

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

February 2, 2015

South Florida Regional Planning Council's Executive Committee met on this date at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021. Chair Walters called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and Executive Director James Murley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Councilmember Patricia Asseff (via phone)
Councilmember David Rice (via phone)
Councilmember Stacy Ritter
Councilmember Xavier Suarez (via phone)
Chair Sandra Walters

Councilmember Paul Wallace was present and a motion was made for Councilmember Wallace to participate as an Executive Committee Member in order to make a quorum. Motion was carried by a unanimous consent.

Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel was present.

The following Ex-Officio Member was present:

Ms. Aileen Boucle, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

II. Approval of Council Agenda

Motion was carried by a unanimous consent.

III. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Chair Walters had revisions to page 6 of the Minutes clarifying language.

Motion was carried by a unanimous consent.

B. Financial Report

Councilmember Ritter moved to approve Agenda Item III.B, Financial Report. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

Councilmember Ritter moved to approve Agenda Item III.C, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

- Monroe County 15-1 ACSC
- Monroe County 15-2 ACSC
- City of Fort Lauderdale 15-1ESR

- City of Marathon 15-1 ACSC
- City of North Miami 15-1ESR
- City of Oakland Park 15-1ESR
- City of Pembroke Pines 15-1ESR
- Town of Southwest Ranches 15-1ESR
- City of Sunrise 15-1 ESR

Motion was carried by a unanimous consent.

Councilmember Suarez inquired about the City of North Miami Amendment. Mr. Murley explained the Amendment was part of the 10-Year Water Supply Plan planning process. It reflects the local plan update in response to the South Florida Water Management District recent update of their Regional Water Supply Plan. He stated that Council staff reviews for consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)* therefore it is part of Agenda Item III.D.

Chair Walters clarified that in the past, when there was State funding, this Agenda Item had more detailed information per amendment.

Chair Walters explained that if an amendment is inconsistent with the *SRPP*, the amendment would be part of Agenda Item III.E Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews.

E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews - None

F. Proposed Meeting Locations - 2015

Chair Walters informed the Councilmembers about a letter from Gus Pego, District Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI (FDOT VI), offering the District VI auditorium for the Council Meetings on March 2 and September 14, 2015 along with the necessary amenities to support the Council's needs.

Ex-Officio Member, Aileen Boucle, representing the FDOT VI, stated that Council staff visited the District VI Office and found the auditorium was sufficient and the District Secretary wanted the Council to know the dates were available and any other type of support needed would be provided.

Chair Walters informed the Councilmembers that she had requested information regarding the meeting attendance of the Councilmembers over the past three years, according to location. There were between 16 - 18 Councilmembers during that time and the average attendance at the Council location was 9, Miami-Dade County was 9.3 and Monroe County was 8.86. She stated she originally thought there was more attendance at the SFRPC but apparently there is not much of a difference. She wanted to suggest that all Council Meetings be at the RPC but will not do so since reviewing the attendance record. She stated that as long as the locations are convenient and does not cause staff significant or additional resources to travel to these locations she is open to the idea of continuing to travel from location to location. She asked Councilmembers if they are comfortable with continuing to rotate the meetings.

Councilmember Ritter moved to approve the continuation of rotating the Council Meetings to the SFRPC, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Walters stated that this is the first time anyone in the community has written an invitation for the SFRPC to have our meetings at their location. She stated that this is an easy location to travel to and since the Council is engaging in various transportation issues this location will have multiple benefits.

Mr. Murley reiterated that the SFRPC has regional transportation issues which will begin at the March Meeting with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and All Aboard Florida giving presentations and the District VI location is a great venue.

Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the FDOT, District VI Office as the location for the Miami-Dade County Meetings. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Walters requested that Mr. Murley send a thank you letter to District Secretary Pego graciously accepting his invitation. She is hoping the new location will encourage more Councilmember participation.

Councilmember Wallace requested Mr. Murley send a letter thanking the City of Miami for the use of their Commission Chambers.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Murley informed the Councilmembers about a three-year extension on an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant, Partnership Planning Investment, regarding the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that is being utilized by the State. EDA also supports the Council's Revolving Loan Program. He reminded the Council that at the South Florida Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Meeting, in March, their staff will be proposing a five-year extension of their Contract between the SFRTA and the SFRPC.

Mr. Murley stated that Mr. Mark Bogen, Broward County Commissioner, will be the third Broward County Representative on the Council.

Mr. Murley stated that he is in conversation with Chair Monestime, Miami-Dade County Commission, regarding the Miami-Dade County Commission representation. He stated that Monroe and Broward Counties are fully represented and are waiting to fill two Gubernatorial Appointees seats.

Chair Walters inquired if there are applications for these Appointments and Mr. Murley stated there are applications pending but the decisions for the Appointments have not been made.

Councilmember Ritter inquired whether the vacancies were considered part of the quorum and Mr. Goren, Legal Counsel, stated the vacancies are not part of the quorum and explained this in detail.

Mr. Murley informed the Council that Senator Simpson proposed a Bill addressing the deletion and/or reorganization of the boundaries of the Regional Planning Councils and their obligations. Mr. Murley stated that Ron Book, Executive Director of Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) and Senator Simpson are in discussion on these issues.

Councilmember Ritter stated that she would be in Tallahassee and would like to know if she should reach out to those concerned. Mr. Murley suggested she meet with the Senator and represent the RPCs.

Chair Walters stated it would be great if Councilmember Ritter had a conversation with Senator Simpson. She stated she got the impression at FRCA that this would be the year of the environment and Amendment 1 is on everyone's agenda. It was suggested the issues being funded by Amendment 1 be researched and the Councilmembers continue to be updated.

Councilmember Asseff stated that Broward Days are coming up along with Miami-Dade and Monroe Days. She suggested the Council send a letter to Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties for support regarding the SFRPC's importance for support while in Tallahassee.

Councilmember Suarez stated that the Amendment 1 funding will help the Ludlum Trail and other biking and walking trails. His concern is taking funding away from fragile eco systems, such as Cape Sabal and other areas. He commented on the fees collected by the State of Florida for license renewal and suggested the legislature be asked to get monies back to fund projects like art and public places and that any transit projects would have a 5% allocation for bike trails.

Mr. Murley stated that the Southeastern Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) is preparing a multicounty plan for bike and trails.

Mr. Murley introduced David Meade of Council Staff.

David Meade, Director of Information Technology, introduced Jacques Hart, CEO of Roar Media regarding the update of the South Florida Regional Council website. Mr. Hart explained this is a Draft Presentation. He stated that the new website has powerful tools with new technical changes. He stated that the task was how to leverage the new technology with the great work of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. He continued his presentation by walking the Councilmembers through the various toolbars, scrolling features and stated there was nothing that could not be supported. He thanked David Meade, Jim Murley and staff for their help and input. He stated that there will be an aggregation of regional and Council events including a calendar invite, featured Councilmembers, a blog and a news section. Mr. Hart stated that the Council has a very powerful email base which will support the various initiatives.

Mr. Murley stated that the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute and the Southeast Florida Community Development Financial Institution will also be highlighted.

Chair Walters inquired about the new logo and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the three Counties.

Mr. Murley stated that the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) was approved by Broward County at the January 27, 2015 Commission Meeting.

Mr. Goren stated that he does not know the status of the ILA with Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. He informed the Council that once the ILA is adopted the logo will change and explained the legality of the adoption and logo timeline.

Mr. Murley thanked Mr. Hart.

Mr. Murley informed the Councilmembers that at their seats was the projected timeline regarding the Downtown Miami Development of Regional Impact (Downtown DRI). He stated that this DRI has a unique set of circumstances and this area is the #1 location for development activity in the State of Florida. He stated that there is County and FDOT involvement and the Council will receive regular reports as the process unfolds. He introduced Joe Goldstein, Partner at Holland and Knight, representative for the DRI.

Mr. Goldstein stated that this is the Downtown Master DRI Increment Modification and Increment III ADA. He explained the build-out of Increment I and Increment II that started in 1987. He stated that

there is an agreement to work together on Sea Level Rise, architecture and history, education, housing, transportation, education, etc. He stated that he is looking forward to working with Council staff on this DRI.

Councilmember Wallace stated that everything has already been planned and what is the significance of the Councilmembers review.

Mr. Murley stated that Downtown Miami is growing rapidly and the Councilmembers are to inventory decisions made at each Increment.

Mr. Goldstein explained this is a different DRI. He stated that this is not a single building or project as reviewed in the past. He stated he is working with the City as if this is a planning document.

Mr. Murley stated that the DRI will still be reviewed by the State and all parties involved.

Mr. Goren stated that the Council's review is required by State Statute.

Councilmember Wallace stated that the Applicant could pull out and wondered why not.

Mr. Goldstein stated that this is a planning exercise and this is a good way to proceed. He stated that the Downtown Development Authority would like to address the school issue as well as others.

Mr. Murley explained that this is an Intergovernmental process involving the County and the Cities of Miami Beach and Key Biscayne and how this development is impacting their causeways.

Councilmember Wallace inquired about sufficient staff availability.

Mr. Murley answered that sufficient staff is available and that a transportation planner is under contract.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren stated that there is no litigation to report. He informed the Councilmembers that the ILA should be approved by Broward County and will be moving forward.

Mr. Goren reminded the Councilmembers that the Purple Sheet at their seats is an update of the Revolving Loan Fund payments. He stated that there are limited accounts in default.

C. FDOT Florida Transportation Plan/SIS Update

Mr. Murley introduced Ms. Lois Bush, Planning and Environmental Management Office of Florida Department of Transportation - District IV, and Lisa Colmenares, AICP, Intermodal Systems Development (ISD) Office, Florida Department of Transportation - District VI. Ms. Colmenares presented a PowerPoint on the Update of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) and Strategic Intermodal System Plan (SIS) which will be updated by the end of 2015. She explained the FTP is Florida's Long Range Transportation Plan that provides policy guidance for all transportation partners along with a framework for expenditures of state and federal transportation funds. She explained the SIS is Florida's policies and guidance for planning and implementing Florida's SIS in designation criteria, needs assessment, prioritization process and finance strategy. She stated that this was developed by FDOT in consultation with statewide, regional and local partners. Ms. Colmenares informed the Councilmembers of the statewide transportation plans and programs including modal and other systems plans (highway, rail, seaport, air/space, freight, transit and bike/pedestrian). She identified the related partners: Metropolitan

Planning Organizations; State Agency Plans and Initiatives; local governments; Regional Planning Councils; Modal Partners, and Regional and Community Visions. She notified the Councilmembers about the partner briefings, regional visioning forms, workshops, Statewide Policy Summit, and meetings on the public's comments on the FTP and SIS Plans. Ms. Colmenares pointed out the members of the Plan Update Steering Committee and gave the website information for questions and comments.

Ms. Bush stated that at the March Council Meeting at the FDOT VI Office the presentation will update the Plan with comments from the meetings and workshops.

Chair Walters stated she would like as many of the Councilmembers in attendance and to broadcast the March Meeting via webinar.

V. Program Reports and Activities

- A. SFRC Website
- B. Revolving Loan Fund Reports
 - 1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report
 - 2) Smart Watts Home Energy Retrofit Loan Fund Status Report
- C. Florida Regional Councils Association
 - 1) FRCA Monthly Accomplishments

VI. Announcements and Attachments

- A. Correspondence and Attendance Form
- B. Upcoming Meetings
 - 1) March 2nd, 10:30 a.m. (Miami-Dade - TBD)
 - 2) April 6th, 10:30 a.m. (Executive Committee Meeting, SFRPC Office, Hollywood)

VII. Councilmember Comments

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, and the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the February 2, 2015 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 2nd day of March, 2015.

Patricia B. Asseff, Secretary

Date