

# CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Community Meeting Summary October 30, 2023



Barnett Park - 6 p.m.  
4801 W. Colonial Dr.  
Orlando, FL 32808

Persons in attendance:  
30

## Comments/Concerns/Clarifications

- **Areas impacted:** Orlo Vista, West Side Manor, Oak Crest Mobile Park, Fleming Height, Azalea Park, Ronnie Cir., Bonnie Brook, Holden Heights area, Tangelo Park, Mercy Dr.
- **Infrastructure:** Power outages; drainage issues such as standing water for days; sewer line backups/flooding of homes on Ronnie Cir. Flooding continues with summer rains (Azalea Park). New construction is causing flooding in older/established neighborhoods. Raw sewage entered homes.
- **Wetlands/Flooding:** Development of wetlands resulted in current flooding conditions in areas around municipalities—how are these needs being addressed? Homeowners were not notified when an area became a “flood zone” resulting in high insurance premiums, cancelations, or inability to get flood insurance.
- **Mitigation:** Need to address flooding issues caused by outdated stormwater management system (Azalea Park). New developments on wetlands contribute to flooding. Underground power lines to reduce loss of power.
- **Post-disaster:** Need more emergency shelters that are accessible. More assistance to repair/rebuild/rehab. Debris removal; tree trimming/removal; trash pickup; code enforcement; and elevation of structures. Also need to improve the 911 system—cannot retain enough operators.
- **Program oversight:** Communication between residents and the County government needs improvement. Which agency has oversight of CDBG-DR funds? (Response: Orange County Housing and Community Development Division.)
- **Program eligibility/Insurance:** Need to cut down on red tape to apply for assistance. FEMA/ insurance did not cover cost of damage. Excessive out of pocket costs to replace/repair/rebuild/rehab. “Flood zone” label creates challenges to securing and maintaining insurance coverage. Rise in insurance cancelations, increased premiums, overall cost.
- **Housing:** Home rehabilitation, repair and replacement; elevation of structures; new housing construction.
- **Public Service:** Medical services; services for special needs individuals, including seniors, persons with disabilities, supportive services for homeless individuals and families.

## Priorities Identified

### **HOUSING - 24**

New construction - 5  
Homeownership assistance - 7  
Rental assistance - 0  
Rehabilitation/Reconstruction - 11  
Property buyout - 0  
Other - 1 (shelters)

### **INFRASTRUCTURE - 9**

Public facilities - 0  
Drainage/Utilities - 5  
Water and wastewater facilities - 4

### **ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION - 2**

Business retention program (s) - 1  
Loans and grants to businesses - 1

### **PUBLIC SERVICES - 2**

Legal assistance - 0  
Housing counseling - 0  
Mental/Health services - 1  
Housing stability services - 1  
Job training/ Placement - 0

