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ICAR & Storm Squad Community Annual Review 2023

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Our Mission

- Use research and education to provide the understanding and ideas needed to make critical decisions regarding our changing and vulnerable coasts
- Engaging stakeholders to facilitate adoption of policies and practices focused on coastal adaptation and resilience
- This transdisciplinary initiative includes the science, engineering, policy and social sciences and will examine the interactions between climate change, water systems, land use, the built environment and ecosystem functions.

Engaging With The Community

With our sponsors and partners such but not limited to NSF, Duke, and FLFPC... We were able to provide a monthly safe space for individuals who wanted to share personal experiences and major community concerns.

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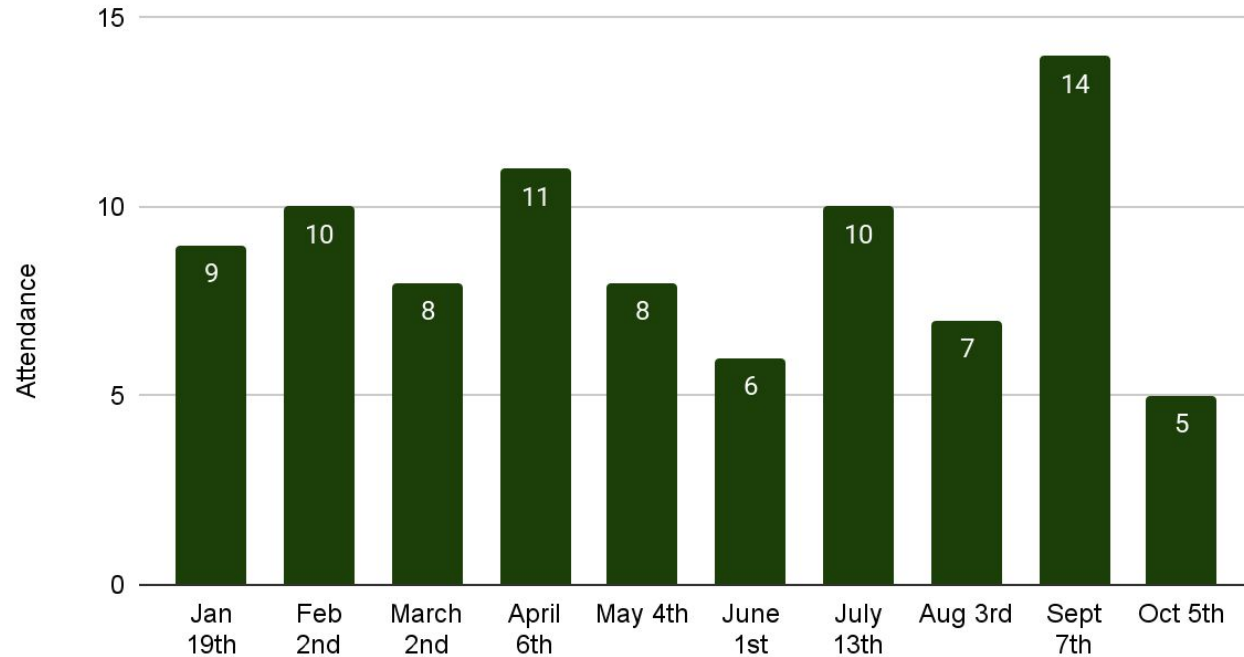


Monthly Meetings

Meetings for Storm Squad members were held virtually at 6 PM on the first Tuesday of each month

Monthly Attendance

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Community-based Planning Meeting

A planning meeting was held to discuss plans for the Storm Squad and future events!

Sept 30th Event Summary

- 10 AM to 1 PM at Enoch Davis Community Center, 1111 18th Ave S. St. Petersburg, FL 33705.
- A group of community members met to discuss plans for the October 14th town hall event.
- Dr. Barnali Dixon reviewed CRIS with the attendees
- Bay Area Legal Services presented an overview of available disaster resources that are free to access.
- Opportunities for CERT training were discussed and a sign-up list was provided for those interested.
- An Q&A session was held along with an open discussion on recruitment plans, the agenda for the October event, and thoughts on having news media in attendance at events.

September 30th Agenda

Sep 30th Community-based Planning Committee Meeting

Enoch Davis 10 – 1:00 pm

Welcome and Introduction - Hall (5 min)

Overview of the meeting goals - planning for Oct 14- Dixon (10 min)

Overview of CRIS - Dixon (10 min) -

Overview of Disaster Resources such as post-disaster free legal advice - Susalla & Lawless (20 min)

Open Q & A (15 min)

Overview of CERT training opportunities (Hall) (10 min) - interested sign-up sheet

Open Discussion and Planning (30 min)

- Recruitment Plan

- Share the agenda and get feedback

- Ask for thoughts on news media and recording of the events (with signup sheet)

Other businesses (10 min)



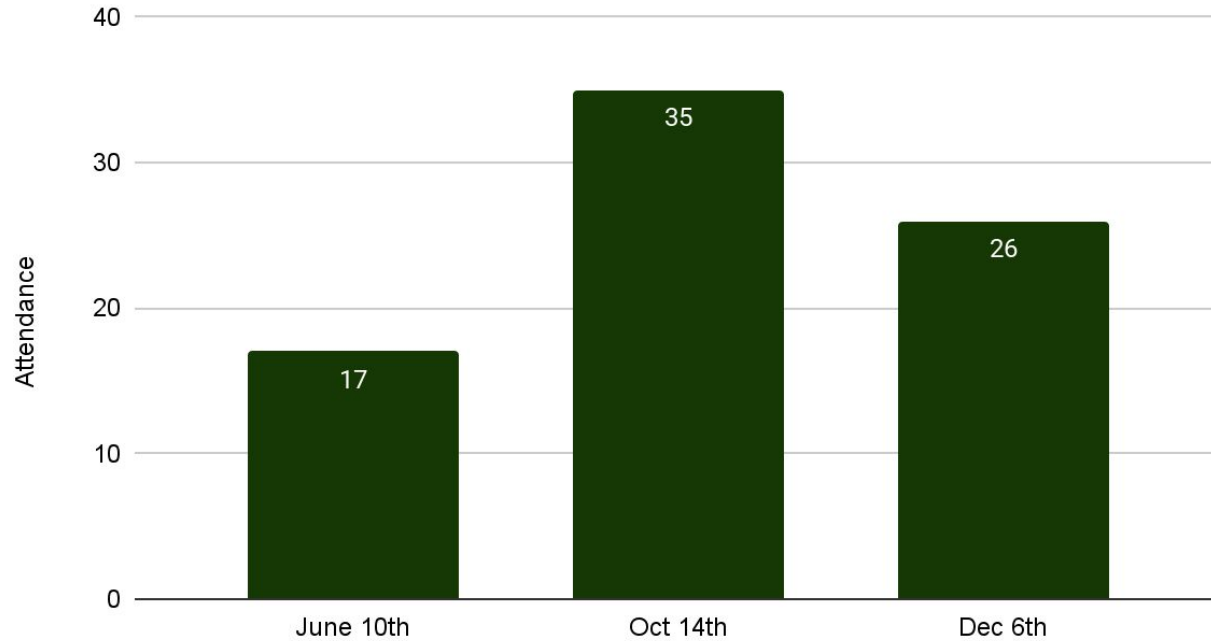
September 30th Event Photo

Community Town Hall Events

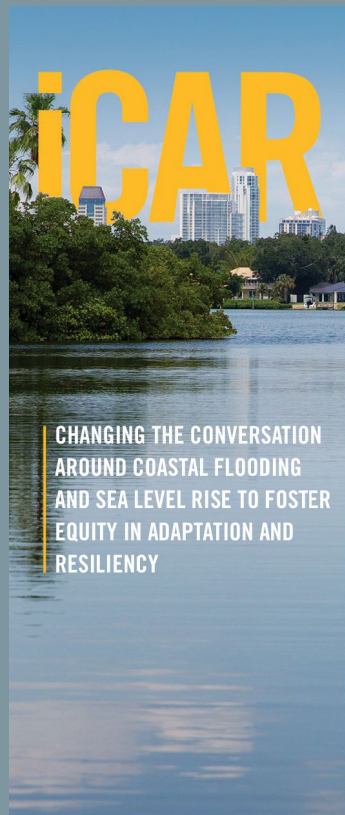
Quarterly town hall events were held in various locations in the local area. These meetings were held on Saturdays from 10 AM to 1 PM and were intended to share resources and the Storm Squad with the Community!

Town Hall Attendance

Townhall Events



June Town Hall Event



**CHANGING THE CONVERSATION
AROUND COASTAL FLOODING
AND SEA LEVEL RISE TO FOSTER
EQUITY IN ADAPTATION AND
RESILIENCY**

TOWNHALL MEETING

JUNE 10 FROM 10AM – NOON

MATTIE L. GARDNER CENTER

(annex next to the Church) at 2427 Irving Avenue South

FREE ADMISSION & LUNCH

➤ Learn about Disaster Preparation and Resource Availability

➤ Learn about Post Disaster FEMA Assistance

➤ Share your major concerns:

Issues that impact your ability to prepare for and recover from a disaster (inflation, food insecurity, housing, health concerns and more)

Learn about neighborhood level upcoming initiatives

FIRST 30 ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE \$15 PUBLIX GIFT CARD AND A HURRICANE KIT

PLUS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN EMERGENCY WEATHER RADIO OR TARPS FROM RAFFLE DRAWING



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June 10th Event Summary

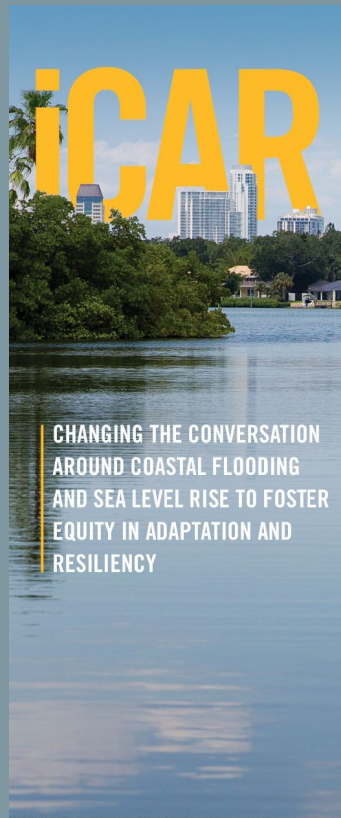
- 10 AM to 12 PM at Mattie L. Gardner Center, 2427 Irving Ave South, St. Petersburg FL 33712.
- 17 Attendees
- The Storm Squad and CRIS were introduced to the community
- FEMA was in attendance and provided assistance to the community
- A breakout session was held to discuss major disaster preparedness and recovery concerns:
- What are the major concerns that impact their ability to prepare?
- How inflation is impacting their ability to prepare for disaster and food security
- Based on your past experience -if hit by a hurricane -what will be the biggest need facing your neighborhood?
- What do they like to know more?
- Lunch was provided and appreciation gifts were distributed.

June 10th Agenda

Townhall # 1 – June 10, 2023	Scope/Agenda
Goals: Provide information to the communities and find out their challenges so that ultimately, we can co-design a community-led 'community action plan' or CAP	Welcome Erica Short Overview of CRIS to show the communities' vulnerabilities – Barnali (15 min)
	Offer a short presentation on Disaster Preparation 101 – Mary (15 min) FEMA Assistance – Jaleel (15 min)
	Discussion for Breakout sessions (20 Minutes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the major concerns that impact their ability to prepare? ✓ How inflation is impacting their ability to prepare for disaster and food security ✓ Based on your past experience -if hit by a hurricane -what will be the biggest need facing your neighborhood? ✓ What do they like to know more? Report Back and Discussions – Erica Coordinating (15 min)
	Extra time - A brief overview of Storm Squad* Dixon
	Adjourned
*Anyone interested can <u>signup</u> for more info – we will follow up within two weeks to meet with interested folks	



October Town Hall Event



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TOWNHALL MEETING

OCTOBER 14 FROM 10AM – 1PM

MT. ZION PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
955 20th St S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712

FREE ADMISSION & LUNCH

- ▶ Learn about Disaster Preparation and Resource Availability
- ▶ Learn about Post Disaster FEMA Assistance
- ▶ Share your major concerns:
Issues that impact your ability to prepare for and recover from a disaster (inflation, food insecurity, housing, health concerns and more)

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- ▶ Special Recognition Award
For the Most Active Neighborhood-Based Committee Member

(The Planning Committee member who recruits the most Town Hall attendees!)

FIRST 20 ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE \$15 PUBLIX GIFT CARD AND A HURRICANE KIT
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October 14th Event Summary

- 10 AM to 1 PM at the Mount Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 955 20th St. S. Saint Petersburg, FL.
- 35 Attendees were present.
- Erica Hall presented an update of the Storm Squad as community members gathered for coffee and pastries.
- Dr. Barnali Dixon reviewed her research in Pinellas County and shared a presentation on iCAR and CRIS.
- The Florida Food Policy Council gave a presentation on resources available to the community.
- FEMA and Pinellas County Emergency Management gave presentations on disaster resources that are available to community residents.
- A Q&A session was hosted by a representative from Southeast Climate and Energy Network
- Surveys were distributed and attendees had an opportunity to complete them.
- A breakout session was held asking questions pertaining disaster preparedness and recovery concerns, which led to a larger group discussion.
- Disaster preparedness items were distributed in a raffle and attendees were provided with a box lunch.

October 14th Agenda

Storm Squad Town Hall - Oct 14th Agenda

Time	Activities
10:00 AM	Registration and Coffee and Refreshments
10:10 -10:15 AM	Welcome, logistics and thank you - Erica Hall, Florida Food Policy Council (FLFPC)
10:15 – 10:25 AM	Introduction to CRIS and vision of Storm Squad - Barnali Dixon, Initiative on coastal adaptation and resilience (iCAR), University of South Florida (USF)
10:25 – 10:35 AM	Overview of Pinellas County resources - Mary Burrell, Pinellas County Emergency Management (PCEM)
10:35 – 10:45 AM	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) resources - FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Q & A Session moderated by Alex Easdale, Southeast Climate and Energy Network (SCEN)
11:00 -11:10 AM	Snack Break
11:10- 11:30 AM	Survey – Introduction by Barnali Dixon, iCAR, USF
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Breakout Sessions
11:45 – 12:05 PM	Report back from breakout sessions and discussions – moderated by Barnali Dixon iCAR-USF and Mary Burrell, PCEM
12:05 – 12:20 PM	Call to Action - Mary Burrell, PCEM
12:20 – 12:30 PM	Drawing - Mary Burrell, PCEM and Erica Hall, FLLFPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gift cards for first 20 attendees b. Hurricane kit with return of survey c. Drawing of disaster preparedness supplies d. Special recognition for the team member who recruited the most event attendees (Alex Easdale, SCEN)
12:30 PM	Boxed lunch to-go
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Interested leaders' group chat
1:00 PM	Adjourned

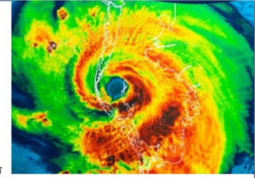


October 14th Event Photos

December Town Hall Event



Storm Squad Community Appreciation Dinner Wed., Dec. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.



Enoch D Davis Center, 1111 18TH Ave. S. St. Petersburg
Everyone is invited – Admission is FREE

Learn about upcoming neighborhood-level initiatives

- ✓ Find out how you can be a Storm Squad Ambassador - 14 residents will start this program, help their neighbors, and receive a small payment of appreciation – plus a chance to win \$100.
- ✓ Learn about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – coming our way.

We want to hear from you

- ✓ What are your major concerns?
- ✓ What issues make it hard to prepare for a disaster and deal with the aftermath? For example: inflation, food insecurity, housing, transportation, health concerns. Let us know!

The first 20 attendees of this dinner will receive a \$15 Publix gift card

Free Drawings

Plus a Special Recognition Prize

Bring the most neighbors to this dinner and receive \$100 at the next Town Hall in February.



Pinellas County Emergency Management

December 6th Event Summary

- 6 PM to 8 PM at the Enoch Davis Community Center, 1111 18th Ave S St. Petersburg, FL 33705.
- 26 Attendees were present
- Community members gathered for dinner as Erica Hall provided an update on the Storm Squad and insights on the mission of the organization.
- Dr. Barnali Dixon gave a presentation on CRIS and her research within the community, sharing resources and funding opportunities that may benefit the community.
- Mary Burrell presented on her work with Pinellas County Emergency Management and shared the roles and responsibilities of Storm Squad Ambassadors and Storm Captains.
- Erica Hall shared information on her role in CERT and the roles and responsibilities of CERT members in the Storm Squad.
- A community survey was distributed and time was allotted to allow attendees to complete it. The applications for Ambassadors and CERT were also distributed with time to complete them.
- The event concluded with a raffle drawing of disaster preparedness items.

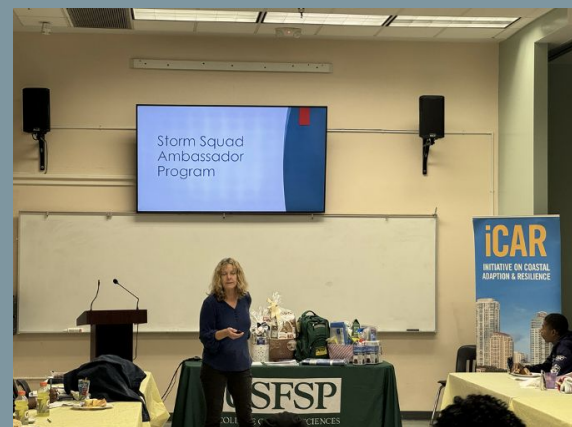
December 6th Agenda



Community Appreciation Dinner



Time	Activities
6:00	Registration
6:05 – 6:10	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Erica Hall, Executive Director, Community Collaborative of Florida and Executive Director, the Florida Food Policy Council
6:10 – 6:15	Moment of gratitude
6:15 – 6:25	Break bread
6:25 – 6:40	Update on Storm Squad <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Barnali Dixon, Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (iCAR), University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus
6:40 – 6:50	Storm Squad Ambassador Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mary Burrell, Whole Community Engagement Program Lead, Pinellas County Emergency Management
6:50 – 7:00	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Erica Hall
7:00 – 7:15	Building the Storm Squad: Ambassador, CERT member, team leader <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Dixon
7:15 – 7:30	Survey / Ambassador Form / Q&A
7:30 – 7:40	Drawing - Mary Burrell and Erica Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Gift cards for first 20 attendeesb. Drawing of disaster preparedness suppliesc. Special recognition award
7:40 – 8:00	Q&A and Closing Remarks
THE NEXT TOWN HALL WILL BE HELD IN MARCH. LOOK FOR DETAILS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	



December
6th Event
Photos

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