos Williams
~~Ethel Price~~
Sen Martin Murray
Roy Lowry
Ethel Price
A)
X 13) Gen Townsend
Dr Feddermon
A) Retroactivity
b) Forgiveness
c) Hbg
d) Statistics —

Aug 17 — ABC program

Aug 9th — Wire Corspdts
Frank Blewett

Call Frank Carlucci
Tedd Robb
General Assembly — Recdly Aug. 14.

Buses — 3 bus system
O.E.P. — support bus system
90 days from Aug 1st.
Transp. system w/ nominal fare
Cost is $7500 per day.

Approved

Bldg Contractors :—
civil defense
Consumer protection

Consumer Protection Committee :—

Bldrs —
Contractors —
Union —
Hwd —
Pa Home Builders — Packer
"Jos Williams".

200 Contractors —
Rep. O'Brien —
— " —

500 Home Builders —
non-Union & no organiz.

Registration:

E.E.A. — (Jos Halesy)
State Clearing up.

~~[illegible]~~

2 Committees: —

(1) Consumer protection
(2) Separability of doing the work.
"Hud".
10,000 trailers —

Interstate Seq Valley Compact:

Flood Control Committee:

Arthur D. Little — 2 yr study.
E.D.C.

$1 B. — Homes

30% Flow up to $100,000

$50,000 average
400
$20,000,000.00

50,000
800
$40,000,000

(1) Business — 50% up to $50,000
(800 or $40 M) $40,000,000

(2) Homes — $1 B.
Fed. G —

$550,

$1,500,000 Loans

550 M
220 M
$770 M
400 SBA Loans
$1,170

July 4/72

✓ 1) Withdrawals –

✓ 2) Public Relations –

✓ 3) Proposals

✓ 4) Meeting at Wash.

5) LPBA & Hud

6) Moratorium – Hud

7) Outright Grant to California: $10,000

2% Loans at Corpus Christi – foreign.

Chester, 1971 – Has not yet pd anything.

8) Insurance on deposits!

9) Waiver of Reserve Regulations –

Homes — $250,000,000

Furnishings —

Business — 500,000,000

Utilities —
Public Works —

(1) Jos Quinn —

(2) Ed Schecter —

(3) Ray Morgan —

(4) Andy Sordoni —

Don Flood —

July 4, 1972

Moratorium: -

Resolved: That moratorium on principal & interest be waived for period of 90 days to homeowners in flood area adversely

affected on mortgage obligors -
July, Aug. & September.

F.H.A. -
MG ic
& VA.

100,000 people evacuated.
25 000 homes

UGI has no Commercial customers in business from Pittston to Shickshinny

Resumption of employment =

Gateway Manor —

Rick Ross = 675 5197
Elmer Klimchek
Harold 675-2912
M.R. 639-5229
~~Robert Jones~~ Ed Boltz
Jr. J. O'Malley

9.00 A.M.

Aldisert } Re: Howell v Cotdle et al
Van Dusen }

Hastie Re: Allegheny

Seitz —

30,000

$24,000 – 80%

15 000.00 – Loan

50,000 people in mass homes +

100,000 vacated

25,000 homes

8000 " in Kingston, Pa

State: –

Roy Osborn – (Sen. Scott's office)

Flood Insurance – $15000 – 17000 limit :–

Wilkes College covered for library –

Non-profit hospitals –

$15,000

60

Bill Scranton – See Pres. w/ Scott –

w/ Dick Schweiker

$200,000,000 – open ended fund for Disaster. – OEP.

(1) Wait on State for sharing –

① Dam Flood

② Pa Congress delegation

③ Shapp -

④ Personal visit w/ Schweiker:

Peterson & Hodgson's report :-

"Black Lung" -

FmHA - Long term 2d mtge - @ 6%.
SBA -

7/10/72 ✓ add'l meeting :

1) Report by Harold Rose —

2) State Atty - General (Matthews)

3) Nat'l Public Relations —

4) Sen Schweiker —

5) Whittaker —

6) State Commitment —

a) ~~[illegible]~~

b)

a) meeting w/ Flood,

b) Dinenberg, Martin Murray,

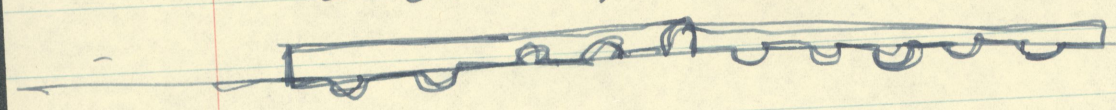
McDade, Gov. Scranton

7:30 P.M. — Meadway

/ a dor –
Call :

~~[illegible]~~

Schechter, 825-7381



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really great.

Mrs Zaleski :-
287-0735

829-1701

Grant agency – Econ. Development Council or Lez. Co. Planning Com.
✓ Clayton Richmond at Suburban Gas.
✓ Tom Kiley – mtg
Lashford – mtg
Schechter – mtg w/ Sen. Murray and Lad legislative representatives
Harrison Smith re: Comm.
Norman Weiss – Mailer
Committee appt. –
✓ S.B.A. applications –
Carl Leighton
Ted Robb – Hilton Hotel { Phila – 597-2560 / 343-2481 – Rm 910 / Hbg – 782-3980 }
a) S.D.A. Grant – Home – MA-70329 (215)
b) Location – office space.
share space –
– Bi-whly
c) State agencies –
d) What is available –
e) Pre-luncheon mtg. – 10-12 00

Consumer Protection
Clayton Richman
(0)

meeting Tuesday 12 00 PM.

25 + 30

28,500 homes

8000 Kingston

Naval Reserve Center
45 76095

829 1341 - Machine School

Pres. has designated
John Whittaker of White
House —

Grants in aid or
retroactive Co-insurance
w/ state + fed. sharing
in the cost.

a) Lottery funds or

b) increase in income tax.

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Pres. has authorized Sen Scott
to work w/ Geo Schultz
~~to~~ in developing a
viable program.

Norm Lourie

D/C [illegible]

457 — 7815
or
2561 -
3544

Ray Osborn at Hbg.
of Gen. Scott's office

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① NB - a model City

② S.B.A. Loans

③ E.D.A. -

④ Forgiveness - Loans -
a) State will pay 1st $500
b) Loan increased to $4500

5) 2740 Feds in Pa.
188 in N.E. Pa
GSA - immediate release
~~Sent~~ of trailers

Call Edgar Lodford —

Wellesley College —
Kings College —

6 automobiles: —

Scott Four - 7/7/72 823 7:09 - murray

Forty - Fort Airport ; - 2 hour

1) Land at Forty-Fort @ 10[15]

a) Markel Plant - Contact Marvin Misbergen

b) Colonial Village - Contact Barry Berger

c) Midway Shopping Center -

Denison Street to Swoyerville, Pa

2) Swoyerville home -

Andrew Pak, 13 Creel St. Swoyerville

2A) Scanlon field - Ikes Vaughn St.

then → 3) Butler Ave. Kingston to Hamilton ave. - to Parker St. Pierce St bridge

a) Bertels plant

b) S. Butler ave to Thomas ave

3A) Wyoming next to Rose on Northampton St.

4) Gateway Shopping Center -

5) Plymouth

6) S. Wyoming - via Carey ave.

6A) Walk up S. Main St. bridge to Riverview Park & Riverside Park Ohio

7) Newark Sick Company at 731 S. Franklin St { Woodbury Mills, John Wells

8. Woodcrest -

Flood Recovery

Officers Mtg at Hotel Sterling
11/20/72

Retain Following Committees

Present: Roses Riley, Hardwick, Betty Schecter & MR

Hold (1) Equity & finance

Hold (2) Flood Control

Hold (3) Planning & Development –

Hold (4) Flood Recovery Fair –

Hold (5) Committee on Human Services –

Hold (6) Roads & Bridges #
(7) "Tell The Recovery Story" – { Larry Greenspan

Hold (8) Legal Committee

Phase out: –

Hold A) State aid Committee (Hourigan)

Hold B) Local Gov't (Quinn)

no ~~Keep~~ C) Contractors & Union (Sardoni)

No d) Education Committee

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

THOMAS H. KILEY
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

11 WEST MARKET STREET
WILKES-BARRE, PA. 18701

To promote equity and alleviate the financial loss and hardship suffered by flood victims, we propose special emergency legislation to meet the needs of residential and commercial property owners, and all legitimate businesses of whatever nature; churches, schools, municipalities, fraternal organizations and other nonprofit organizations operated for the general good.

We believe that the so called $2,500 forgiveness feature of existing law is inequitable and grossly inadequate and will leave most flood victims with an unbearable debt burden.

Furthermore, the proposed S.B.A. program, while admirable, will tend to supplant normal bank financing and restrict credit worthiness by pre-emption of collateral.

In order to relieve the catastrophic financial burden of the stricken flood victims, we propose a simple, sound, workable program, based on legislation as follows:

PRESUMPTION OF INSURANCE ACT

Homes

1. 60-70-80% Coinsurance.

   a. Residential property.

   b. ~~Personal Property.~~ Home furnishings -

2. S.B.A. supplemental loan for balance of loss up to 20 years with no or nominal interest.

Business

1. 60-70-80% Coinsurance.

   a. Plant.

   b. Equipment.

   C. Inventory.

2. S.B.A. Supplemental loan for balance of loss up to 15 years with no or nominal interest.

   a. Junior lien on plant or equipment, or both.

3. Commercial banks to continue normal financing.

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.
HOTEL STERLING
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701
717 - 829-1981

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27 February 1973

MEMO TO: Max Rosenn, Harold Rose, A. J. Sordoni, III

FROM: Betty Schechter

This draft has been approved by the FRTF Committee on Human Services which urges prompt action in the interest of nailing down the CEO's offer of funds. Do you approve of our sending this letter? Please let us hear from you on this promptly!

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D R A F T

Mr. Allen E. Bacon,Jr., Executive Director
Commission on Economic Opportunity
211-213 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, Penna. 18701

Dear Mr. Bacon:

It has come to the attention of the Flood Recovery Task Force through the work of its Committee on Human Services that there is a gap in the planning for furnishing the Craftec structures being erected in the mobile home parks. We are concerned that when these buildings become ready for use furnishings for them may not be on hand, and that, as a result, the primary intent in providing the buildings may be negated.

We understand that at one time CEO offered to make $10,000 available from its recreation funds for the purchase of tables, chairs, and other necessary equipment for these buildings. We also understand that, thus far, no state or federal agency has agreed to be responsible for such furnishings and equipment, and that, unless one does, CEO may be forced to withdraw its offer.

Because of this, the Task Force offers to accept the funds and hold them in escrow until the buildings are completed, or until a federal or state agency assumes responsibility for them and for monitoring the use of and access to the furnishings they are to buy. In light of the possibility that no such agency will have assumed this responsibility by the time the buildings are completed, the Task Force also offers to purchase the required furnishings. The Task Force cannot, however, take responsibility for monitoring the use of the furnishings, so, if its offers are accepted, it should be understood that it will make every effort to arrange assumption of this responsibility by a federal or state agency.

We will be happy to meet with you to discuss the details of this arrangement.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shaw, Jr.
Executive Director

copy to go to Tom Cooney, CEO

MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF WYOMING VALLEY - July 21, 1972

A meeting was held on the above date at the Treadway Inn of a Citizens Recovery Committee of Wyoming Valley. The meeting was chaired by acting chairman, Judge Rosenn.

The chairman asked for a report of the nominating committee appointed by him to name members to this organization. This report was presented by the chairman of the nominating committee, Dr. Francis Michelini and consisted of the following names that had been mailed previously with the addition of the names of Oscar Weissman. The names are as follows: Judge Max Rosenn, Andrew J. Sordoni, III, George Sailus, Eugene Roth, Harold Rose, Thomas Kiley, Andrew Hourigan, Jr., Esq., Frank Burnside, Roy E. Morgan, Henry DePolo, Rev. Lane Kilburn, Dr. Francis Michelini, Edward Schechter, John Conyngham, Harrison Smith, Richard Demmy, Robert Masoner, Judge Bernard Brominski, James Adonizio, Clifford Madrick, Charles Hardwick, Ray Turner, Jr., William Golden, Dr. Robert Kerr, Paul Strongin, Joseph A. Quinn, Esq., Robert L. Jones and Oscar Weissman. Ex-officio members are Frank Townend, Esq., Civil Defense; John Hibbard, Economic Development Council and Edgar J. Lashford, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. Upon presentation by Chairman Michelini, it was regularly moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the report be adopted.

A motion was made by George Sailus and seconded by Robert Jones that the present nominating committee meet and present to the organization at its next meeting a slate for permanent officers. The motion was unanimously approved.

At this point it was regularly moved, seconded and unanimously approved that Judge Rosenn act as Temporary Chairman and Edgar J. Lashford act as Acting Secretary.

A considerable discussion was held relative to the name that should be adopted for this organization. On motion of Eugene Roth, which was regularly seconded and unanimously approved, the name of the approved was Community Recovery Council. It was regularly moved by Andrew J. Sordoni, III and seconded by Harold Rose that steps be taken to incorporate the organization as a non-profit corporation under the laws of Penna. This motion was unanimously approved.

Temporary Chairman Rosenn at this point introduced Mr. Brown and Mr. Jones, representatives of the O. E. P., and former Governor William Scranton.

Rick Ross reported on the meeting in Washington, D. C. at the White House held on Friday June 14, 1972. His report stated that the proposed federal legislation would contain a $1. 7 billion program, of which $1. 3 billion would be earmarked for programs to be administered through the office of SBA (Small Business Administration). He also stated the balance would be diverted to other programs, including HUD. The meeting was focused around the nationwide flooding problems.

Governor Scranton offered timely remarks concerning our problems and stated that the one thing that should be stressed is the plight of the area which should be given as much national coverage as possible with as many details as possible so that the nation could really understand the magnitude of the disaster. He stated that there was a Federal Regional Council office established in Harrisburg which is under the supervision of Ted Raub of the SBA. He recommended that our group keep close to this office.

Chairman Rosenn commented on the program that had been outlined at the Washington meeting and felt that although they are taking steps in the right

direction, the program at this time is not nearly adequate for our problems. He stated that he had discussed the proposed insurance program relative to flood relief with Senator Scott, and Senator Scott agreed in principal, but stated he thought there are many problems yet to be worked out. He also stated that Congressman Flood has suggested amendments to this program and would be in touch with Senator Scott relative to same.

The Chairman stated that in the proposed overall federal program that there are certain groups not eligible, with the independent colleges being a good example. Also, there is insufficient aid in the form of grants for the elderly and retired. It was suggested that other resources be investigated. The chair pointed out that the Savings and Loan League of New York had recently contributed substantial rehabilitation funds to flood victims in New York State and that we might importune the Pa. Savings and Loan League and other important state wide organizations. It was regularly moved, seconded and unanimously approved that this committee look into the possibility of similar programs being established for Pennsylvania.

Relative to the problem in regard to the aging, Andrew Hourigan stated that John Martin of the Federal Bureau of Aging would be in the area in the very near future to discuss this problem

Mr. Paul Strongin stated that he felt that the quality leadership in this area has a tendency to separate itself from our political leadership and suggested that the social, business and political leaders integrate themselves to a greater degree. Joe Quinn in commenting on Mr. Strongin's statement said he felt this committee should immediately involve top political leadership in its program.

On this matter a general discussion was held, after which a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 political leaders be added to this committee immediately representing the county commissioners, state legislators, city council and representatives from other municipalities, and that these additional names be selected by the Chairman, and he so notify the individuals on their selection immediately.

Frank Burnside commented on the need for more effective programs on the state level and suggested that proper pressure be born on Harrisburg relative to this matter.

Ed Schechter stated that there would be a meeting in Washington this coming week which he, Dave Schooley and Edgar J. Lashford would attend relative to highways, roads, etc. He stated he felt very strongly that emphasis should be placed on the immediate need for the Cross Valley Expressway and the North Street Bridge together with other roads and bridges in this area. It was regularly moved by Frank Burnisde, seconded by Dr. Michelini, and unanimously approved that this committee wholeheartedly endorse this and that the immediate need for these projects be presented at this forthcoming meeting.

The Chairman stated that there would be approximately 10 sub-committees under this overall committee which would have members on each from 7 to 10 individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar J. Lashford

Edgar J. Lashford
Acting Secretary

Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Transportation Committee

Meeting Agenda

August 18, 1972
Sterling Hotel - 12:15 P. M.

1.	Opening statement.	Judge Max Rosenn
2.	General description of the community's transportation needs.	E. Schechter
3.	Discussion of specific problems.	Discussion Moderator - E. Schechter
3.1	North Street - Pierce Street bridge reconstruction and connections between I-81 and Wyoming Avenue.	
3.2	North Cross Valley Expressway (LR 1052).	
3.3	Immediate action TOPICS type program for flood affected areas.	
3.4	Mass transit.	

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Harold Poulson
George Parrs
Tony de Angelo
Ray Radomski

Federal DOT
Dr. James Costantino
Roger Borg
Clarence Frisen
W. A. Pepperman
William Vipperman

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221 Conyngham Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18702
717-825-7381

August 17, 1972

Honorable Daniel J. Flood
House of Representatives
108 Cannon Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Re: Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.

Dear Congressman Flood:

We thank you very much for your help in this effort. We were advised yesterday that a Federal Highway Administration representative, Mr. William Vipperman, has been assigned to this area to help us coordinate our highway needs. We were also advised yesterday by the Department of Transportation in Harrisburg that the State will also supply two engineers for coordination purposes, who will establish offices here in Wilkes-Barre.

Many thanks for your help in securing this much needed aid.

Sincerely,

E. Schechter

ES/k
cc: Judge Max Rosenn
Edgar Lashford

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Flood Minutes

Minutes - July 29, 1972

A breakfast meeting of the Community Recovery Council was held July 29, 1972 at the Treadway Inn. The meeting was chaired by Judge Max Rosenn, Acting Chairman with the following present: (List)

Lynn announced that the new members to the committee, as approved at the last meeting, had been appointed by the acting chairman and are as follows:

Mrs Ethel Price, representing the Luzerne County Commissioners,
Joseph Sullivan - " Wilkes-Barre City
Joseph Kalkey - " Kingston Twp. Area
Ray F. Lowery Jr. - " West Side Council of Governments
Sen. Martin L Murray " Pa. Legislature
Congressman Flood.
Bruce Caverly " Shickshinny Area

Judge Rosenn stated that he had selected several committee chairmen to date, in order that certain of the committee could immediately begin to function. He also stated that the remainder of the committee chairmen would be named in the near future.

Edward Schieler, Ch. of the Roads, Bridges & Transportation committee reported that he and Ed Fallon had been to Washington as guests of Dave Scholly on Wed. July 26th for a meeting of P.H.I.A. and the Penna Congressional members. He stated he had an opportunity to discuss our bridge problems with Sec. Kassab of PennDot and

Messrs. Kastleyer and Sims. Ben Dot offereds. He was also given an opportunity to address the meeting as a whole, relative to the bridge problems as they exist on the Valley at present. He suggested to Lee Kasoh that a special Federal Coordinator be assigned down here, to expedite the new North St. bridge and the Cross Valley Expressway and to eliminate as much red tape as possible.

Lieut Tomash reported that at a Civil Defence meeting held Friday, Ben Dot reported that 10 month study of the North St. Bridge would be undertaken.

Judge Rorem stated that he had been informed that a federal representative has been appointed relative to the bridge problem, namely a Mr. Kalberg.

Tom Kiley Ch. of the Equity Restoration Committee, reported that he and the following met in Washington on Friday, July 20th: Sec. Dulles, Judge Rorem, Eugene Roth and Harold Rose. The meeting was held with Cong. Wright Patman & aides and Sens. Scott & Silverstein & Cong. Flood. Mr. Zoman of Cong. McDades Office was also in attendance. The discussions centered around possible legislation to create equity restoration for homeowners and businessmen. It was pointed out that there are two bills at present dealing with flood relief programs the Administration Bill and a Home Bill. Both are very similar.

It was the feeling of the Congressmen present that it would be difficult to try to amend the present proposed bills, particularly in the House and that any amendments should come through the Senate with Sens. Taft & Schweiker to prepare same. Cong. Patman stated he was sympathetic to the problem and would support legislation. It was noted that Rep. Crane of Calif. was leading the opposition, with the help of Sen. Taft. A key question according in getting any amendments passed relative to the restoration of equity problem, would be for the State of Pa. to agree to join in a matching funds program on a formula basis. Senator Murray stated he felt Pa. would support a reduction matching funds program & would endeavor to get a commitment relative to this from State Administration by Monday. A nearly full Committee was urged as a vote is expected on Thursday or Friday on Washington or Wednesday Aug 2, 1972.

Andrew Harrigan reported he had been in contact with Frank Carlucci, who expressed great concern about the Christmas Tree drawing on the basis proposed bill. Carlucci also urged passage of bill in present form, coming back later on amendments.

John Hilburn reported that ABC team did arrive late, but spent considerable time in the area. This visit was arranged by Dan Holbourne.

The outcome of this visit is that ABC will present Special on Flood Problems of Natural Disasters on Aug 17, 1972 at 10:00 P.M. The description of subsequent problems of our area will be concluded in this program.

Also in line with our concern over the fact that we have suffered this flood once and fully realized actual from our immediate area Dawes reported that Gov. Wm Scranton is heading an Ad Hoc committee working with all natural news serves. A group of approx. 40 natural disasters of all medias will visit the area on Aug 9th. The visitors for this group are Gov. Scranton and Judge Max Rosen. Such decision was held by our group concerning the Natural disasters of our problems, and it was the feeling of the group that we should take every advantage of getting the full impact story across.

Hal Smith reported on his communication with the group from Baloyce, Miss. Theresa team of 10 men would who spearheaded the restoration of their area several years ago after the Camille Storm. Arrangements have been made whereby this team will come to Wilkes-Barre on Friday afternoon Aug 4th. On Sat. morning Aug 5th they will meet with our group & attend the U.N.E.P. Auditorium, to tell how they accomplished their rebuilding program. Further details will be announced by Mr. Smith. Working on this program

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also are Roy Morgan & Tom Shellhouse.

Andrew Harrison, Chairman of the State Aid Committee reported the bad weather has hampered Murtha Murray & reviewed several areas of possible State Aid. He stated an area of great concern is that of the Municipal Bond route of financing and effect on lending institutions since the flood has created havoc on the tax-base of many of our communities.

Senator Murray advised that the Pa. General Assembly has been called back to session 5/19/72, and that the Governor has a 10 point program dealing with flood problems. There will be task force committees to report on the 10 point program.

Dr. Micheloni reported that a Dr. Martin head of the Federal Bureau of the Aging had been in the area and met with Mr. Elliot Kramer Dr. Micheloni and others relative to the effect the disaster has had on the aging and the problems it has created. Dr. Micheloni stated he felt Dr. Martin's understanding [redacted] of the problems [redacted] greater after he toured the devastated areas.

Jos. Dunn, Chairman of the Local Government Committee reported on the Articles of Incorporation which he was asked to prepare. He stated that he understood there may be a [redacted] modification in the name of the group.

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Chairman Rosen acknowledged this report, and ask Mr. Dunn if he and the following would meet immediately after the meeting to review proposed name change; Frank Tavenner
Roy Wrayno
Hal Smith

The Chairman stated he had expected to call for a report of the nominating committee concerning permanent officers. Mr. Dunn advised the report was not complete therefore he deferred said report until the next meeting.

George Talbot reported that during the recent meeting in Washington, they were asked for considerable amount of data relative to the effects of the flood, and that very little was available at the time. He asked whether or not the Chamber of Commerce had annual audit information. Col Lee Ford stated that he felt the Economic Development Council was best equipped to compile such data & suggested that responsibility be accepted by the Economic Development Council. John Hubbard, Pres. of E.D.C. agreed to this.

Seward Tavenner, head of the Civil Defense operations, stated he was concerned about the extension of the fire line service which has been inaugurated & underwritten by O.E.P. He stated this service is to end 6/30/52 unless

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extended. He stated that it has been requested of O.E.P to extend for 90 days and 8 1/4 but there has been reluctance on O.E.P's part to do so. Ed Schecter reported that he had been discussing with Mr Tom Tobin local head of O.E.P. at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Mr Tobin. He stated Mr Tobin advised that he would not extend for any specific time, but that he would continue services as long as were needed.

Gerard Tonrend also expressed his concern over the problem of home owners getting their home repaired and particularly the possibility of the home owner being taken by contractors and tradesmen in the process. He stated he had asked the Chamber of Commerce to watch dog this matter, but they had failed. Ed Lashford stated that he had occupied a room to the function and that after several meetings with Gerard Tonrend & representatives of the Builders Assn Contractors Assn & others it was impossible to procure any guidelines by which the Chamber office could work from. Lashford suggested because of the importance of the problem, it be assumed by this group. After much discussion of the problem, it was agreed that the Chamber appoint a committee committee to deal with Housing Problems & Consumer protection.

Joseph Kelsey of Hanover Twp. also spoke to the question of housing. After considerable discussion it was moved by John Hilbert and seconded by Ray Morgan that the Chairman appoint a committee or committee to be responsible for housing and consumer protection. Motion unanimously approved.

Ray Morgan stated that there is functioning a group relating itself to the Interstate Susquehanna Complex. Mr Morgan felt we should have more information relative to this group. Director Murray was asked to seek additional information & report back.

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned

MINUTES

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Tuesday, August 8, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m. Persons present at the meeting signed the pass out sheets which are attached. At 1:50 p.m. Secretary Romney, Fran Tobin, and a number of officials arrived to join the meeting. These minutes present only action items and do not include discussion.

Motion: Joe Quinn moved and it was seconded that the name of the group be the "Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc." and that the incorporation papers be sent to Harrisburg.
Yes all.

Motion: Harrison Smith moved and it was seconded that a note of thanks be sent to the people from the Gulf Coast who visited Wyoming Valley to advise us.
Yes all.

Motion: Ray Lowery moved and it was seconded that Judge Rosenn contact General Lincoln and request that Fran Tobin be kept on in the Wyoming Valley for at least another week or two.
Yes all.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that Roy Morgan be the official representative of the task force at the upcoming meeting of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission next Tuesday.
Yes all.

Tuesday — agenda 5/15/72

Luncheon mtg w/ Federal funds

1. Bus transportation — a) authority b) county c) Auto w/ subsidies
2. Bridges and Cross Valley expressway.
   Seiy Kassot
3. Labor and Construction:
   ~~a) Recruitment of contractors~~
   b) cooperation of labor
   c) Waiver of written requirements upon agreement employers + union
   d) Fair price and quality.

(4) Consumer assistance + protection
   a) Registration w/ D.A.
   b) Bonding
   c) Recruitment of contractors
   d) Fair price + quality
   e) Centralization
   f) protection
   5) Judge's courts + libraries

✓ 6) Help for Federal agencies and Flood Task Force

7/ Duplication & labor.

8/ Planning & Development —
10 local agencies — each
seeking grants —
No comprehensive plan/etc.

9) Flood Task Force to A.

10) Local control agency for
decisions.

11) Unemployment

Add to Education Committee:
Rev. Herd & Burns

Add to Corrections Committee:
Others for
John Coon

Flood Corn

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS & LIBRARIES
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
8/16/72

REV. LANE D. KILBURN, CO. CHM. PRESIDING
DR. WALLACE STETTLER
DR. WM. SMOOKE
MITCHELL JENKINS
MISS ELIZABETH HESSER
MRS. MARY KRAMER
DR. HOLLAND IN PLACE OF DR. MICHELINI
FRANK MARTZ HENRY FOR SEMINARY
SEVERAL OTHER INSTITUTIONAL & FEDERAL
REPRESENTATIVES I DID NOT KNOW.
COMM. MARLIN & MR. CARLUCCI

MEETING OPENED BY FATHER KILBURN.

COMM. MARLIN EXPLAINED THAT ALL
INSTITUTIONS WERE BEING EXAMINED TO
SEE IF CAN BE REPAIRED OR IF
NECESSARY TO CONDEMN.

ALSO, THAT 27.6 MILLON HAS BEEN
APPROPRIATED TO THIS FLOOD WORK -
@ 16.6 MILLION TO LUZERNE COUNTY -
OF WHICH @ 10 000 000 HAS ALREADY BEEN
DELIVERED.

MARCIN WANTED TO IMPRESS EVERYONE
THEY WERE COMPETENT PEOPLE AND
WERE NOT PLAYING POLITICS.

COMM. MARLIN ALSO EMPHASIZED THEY WANTED TO AID THE CHILDREN OF PARENTS BADLY HIT BY THE FLOOD SO THAT THEY COULD CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION - BY INSTITUTING WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS. HE SAID, $3,000,000 HAD BEEN COLLECTED FROM OTHER STATES WHERE FUNDS HAD NOT BEEN USED & ARE CHANNELING IT TO THE FLOOD HIT AREAS & IF OUR LOCAL STUDENT AID OFFICERS MAKE REQUESTS, $350 TO $400,000 ADDITIONAL GRANTS CAN BE MADE HERE.

THE COMMISSIONER WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS BEING DONE TO EDUCATE CHILDREN DISPLACED BY FLOOD - IF THEY WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO HOME DISTRICT OR EDUCATED IN DISPLACED DISTRICT. HE WAS ANXIOUS THAT CHILDREN & PARENTS WOULD NOT HAVE THIS PROBLEM SADDLED ON THEM & DR. SMODIC ASSURED THE COMMISSIONER THAT ALL DISTRICTS WERE COOPERATING IN ACCEPTING & SEEING THAT THESE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION WAS NOT BEING DISRUPTED.

MR. CARLUCCI STATED O.E.P. WAS COMING UP WITH $2,400,000 TO AID THE LIBRARIES, THAT $1,900,000 OF IT WAS GOING FOR DAMAGES IN WILKESBARRE - MUST APPLY TO O.E.P. & THEY WILL MAKE THE DECISION.

COMM. MARLIN ADVISED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT ASSESSES THE SCHOOL DAMAGE, BUT O.E.P. FURNISHES THE FUNDS.

August 18, 197

STATUS OF URGENTLY NEEDED PROJECTS REGARDING THE STATE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

FOR THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE WYOMING VALLEY AREA

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B (1) Pooling of Cards
(2) Busing

Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc.
Transportation Committee

Meeting Agenda

August 18, 1972
Sterling Hotel - 12:15 P. M.

1.	Opening statement.	Judge Max Rosenn
2.	General description of the community's transportation needs.	E. Schechter
3.	Discussion of specific problems.	Discussion Moderator - E. Schechter
3.1	North Street - Pierce Street bridge reconstruction and connections between I-81 and Wyoming Avenue.	— 8 Bernard O Brein Stanley Maldeled Fred Shupnick Frank O'Connell — o
3.2	North Cross Valley Expressway (LR 1052).	
3.3	Immediate action TOPICS type program for flood affected areas.	
3.4	Mass transit.	James Constantine, SECRETARY'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE for REGION III

State [Tony D'Angelo - County
— North Street Bridge

17) (1) Temporary bridge —
(2) Bus service

Park

(b) (3) Cross Valley Expressway
a) Plans let by end of '72 — Date by Dec 30
b) Superstructure — 3/1/73
c) Award — 4/30/73

d) Bids ●
e) Completed – 4th Quarter – '74. ●

c) Topics –

(1) Resolutions by WB Cities, Secy. to Planning Comm + Kenneth Bos.

(2) North Valley Expressway – Litigation –
→ see Andy Hourigan.

Rob: – Relocate Alley at London & Field.

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October 6, 1972

ATTENTION: Max Rosen

FROM: C. A. Hardwick

SUBJECT: Meeting with Flood Victims Action Council

Dear Judge Rosen,

On Tuesday, October 3, Andy Shaw and I met with representatives of the Flood Victims Action Council for the purpose of establishing a permanent Liason Committee and defining some immediate objectives for joint action. We met for approximately an hour at Boo-Boo's Restaurant after which we toured Riverside Park and Riverside Drive to observe some of the problems discussed during the meeting.

In attendance were Mike Soloman, Bernard Newman, Walter Kinns, Andy Lawrence and Sam Bosch (a C.P.A. who did not attend the previous meeting).

The more important items of discussion can be summarized as follows:

1. Equity Restoration

The group reiterated their position that we must continue with an all-out effort to reimburse homeowners for their flood losses through outright grants or through co-insurance. The following actions were discussed:

a. Support for Dan Flood's Co-insurance Bill.

b. Pressure upon the State for direct grants (Andy Shaw to discuss availability of funds with Wilcox and Murray).

c. Pressure upon the oppenents of further aid in the Congress through

1. Letters to the Editor in their home States.

2. Rent an airplane and invite these Congressional leaders to visit Wilkes-Barre and see the problem for themselves (one picture worth a thousand words).

2. The urgent need for authoritative guidelines for the many homeowners who have not yet decided whether or not they should rebuild.

They all want clarification of urban redevelopment projects and what their options are destruction vs. rebuilding. Related questions are:

a. Will the deadline of October 31 be extended?

b. Will they receive Pre-flood value for homes that are destroyed?

c. What should be done with a house which is economically infeasible to rebuild?

3. The need for an official form to be given to homeowners when the house is turned over for destruction.

This form should be signed by the appropriate agency and state specifically what considerations the owner will receive. The objective is to protect the rights of the homeowner.

4. Exemption of $5,000 forgiveness from Federal Income Tax.

Pending legislation was explained by Andy Shaw.

5. Mobile homes located on private sites are not receiving adequate attention as far as heat and water is concerned.

Unlike trailer parks, there is still a serious problem at private home sites.

6. Assistance needed in winterizing unoccupied homes to protect them from further damage (Andy Shaw to investigate).

7. Economic inbalance resulting from Federal competition in the local Labor Market.

Bernard Newman, Andy Lawrence and Sam Bosch stressed the present labor shortage and asked that serious talks be held with the Federal agencies involved to avoid economic damage to smaller companies who can no longer compete for labor.

It was agreed that the Liason Committee would meet once each week and the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. Andy Shaw is to specify the meeting place.

The most important problem discussed was the need for authoritative guidelines for the undecided homeowner. I recommend strongly that we invite an appropriate representative of the Federal agencies to attend Tuesday's meeting to discuss this subject in detail.

I also recommend that Harold Rose attend this same meeting to give them additional guidance on action they can take in supporting equity restoration programs.

Best regards,

Charles A. Hardwick

CAH/sh

Minutes - Executive Committee Meeting, FRTF - 9/14/72

Present: Judge Max Rosenn, Attorney Joseph Quinn, Attorney Andrew Hourigan, Mr. Edward Schechter, Dr. Francis Michelini, Mr. Edward J. Boltz, Mr. Harold Rose, Mr. Charles Hardwicke, Mr. Thomas Kiley, Mrs. Betty Kanarr Bierley, Mr. Roy Morgan, Mrs. Carol Kregan, Mr. Andrew Shaw, Mr. James Tarity, and Mrs. Betty Schechter

1. Extension of deadline for filing of applications for SBA Loans

Announcement has been made of an extension of the deadline to October 31st. According to Mr. Carlucci, the administration will support legislation on flood insurance, which may have sharp teeth in it. Mr. Carlucci would welcome comments on this legislation.

2. Trip to Biloxi

Those going to Biloxi will leave Sunday morning, October 1st and return either Monday night or early Tuesday morning. The trip down and back will probably be made in an Air Corps plane. Mr. Lashford will make the arrangements for the trip.

3. Meeting between representatives of the FRTF and representatives of the Flood Victims Action Committee

This meeting produced the following results: The Flood Victims Action Committee found that it has objectives in common with the FRTF; in response to a request from the FVAC for FRTF support on further efforts to secure co-insurance, Judge Rosenn suggested that they contact Representative Flood in this regard, as he is best equipped to help them in Washington; Judge Rosenn told the FVAC that at present the FRTF believes that emphasis should be placed on obtaining help from Harrisburg for efforts to secure more financial support for flood victims.

A motion was made and passed to the effect that a joint committee made up of a subcommittee of the FRTF and another of the FVAC be formed to work on expediting the repairs of homes of flood victims.

4. State Legislation

Attorney Hourigan reported that he and Mr. Shaw will meet with Senator Murray to map out an approach to Lt. Governor Kline. The following suggestions on topics to be considered in Harrisburg were made:

1) getting highway projects on the capitol budget
2) relief for flood victims with respect to income tax
3) grants in aid for particularly hard hit flood victims
4) reinstatement of previously endorsed tax relief: percentage of loss with deduction of amount received from the federal government

5. Legal Staff

Judge Rosenn reported that seven attorneys have indicated their willingness to serve the FRTF as a legal staff. He added that requests from members of the Task Force for legal assistance will be channelled through a still to be designated chairman of the legal staff.

6. SBA Loans on property owned by the Chamber of Commerce and under mortgage to PIDA

It was agreed that Mr. Morgan would follow up reports that applications for SBA Loans from people leasing Chamber of Commerce owned property under mortgage to PIDA are being turned down.

7. Housing for Displaced Persons

Mr. Shaw reported that difficulties of contractor-HUD relationships are under control.

8. FRTF Staff

A motion was made and passed to ratify the hiring of:

Andrew Shaw ($12,000) ... as of September 5th
Betty Schechter ($9,000) ... as of September 5th
James Tarity ($7,000-7,500)... as of September 7th
Alice Ellman ($5,980-6,500)... as of September 19th

9. Reception to honor Mr. Carlucci

It was agreed that the Task Force host a reception at the Treadway Inn to honor Mr. Frank Carlucci some time in October. Spouses of Task Force members will be invited and the reception will be financed by tickets sold to Task Force couples. Attorney Quinn suggested that invitations be sent to the county commissioners, city officials, Senators Schweiker and Scott, and other appropriate people. A motion was made and passed that a committee be formed to set a date for the reception and make the necessary arrangements.

10. FRTF relations with EDC

Judge Rosenn reported that Mr. Theodore Robb is interested in knowing the exact nature of the FRTF-EDC relationship. It was agreed that action be taken at once on formalizing this relationship.

11. Sanitary Authority

Mr. Kiley reported that Attorney Quinn will appoint an ad hoc committee to look into this subject in depth. Mr. Morgan reported that it is his impression that Mr. Goddard considers the drainiage of mine acid a serious problem and thinks the FRTF should press for a solution. Mr. Schechter and Mr. Kiley indicated that they believe it is not desirable for the FRTF to get involved in this controversy because the question of primary versus secondary treatment is not directly related to the flood.

12. Recovery Fair

Judge Rosenn reported that Secretary of Pennsylvania Community Affairs Wilcox suggested a summer celebration of the area's recovery from the flood. Agreement was reached to notify Secretary Wilcox that his suggestion is being considered and to explore the possibility of a joint FRTF-Fine Arts Fiesta

Recovery Fair (continued)

project if, after what is expected to be a very difficult winter, it is agreed that there is cause to celebrate.

13. Discussion of whether a new slogan for the recovery effort is needed

Suggestions were made that the slogan now in use be replaced by "Better Than Ever" and that a lapel pin bearing a heart be devised. No agreement was reached.

14. Discussion of action needed to guard against widespread hardship in the event of "blizzard crises" this coming winter

Mr. Kiley suggested that a list be compiled of people who are willing to take into their homes temporarily those people whose heating systems fail. Judge Rosenn asked Mr. Shaw to talk to Mr. Roysten and Mr. Carlucci about devising such "blizzard" contingencies as a supply of extra mobile homes. It was agreed that the FRTF will work on this project jointly with the Flood Victims Action Committee. Attorney Hourigan suggested that Mr. Shaw ask federal government officials to guard against a possible winter failure of heating contractors' inventories.

15. Susquehanna River Basin Association

Mr. Morgan suggested that the FRTF be ready to react to the plotting of "flood-plain guidelines."

Carlucci - Re: W.C.A.U.:-

Council Committee

Betty Konrad
Betty Schuster
Betty Kiley
Andy
M. Betty
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Bett Parker

AGENDA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1972

WECKESSER HALL, 7:30 P.M.

1. September 30th deadline on SBA loans - Oct. 30th
2. Letter from Attorney Lou Feldman concerning modular homes
3. Problems with contractors in Mini-Repair Program
4. Ratification for hiring of staff
5. Meeting to honor Mr. Frank Carlucci Committee
6. Recovery Fair
7. Trip to Mississippi
8. Report of meeting with Flood Victims Action Committee
9. State Legislation
10. Meeting in Harrisburg
11. SBA loans on property owned by the Chamber of Commerce and under mortgage to FIDA
12. Sanitary Authority - Secondary treatment
13. Status of housing for displaced people
14. Legal Staff.
15. Slogan (BTE) BTE

EDC - Financing

Carlucci Reception -
a) Invitations to public officials
b) " " fed. & state agencies
c) Committee

Sub - Committee w/ Flood Victims Action Committee

Report to Wilcox re: Recovery Fair

Write Emergency Shelter - Mrs Anderson

Minutes of FRTF Executive Committee Meeting, October 11, Noon, Hotel Sterling

Present: William Conner, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Bierly, Hourigan, Kilburn, Lashford, Morgan, Quinn, Rosenn, Moran, Betty Schechter, Shaw, and Tarity

1. EDA grant to FRTF for staff, program, and studies. It was moved and passed that the grant be accepted.

2. Discussion of a proposal by William Wilcox for a Recovery Fair. Judge Rosenn reported that the state is ready to grant $12,000 for the purpose of holding a fair to celebrate progress toward recovery. It was moved and passed that a committee of the FRTF be appointed to explore the possibility of correlating such a fair with the 1973 Fine Arts Fiesta.

3. Discussion of adverse effects on recovery program resulting from delays in processing of SBA loans to local businessmen. After Judge Rosenn stated the problem, Mr. Conner said that Mr. Carlucci is aware of it and has made its solution his staff's first priority. Judge Rosenn asked him to reemphasize the difficulties local businessmen are experiencing to Mr. Carlucci.

4. Discussion of the burden that uncertainty about redevelopment imposes on flood-victim homeowners. Mr. Conner said that the federal government is aware of this problem, too. He added that a special HUD task force under the leadership of Robert Scalia has been formed to deal with it. This group, he said, will release all planning money within ten days.

Judge Rosenn said that in the absence of definite guidelines on redevelopment, there is an urgent need for homeowners to know which areas are likely to be included in a redevelopment project no matter how much money is forthcoming, which only if a certain percentage of the funds requested is received, and which likely to be included. Mr. Conner said that the HUD Task Force will endeavor to see that announcements to this effect will be made in the near future.

It was agreed that FRTF will await results of HUD Task Force meeting on October 13 and then make a positive statement telling homeowners when they can expect answers to their questions.

5. Report on meetings between representatives of FRTF and FVAC. Mr. Shaw reported that FVAC has expressed appreciation of the results of FRTF efforts to develop solutions to some of the problems of flood victim homeowners. He also reported that FVAC is currently interested in mounting a widespread letter writing campaign aimed at rallying support for coinsurance payments to disaster victims.

It was agreed that FRTF would supply FVAC with a list of Congressmen and a suggested draft of a letter to be sent to other disaster hit or disaster prone communities.

6. Report on trip to Biloxi. Judge Rosenn reported that Biloxi urges Wyoming Valley to:

a. press for quick reservation of the funds needed for the execution of approved grants
b. move for consolidation of municipalities and coordination of their planning
c. guard against economic imbalance due to federal government paying higher wages than usual in the area

Attorney Quinn expressed serious doubt that real progress toward consolidation is possible now: he said that because of the flood, people are preoccupied with their own personal problems. He said that he would try, nevertheless, to spread the word from Biloxi, and added that a strong attempt would be made at a meeting of municipalities called by his committee for November 16th to convince local officials that recovery depends on coordination of their planning. Mr. Shaw suggested a Task Force attempt to persuade state and federal government agencies to make coordination of planning a condition of funding.

Mr. Shaw reported that he had asked representatives of the Department of Labor to reevaluate the federal agencies' wage scales wherever possible in the interest of correcting an already troublesome economic imbalance in the area. It was moved and passed that a committee be set up to act on this problem.

Flood Aide program

X Committee on Human Services

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE, INC.

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 8, 1972

Hotel Sterling, Noon

1. Report by Tom Kiley on activities of the Planning and Development Committee

2. Report by Margaret Anderson on activities of the Committee on Human Services

3. Report by Harold Rose on activities of the Legislation and Equity Committee

4. Flood Recovery

~~4. Report by Joe Quinn on activities of the Local Government Committee~~

Standard mktg. Dictated Residents

Carlucci — E.D.A.

Cliff. Rossiqnol

E.D.C. approved application for public works grant — no veto power by E.D.A.

Disaster Ins.

Howard Grossman

5) Biloxi Visit & Return

6) Flood Recovery Fee

7) Andrew Shaw — Interim assistance

8) Redevelopment Commitments — Oct 19th / 72 / Lenders

9) ~~Schools~~ Bigler — Highways Bridges

X 10) Good + Welfare

11) ~~S.B.A.~~ — Harold Rose.

Shortage of mortgage bds.

MR

Minutes of Meeting between FRTF Steering Committee and representatives of the Federal Government, February 14, 1973, Hotel Sterling, 12:15 p.m.

RE: Current issues of flood recovery program

Present: William Conner (HEW); Francis Haas, Wynn Moseley (HUD); Al Patterson (Federal Regional Council); Tom Phelan (Flood Recovery Coordinator for Pennsylvania and Maryland); Clifford Rossignol (EDA); Charles Hardwick, Tom Kiley, Harold Rose, Max Rosenn, Roman Rubinstein, Andrew Sordoni; Betty Schechter, Andrew Shaw

1. EDA funding of municipal building construction

2. Task Force request that Federal Government encourage consolidation of municipalities

Rossignol said that, upon recognizing the probability that new municipal buildings will reinforce existing separations between municipalities, EDA researched the situation and found that in some cases there is a real need for a new community building. In these cases it has been the agency's practice to contact officials concerned and suggest construction of multi-purpose facilities with the thought that, should consolidation occur at some future date, the building could be converted to other uses.

Rossignol said that nine or ten grants for municipal buildings have already been made, and, asked if they can be revoked, said that they cannot. He said that where grants have been made, municipalities have participated in the cost of new buildings by investing in sites and in engineering fees.

Rosenn expressed the opinion that, since new municipal buildings will mean new costs to municipalities, they will aggravate a growing, Valley-wide problem of inadequate police protection. To this Rossignol replied that EDA investigation into the matter of operating costs revealed that in some cases existing municipal buildings are so antiquated that new ones would undoubtedly be less costly to maintain.

On the question of Federal Government encouragement of consolidation, Conner said Frank Carlucci's position is that the Federal Government must avoid seeming either to dictate to or to strongly persuade people on how they should run their local governments. In reply, Rosenn said the Task Force hopes only that the Federal Government will suggest alternative courses of action to municipalities and make improvement of services a condition of an EDA grant.

Rossignol agreed to focus the attention of municipal officials on their communities' problems by asking them how they plan to improve services to the public.

3. Corps of Engineers proposals on flood control

Conner said that the Corps' public meeting scheduled for February 17th would consider the problem of the Valley's unprotected areas.

Kiley pointed out that fear of future flooding has been manifested in questions concerning the competence of the Corps to design adequate protection against floods, and Rosenn said that with this in mind the Task Force is considering

employing a firm of independent engineers to provide an objective opinion of the Corps plans. Conner said that he thought this would be a perfectly good use of Task Force funds.

4. June 30th deadline set by HUD for putting redevelopment plans into execution

Task Force members pointed to the danger that, in situations in which there is no easy consensus, pressure of this deadline will persuade a redevelopment authority to make unwise compromises.

Haas conceded that to have adequate final redevelopment plans within the short period of time prescribed by the June 30th deadline is impossible. He said, however, that because the Urban Renewal program is being phased out, HUD has no choice but to insist that plans be approved by local officials by the end of June. It will be possible, Haas said, to do some "juggling" for as long as one or two months in the cases of projects with special need for more review time. He also said that HUD is taking care to be generous in budgeting for "extra planning" during execution, and that, if money is available for contemplated changes, the law permits redevelopment authorities to amend their plans after June 30th.

5. Advisability of rehabilitating rather than destroying properties acquired by redevelopment authorities

Haas said that the governing consideration must be the condition of the structure in question: generally speaking, the Wilkes-Barre Redevelopment Authority is only acquiring structurally unsound properties. But, he said, in certain instances there would be no reason why the Redevelopment Authority should not rehabilitate a structure or structures and then sell them. He added that, though he wasn't certain of the economic feasibility of such a venture, a whole block of repairable acquired structures could be sold to a non-profit group for purposes of rehabilitation and subsequent re-sale.

Rubinstein asked if it is permissible for a redevelopment authority to sell a repairable structure it has acquired to a private person for purposes of rehabilitation and re-sale for profit. Haas replied that, as far as he knew, it is. Rubinstein suggested that this be made known to the redevelopment authorities. Haas agreed to speak to Lee Case and Jim Price about it.

6. Inequity inherent in payment of "pre-flood value" to owners of acquired properties whether or not they have rehabilitated them

Haas said that as far as he knows provision of up to $15,000 in relocation benefits is the best HUD can do for owners of acquired properties who have rehabilitated them He added, however, that he will consult with HUD lawyers on the possibility of reimbursing such owners for the SBA monies they have invested. He also said that this is an inter-agency matter and that he will be the point of contact on it. Conner added that Secretary Wilcox and SBA officials in Washington are working together on this and other SBA related problems.

Flood Recovery

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, November 15, noon, Hotel Sterling

Present: Anderson, Bierly, DeCosmo, Hardwick, Kilburn, Kiley, Michelini, Rose, Rosenn, Rubinstein, Schechter, Sordoni, Souchik; Doran, Hardy, B. Schechter, Shaw, Tarity

1. Committee on Human Services - Mrs. Anderson reported a critical shortage of nursing home beds, outlined recommendations made by a special sub-committee that has been studying the situation, and requested Task Force support of the recommendations. It was then moved that the Task Force support the sub-committee's recommendations that Luzerne and Wyoming Counties (and, if possible, Lackawanna County) be made a pilot project featuring a raise of reimbursement rates to nursing home facilities as of January 1st, 1973. The motion passed.

Mrs. Anderson also reported a serious shortage of low-income housing. She added that HUD has indicated that if it receives documentation of the shortage it will act to alleviate the situation, possibly by making unoccupied mobile homes available. The Chairman appointed Mrs. George Bierly to work with Mrs. Anderson's staff to make the necessary documentation.

2. Sub-Committee on Arrangements for December 2nd Visit to Wyoming Valley by Delegation from Biloxi - Co-Chairman Rubinstein outlined the schedule of activities planned for the Biloxians: arrival at 1 p.m.; visits to two or three mobile home parks during which a choir the delegation is bringing with them will sing Christmas carols; lighting of a Christmas tree and symbolic presentation of toys collected in Mississippi for Valley children at the Courthouse; dinner reception at Irem Temple Country Club hosted by the Task Force. Rubinstein reported that his committee is working on determining the local guest list and on financing of the reception.

3. Committee on Transportation - Schechter reported on the following:
   a. "Immediate action" traffic improvements: satisfactory progress on new signalization and traffic patterns has been made; Transportation Committee is monitoring activities in this area and making suggestions for further improvements.
   b. Transportation Authority: Authority is not yet working as well as it should, but important improvements can be anticipated with the hiring of an executive director which is expected soon. Committee believes that with the formation of the Authority its primary responsibility in this area has been discharged and it is now phasing out its role in the Authority's operations.
   c. Temporary North Street Bridge: bad weather has seriously delayed construction and, as a result, January 15th is now an optimistic target date; the Highway Department seems to be putting maximum effort into this project.
   d. Cross Valley Exoressway: the federal government's refusal to authorize emergency funding for this project and failure to secure a waiver of an Environmental Impact Statement requirement have led to a new schedule calling for opening of Expressway late in 1976, two years later than old schedule's target date; delay by State legislature in approving Commonwealth's share of project's funding has not yet causedc delay but might at time of contract letting.
   e. New North Street Bridge: A new schedule for this project calls for June 1974 advertising of bids, so it is unrealistic to expect completion

until end of 1976.

Rosenn suggested Task Force meeting with appropriate state, federal, and local officials for the purpose of exerting pressure for expediting of delayed projects. Discussion of the suggestion led to decision to present it at next meeting of Transportation Committee.

Kiley noted that the formation of the Transportation Authority was due in large part to Schechter's diligence and competence.

4. Committee on Legislation and Equity - Rose reported that the SBA program is now moving quite satisfactorily. He noted that his Committee maintains close contact with SBA officials and meets with them weekly. He said that anyone hearing of problems with the SBA program should refer them to his committee.

5. Interim Assistance - Shaw reported that the interim assistance program is widely considered the most successful recovery effort thus far mounted in the flood-affected areas, and noted that both the general public and redevelopment authorities have expressed the opinion that it should be greatly expanded. Discussion of the Federal and State governments' positions on the question of additional funds for the program followed: the Federal government asserts that the $15 million in interim assistance already committeed to Valley communities is the most it is permitted by law to spend on such programs in any one year: the Commonwealth urges expansion of the program, offers to increase its commitment to it on the same percentage of federal spending basis on which it has already committed $5 million, and maintains that federal funds for expansion of the program can be found.

Suggestions were made to the effect that a two-pronged effort should be mounted, on the one hand, to persuade the Federal Government to review its position, and, on the other, to urge the Commonwealth to commit a substantial portion of the monies it has available for direct relief to flood victims to expansion of the interim assistance program.

6. Committee on Flood Control - Representing Chairman Morgan, Souchik reported that the Committee is promoting adequate repair of dikes and maintenance of the river bed and banks, and is raising objections to the idea of raising the level of the levees at this time on the theory that such action would cause flooding in areas presently unprotected by dikes. He also reported that he had attended a meeting of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission at which a comprehensive long-range plan for river management was presented: he noted that he thinks the plan is satisfactory.

Discussion of differences of opinion between the Army Corps of Engineers and Civil Defense on the adequacy of repairs made to the dikes followed. Agreement that public fears about the condition of the dikes point to an urgent need for a single authority authorized to make statements on the subject led to the further agreement that the Task Force should act promptly to resolve a dangerous impasse.

7. Community College - Shaw reported delay in the Community College's application for an EDA loan is endangering its chances for the loan.

Funding Programs which either have provided, are presently providing, or might be used to provide assistance to individual homeowners in flood-affected communities of Pennsylvania.

(1) MINI-REPAIRS -used OEP funds.

objective: to make those basic repairs to a flood damaged house that would make it possible for the homeowner and his family to live in it while restoring it to pre-flood condition: i.e., putting furnace in working order, electrical wiring, replacing broken windows and outer doors.

all flood affected communities in Pa.

Administered by Army Corps of Engineers. Funded by OEP. Made available to residents of ~~Wilkscertain sections(?) of Wilkes-Barre City only.~~ Program terminated in September. Program very successful: led to prompt return to their own homes of many more families that anticipated, and, consequently to an over supply of mobile homes(which were put to good use as quarters for out of town construction workers and as emergency-ready housing for use in anticipated winter-caused housing crises).

(2) INTERIM ASSISTANCE

original objective: to promptly remove health and safety hazards in an area undergoing urban renewal: i.e., to raze irreparable buildings which have deteriorated to the point of being public menaces, and, if appropriate, replace them with mini-park or parks for area residents' use while urban renewal project is in process; or to make such temporary repairs as will promptly make a house that will later be rehabilitated "safe" (repair of broken windows or outer doors or broken steps).

objective in Wilkes-Barre: same as objective of mini-repair program. (original intent was "stretched" slightly in that some of the repairs made under this program in W.B. were permanent in nature, such as restoring furnace to working condition).

Funded by HUD. Administered by applicant municipal sub-division or by redevelopment authority if municipality delegates administrative authority. Administered in WB by WB Redevelopment Authority.

Background of Interim Asst in W.B.: application by WB City for interim assistance funds was the result of success and popularity of Mini-Repair Program: large demand from city residents who had not participated in Mini-Repair program for similar benefits.

Federal gov. alloted 3.9 million and the state 1.3 million in interim assistance to Wilkes-Barre City. With these monies, W.B. Redevelopment authority was able to authorize contracts for basic repairs of approximately 1500 houses. According to Bob Raffsky of Sec. Wilcox's staff W.B. Redevelop thinks there are approximately 1500 additional city houses in need of basic repairs and it is therefore either applying or about to apply for additional interim assistance funds in the amount of approximately what has already been committed to it by state and fed govs. (3.9 + 1.3 = 5.2 million)

~~Background of Interim Assistance for Pa. flood-affected communities~~

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Background of Interim Assistance to Pa. flood-affected communities outside W.B. City

Responding to heavy demand for interim assistance benefits from residents of flood-affected Pa. communities outside of WB City, the federal government announced that it was releasing 11.1 million for interim assistance to such communities. Although all interim assistance funds ~~xrx~~ come out of the total redevelopment "pot" available to flood-affected Pa. areas ($525 million - $400 million, fed and $125 million, state) this is not generally known; there is a widespread impression that when Mr. Carlucci announced release of the $11.1 million referred to above, he was announcing release of new monies not theretofore available for flood relief~~x~~.

Also not generally known is the fact that HUD is bound by federal legislation not to spend more than $15 million in interim assistance anywhere in the United States in any one year. Thus, many people are under the impression that if the $11.1 million proves to be not enough to cover basic repairs to all flood damaged houses technically eligible for interim assistance, additional interim assistance funds can be allocated(added to the #3.9 million allocated to WB in IA, the 11.1 million for other communities reaches the limit of what is presently allowed HUD by law to spend for such assistance in one yearr).

There seems to be general agreement that $11.1 million plus state matching funds (which adds up to $14.8 million( )) will not in fact be enough to pay for basic repairs to all outside-of-Wilkes-Barre flood damaged homes needing them. The State's position on this is that since the interim assistance program has been so successful so far it should be continued and its benefits extended ~~xxx~~ to all eligible for them; if the ~~xx~~ federal government has no more funds earmarked for interim assistance, it should ~~find x them x~~ get them from another source; the State is ready to match additional federal funds on the same one to three basis the interim assist program has been operating on thus far. fed position: over

(3) HUD SECTION 115 REHABILITATION GRANTS

Under this program HUD makes loans to individual homeowners with up to $3500 forgiveness or grant in order to enable them to bring their properties up to local minimum code standards. Present requirements in regard to this program is that ~~xxxhxXXX~~ Section 115 loans are made only to people whose income is $3000 or under.

These funds come out of redevelopment funds + purpose from $525 "pot"

It was not anticipated that this program would come into use in flood affected areas of Pa. because the SBA program offered loans to flood victims with a larger forgiveness and (?)lower rate of interest.

being explored by HUD lawyers.

Whether or not a homeowner may receive both a SBA loan with its $5000~~@~~ forgiveness and a HUD Section 115 loan with its $3000 forgiveness is presently unknown. Whether or not the "income under $3000" requirement for a HUD Section 115 loan can be waived is doubted by Bill McGill(Scalia staff).

Differences between Interim~~x~~ Assistance and Section 115

federal position: that federal funds are not limitless; that it should be understood that $400 million is all the federal government can allocate to redevelopment of any kind in flood affected Penna. and that it should be kept in mind that the more that is made available of this sum to the individual homeowner, the less there will be for such vital redevelopment purposes as acquisition of properties at pre-flood values.

programs: generally speaking, Interim Assistance designed to promptly remove hazards to health and safety; Section 115 designed to bring property up to local code standards. Thus, it is conceivable that with a Section 115 loan and forgiveness a homeowner will end up with a house in considerably better shape than it would be in if it got only the "basic repairs" allowable under the interim assistance program.

ATTITUDE OF MANY HOMEOWNERS TOWARDS INTERIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Wisely or not, it is widely thought that the interim assistance program is by far the best thus far mounted by fed and state governments. Its popularity is probably due, chiefly, to its funding of basic repairs to the amount of about $3000. It amounts, in effect, to a $3000 grant. To homeowners bedevilled by high contractor prices and fear of going into heavy debt this is extremely attractive. Thus, that interim assistance benefits available to some flood victims may not be available to others equally eligible for them strikes many people as eminently unfair.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR INTERIM ASSISTANCE FUNDS

1. applicant must be municipal sub-division - city, borough or township.
2. neither an individual homeowner nor a redevelopment authority may apply
3. a municipality that receives interim assistance funds may delegate administrative authority to a redevelopment authority
4. several West Side municipalities either have already applied or are in the process of applying for interim assistance funds.

MUNICIPALTTIES RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER INTERIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. development of criteria by which eligibility for interim assistance monies will be judged.

QUESTION OF REIMBURSING FLOOD-VICTIMS WHO SPENT OWN MONEY ON BASIC REPAIRS

1. State thinks it's important to do this and sounds willing to use some of its $150 million(set aside for flood relief) to do it.
2. Federal government doesn't think this is high priority

Minutes of combined meeting of Executive Committee and Planning and Development Committee, Wednesday, December 27, 1972, 12 noon

Present: Bierly, Boltz, Brown, DeCosmo, Epstein, Halesey, Hardwick, Hibbard, Hourigan, Kenny, Kilburn, Kiley, Lashford, McCole, Michelini, Morgan, Parkhurst, Rose, Rosenn, Rubinstein, Shapiro, Schechter, Shelburne, Stettler, Weiss, Williams; Dick Miller (Wilbur Smith Associates); Grossman, Ziolkowski (EDC); Moran, B. Schechter, Shaw (FRTF)

The meeting opened with a tribute to the late President Harry S. Truman by Rosenn and a prayer for the former President led by Father Kilburn. Next, Rosenn asked Schechter to report on recent activities of the Transportation Committee.

Schechter said that plans had been made to mark the official opening of the reconstructed North Street Bridge on January 3rd with a ribbon cutting ceremony on the bridge, and a press conference and celebration luncheon at the Hotel Sterling. He noted that the luncheon will be sponsored by the Task Force and hosted by the Wyoming Valley Motor Club, David Schooley, member of the State Transportation Commission, and several members of the Wilkes-Barre business community.

Reporting on the progress of LR 1052, the North Cross Valley Expressway, Schechter said that PennDOT's work schedule calls for completion of the project by the end of 1974. He added, however, that, since costly double work shifting will be required to meet this target date, it may be necessary to convince the Federal Government, which is sharing the cost of the Expressway's construction with the State, that the project qualifies for emergency, flood-related status. He said that to be ready for this eventuality, his committee and EDC had jointly prepared a statement justifying this special status.

Referring to attacks made by Jack Anderson on the way Frank Carlucci discharged his responsibilities as personal representative of the President in Wyoming Valley, Rosenn asked for a decision on whether or not the Task Force should reply to the attacks. It was moved and passed that the Task Force should issue a statement to the effect that it considers the attacks unwarranted.

Morgan reported that the Committee on Flood Control considers the progress made to date on repair of the dikes to be satisfactory. As Chairman of the Recovery Fair Committee he said that the Fair will run from May 11th to June 3rd, that it will incorporate the Valley's traditional springtime activities, and that it will also include features reflecting the area's cultural, educational, and recreational assets, and its potential for economic growth and industrial development. He added that, thanks to funds supplied by the Commonwealth, his committee will meet with Ewan Dingwall, a consultant with extensive exhibition experience, on Janaury 10th, and that he expects Dingwall to recommend someone to work with the Task Force in planning for the Fair.

As background to a presentation by Miller on the "Sketch Plan for Wyoming Vally", Grossman traced the history of EDC's designation as lead agency for the Valley's recovery program and explained that the Sketch Plan will provide a framework within which EDC and the Luzerne County Planning Commission will jointly coordinate the various municipalities' development proposals. He noted that Wilbur Smith Associates had been selected from the thirteen consulting firms that had bid for the job of preparing an overall plan for the Valley's recovery and future development. He added that they had undertaken the ambitious project of gathering the necessary data within the period of November 15th to January 15th.

Ziolkowski gave a brief report on a visit he had made to disaster-struck Rapid City, South Dakota. He attributed much of the substantial progress the city has made towards recovery to prompt delineation of the 100-year flood plain, a local decision to acquire and demolish everything within that plain, payment of post-flood value to owners of acquired homes, a ban on the use of SBA monies in the flood plain, and the existence of a central, unified, local government.

Speaking of the Sketch Plan for Wyoming Valley that his firm is preparing, Dick Miller said that he and his staff are considering two time periods: 1972-1977 and 1977-2000. In so doing, he said, they are paying particular attention to the following factors:

1. Flood control
2. Economic growth
3. Governmental organization and capital improvement
4. Population and housing
5. Transportation
6. Land use

Miller said that the area's housing market is unique in that, compared to the national average, a very low percentage of local residents' income is spent on housing, and he attributed this to a hangover from the severe economic problems the Valley experienced in the past.

As far as transportation is concerned, Miller said, the study will consider chiefly feasibility and location of a Wyoming Valley Freeway, and delineation of rights of way in Wilkes-Barre urban renewal projects. In addition, the study will comment on the area's transit system. Its consideration of land use in the Valley will concentrate on both short and long range planning strategy: for the short range, on flood recovery; for the long, on economic development. In sum, Miller said, the study aims at identifying alternatives, problems, and opportunities for the Valley.

Minutes of Meeting of Flood Recovery Task Force Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Hotel Sterling, 12:15 p.m.

Present: Anderson, Aston, Burnside, Conyngham, DeCosmo, Hardwick, Hourigan, Jones, Kenny, Kilburn, Kiley, Lashford, Montz, Morgan, Quinn, Rose, Rosenn, Rubinstein, Sailus, Schechter, Smith, Sordoni, Turner; Shaw, B. Schechter

Rosenn opened the meeting with an expression of regret at having to resign the chairmanship of the Task Force, a tribute to the effective, dependable response with which members of the Task Force met the flood recovery challenge, and an expression of gratitude for the support each of its members gave him.

A discussion of Task Force by-laws, led by Aston, followed. A motion was made and accepted that the by-laws be accepted as presented with an amendment to the effect that determination of qualifications for membership in the Task Force be referred to a committee to be appointed by the chairman.

Speaking for the Task Force as a whole, first vice-chairman Kiley traced the organization's beginnings, expressed its members' deep appreciation of Rosenn's selfless leadership of the recovery effort, and accepted his resignation with regret, together with anticipation of his continuing participation in the Task Force's work. A motion to accept Rosenn's resignation with regret was made and passed.

Rose reported that the nominating committee had recommended the unanimous appointment of Andrew J. Sordoni, III, as chairman. A motion to that effect was made and passed.

Sordoni expressed gratitude for the opportunity given him to serve as chairman. He said that, although, in one sense, the major work of the Task Force has been completed, in another, it still faces an important challenge to work for progress of the community. He added that it may be necessary to restructure its committees to reflect its long-term objectives. Looking ahead to the June 23rd anniversary of the flood, he recommended that the Task Force sponsor an inter-denominational service of thanksgiving on that day, and suggested that it might be fitting to hold such a service at one of the places where the river broke through the dikes.

Shaw raised the question of whether or not Task Force grant monies should be used to provide financial assistance to Project Area Committees formed as vehicles for citizen participation in the various municipalities' redevelopment planning. Rubinstein warned the group of the possibility that a particular PAC group might not be representative of the interests of its total community.

A discussion of possible uses of Task Force grant monies followed. Schechter expressed the opinion that it will be impossible to make intelligent decisions on this until a determination of the organization's specific goals is made. Quinn emphasized the importance of the Task Force's determining how effective a particular group is before supporting it. Hourigan requested that the Board of Directors and Executive Committee be supplied with detailed

information on the organization's financial situation. Support was expressed for the points Schechter and Quinn had made and for Hourigan's request. A motion was made and passed that Task Force financial information be sent to Board members and to members of the Executive Committee.

Sordoni appointed Hardwick, Rubinstein, and Turner to serve as a Committee on Membership.

Speaking for the Task Force staff, Shaw expressed its appreciation of Rosenn's wise guidance. He added that one of Hurricane Agnes' few benefits to the Valley was the emergence of a unified community leadership in the form of the Flood Recovery Task Force.

After noting that he would make a full report on his committee's work at the next meeting, Rose announced a decision by SBA that it would stretch its January 15 deadline for applications for loans in the cases of applicants who have "good reasons" for failing to make the deadline.

Sordoni appointed Michelini, Morgan, and Rose as a nominating committee for election of Task Force officers.

Flood Recovery Task Force

Minutes of Meeting of Steering Committee, Friday, March 2, 1973, 12:15 p.m., Hotel Sterling

Present: Charles Hardwick, Roy Morgan, Harold Rose, Max Rosenn, Roman Rubinstein, Betty Schechter, Edward Schechter, Andrew Shaw, Andrew Sordoni

1. Local Government Program - Charter Study Commission

Schechter suggested that the Task Force would do well to submit to the County Commissioners the names of nine persons it considers good potential candidates and enquire of them whether they would agree to support the candidacies of seven of the nine. All of the present approved the suggestion.

Rosenn asked that it be ascertained whether or not the Commissioners' ordinance placing the question of a seven-person study commission on the ballot can be rescinded.

2. Proposal - Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Hardwick asked for opinions on the question of whether, if agreement can be reached between FRTF and EDC on objectives, leadership, and FRTF representation, Task Force funds should be used to further some aspects of EDC's work. Discussion of the question produced agreement that, if the Task Force participates in the work of EDC, it should do so only in areas relating to flood recovery.

Several of those present offered to explore this matter with EDC during the next two to three weeks.

3. Wilbur Smith Proposals

Copies of the proposals submitted by Wilbur Smith and Associates in response to a query from the Task Force were distributed. It was agreed that a decision on the proposals should be made as soon as possible.

4. Other candidates for Task Force financial support

A. Flood Recovery Fair

Morgan reported that he and members of his committee estimate the sum needed to cover the expenses of a modified Flood Recovery Fair at $15,450. He said that a request for this sum has been made to Secretary Wilcox, and he added that at various times Wilcox and members of his staff have hinted that between $12,000 and $20,000 of the Department of Community Affairs' funds might be allocated to finance a Recovery Fair.

It was decided that, before making a final decision on how much of its own funds to allocate to the Recovery Fair project, the Task Force should ascertain how much the DCA is willing to spend on it. With the exception of Rubinstein, all of those present agreed to 1) earmark $15,000 of Task Force monies as a Recovery Fair contingency fund in order to make it possible for the Fair Committee to proceed with its planning and to hire necessary personnel and 2) make up the difference between the sum the DCA decides to allocate to the Fair and its cost.

B. Susquehanna River Basin Association

Morgan reported that the newly reorganized Susquehanna River Basin Association has appointed the following officers: Robert Slaff, President; Joe Misavage (Broome County) and Roy Morgan, Vice Presidents. He added that the Association expects to appoint a resident of Maryland as a third vice-president.

Morgan said that an application by the Association to EDA for $75,000 for an eighteen-month period is now being prepared, and he proposed that the Task Force set aside $2500 to be used in support of the Association's objectives. All those present approved this proposal.

C. Review of Flood Control - Private Engineering Study

It was agreed that, if a review of the Army Corps of Engineers flood control proposals is to be undertaken, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission or the Corps, itself, rather than the FRTF, should be the reviewing agency.

D. Educational Support of Charter Study Question

It was agreed that $1000 of the FRTF's funds should be earmarked for promotion of public understanding of charter study issues.

E. Hospital Planning Council - Nursing Homes

It was agreed to allocate $2000 of FRTF funds to the Health and Hospital Planning Council for the purpose of furthering its work in connection with the critical shortage of nursing home beds.

F. Water Quality Study

It was reported that the Army Corps of Engineers is eager to make an alkalinity study of the Susquehanna River and that the Corps, itself, cannot fund this study. Those present agreed that the question of using Task Force funds to support such a study should be tabled.

G. Educational Support for Flood Catastrophic Insurance Bill

Rubinstein was appointed to chair a sub-committee to be charged with determining how best the Task Force can support this bill and how much of its funds it should spend to do so.