Community Flood Resilience Task Force
Equity & Metrics Committee
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Community Norms
   a. Move up, move back.
   b. Assume the best.
   c. Respect pronouns.
   d. Listen to understand with respect.
   e. Acknowledge the many ways of knowing.
   f. Oops, ouch.
   g. Keep your video on as much as possible.
   h. Mute your microphone when you are not speaking.
   i. Contribute to the virtual space as much as possible.
   j. Be present for the time that we are meeting.

2. Review of the Data Memorandum Comments
   a. The Equity and Metrics Committee, including members of the Infrastructure Resilience Team (IRT) and the Harris County Judge's Office discussed and reviewed comments on the data request memo from other Community Flood Resilience Task Force (CFRTF) members.
      i. The Equity and Metrics Committee discussed the importance of equity when measuring flood risks in different communities.
      ii. The Equity and Metrics Committee discussed the comments in the data regarding the resiliency of structures during flood events. The committee decided this information was not needed for the baseline calculation.
      iii. The Equity and Metrics Committee discussed the construction cost data for drainage infrastructure. The committee decided to extract construction costs from various data sets to simplify the calculation process.
      iv. The Equity and Metrics Committee discussed the possibility of requesting data from other cities in Harris County. It was decided that the committee should focus on the City of Houston for the moment.
      v. The Equity and Metrics Committee discussed the money spent on flood risk in relation to the current estimate on the current population, and how that differs from a cumulative costs comparison.
      vi. The Equity and Metrics Committee discussed population density as support for why they would use the latest census data.

vii. The Equity and Metrics Committee clarified that the data and calculation would include businesses along with communities.
viii. The Equity and Metrics Committee clarified that they will be using the latest census data available to conduct their research.
ix. Michael Bloom (Chair of Equity and Metrics Committee) will share an updated memorandum that includes the revisions and suggestions talked about during the meeting. The new memorandum will be sent to the Facilitation Team on July 7. This was sent to the Facilitation Team.

3. City of Houston Data
    a. The Equity and Metrics Committee discussed the insufficiency of data received from the City of Houston.
    b. The Equity and Metrics Committee requested to talk to the City of Houston to clarify information regarding the data.
        i. Michael Bloom volunteered to speak with the City of Houston to clarify the Equity and Metrics Committee concerns about the data.
            a. The Facilitation Team will reach out to the Executive Committee for consensus about Michael Bloom meeting with the City of Houston. This was completed and approved by the Executive Committee.

4. Adjournment