

Organization and Equity Subcommittee  
Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

10:38 a.m. - 11:47 p.m.

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership's (Partnership) Organization and Equity Subcommittee met at the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, located at 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, in Pompano Beach, Florida and via webinar.

Meeting Attendees:

The meeting commenced at approximately 10:38 a.m. and concluded at 11:47 a.m. In attendance for the meeting were the following Executive members (listed in alphabetical order):

1. Mayor Heather Carruthers (attended via webinar)
2. Carla Coleman, Chair
3. Mayor Samuel Ferreri, Vice Chair
4. Tom Gustafson
5. Commissioner Peter O'Bryan
6. Phil Steinmiller (attended via webinar on behalf of District VI Secretary Gus Pego)

A quorum was present.

Chair Coleman welcomed the Organization and Equity Subcommittee members and the attending public to the meeting. Chair Coleman requested that Ms. Cosio Carballo begin with a briefing on the Equity Summit in mid-November, a non-action item on the agenda, prior to the approval of the Agenda and the Minutes. Ms. Cosio Carballo detailed the important discussions that will be covered at the Summit, which included race; place; poverty; economic growth; social justice and innovative strategies to secure jobs, good schools, decent housing, healthy foods and transportation choices for all. Following the briefing, a discussion occurred over the language used in some of these issues, and how it is important to engage the business community to provide input and help shape the Partnership's framing of these issues as the Region collectively moves forward. Mr. Ferreri requested that a report on the Summit be available at the next Organization and Equity Subcommittee.

Following the Equity Summit discussion, Jim Murley, Project Director of the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, thanked Ms. Cosio Carballo for being the point person on the management team to directly deal with HUD and her efforts to establish the delegation that will be attending the Policy Link's Equity Summit in Detroit. A quorum was established when Tom Gustafson arrived to the Subcommittee meeting following Ms. Cosio Carballo's update. During review of the meeting Minutes of May 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Gustafson requested that an

amendment be made to correct the attendees listed for the meeting held on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The motion was accepted by consensus.

Following the approval of the Minutes, Mr. Murley introduced Item IV of the agenda and discussed the member criteria matrix, which was based on the language of the Statement of Organization, specifically Section 4.2 - Membership. Based on the analysis of the member criteria matrix, members of the Subcommittee made note and requested that the matrix be revised to reflect Barrington Wright's representation on the Executive Committee be correctly changed, from the Partnership's selection of Business Development to the South Florida Regional Planning Council's selection for Equitable and Affordable Housing. Eric Swanson, of Council Staff, agreed to make the necessary corrections.

A discussion occurred about Miami-Dade County's decision process regarding its nomination to the Executive Committee, as well as the selection of an appointee from the Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. To streamline procedural efforts in approving County representation to the Executive Committee, Mr. Murley agreed to provide a report at Executive Committee meetings on actions taken by the County Commissions in Southeast Florida, in their selection/nomination of a representative to the Partnership's Executive Committee. Mr. Murley also stated that following the appointment of the Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, an appointee would be made but only when the Council's decision is made.

A discussion occurred over the make-up of the member criteria matrix; concerns with the matrix included underrepresentation in education; maintaining the number of the Executive Committee members at a manageable size; building the capacity of the work groups to select their own appointee to the Executive Committee; and balancing out representation of public, private and non-profit sectors in the Partnership's Executive Committee. A motion was made by Tom Gustafson to readjust educational representation from two to four members (please reference the member criteria). The motion did not receive a second.

Following further discussion of Mr. Gustafson's motion, Ms. Carruthers made a motion to have three education representative slots fill the membership criteria of the Executive Committee; the motion was seconded by Tom Gustafson and was approved with one nay by Mr. Ferreri. Ms. Carruthers motion for additional educational representation was broken down to reflect participation from K-12 Education, Vocational & Job Training Education and Higher College Education. Mr. Ferreri stated that there were too many subgroups, particularly with education, to frame how many representatives would serve on the Executive Committee by the Executive Committee, which is why he voted against the motion. He clarified that his belief is working groups will be able to decide for themselves who will represent them at the Executive Committee level and that a due process will eventually occur.

Following Ms. Carruthers' motion, Mr. Murley discussed the total available member slots of the Executive Committee when considering Council representation that covers de facto County representation. He also discussed workgroup chairs serving on the Executive Committee as ex-officio members and whether or not they would serve as voting or non-voting. Discussions occurred, and Mr. O'Bryan motioned to recommend amending the Statement of Organization under section 4.2 - Membership to the Executive Committee, to state that ex-officio members of

the Executive Committee shall be non-voting members. The motion was accepted by consensus with one nay by Mr. Gustafson.

In closing, a discussion occurred concerning the workgroups, how to populate participating members and whether to take a bottom-up or top-down approach. Members of the Subcommittee discussed workgroup representation with various strategies, including reaching out to stakeholders to provide recommendations on who will serve as chair and co-chair, and have the selected appointees lead the effort to fill the workgroups; and notify stakeholder and Consortium networks related to specific work groups and get them together to select their own Executive Committee representation. There was also a request to add a discussion topic to the Executive Committee agenda for Friday, September 30, 2011, which would address, under new business, the selection of a new Project Director for the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership in the event that Mr. Murley is selected as the Executive Director to the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

### Motions

The motion was made for the adoption of the list of activities in the agenda. The motion was approved by consensus.

The motion was made to approve the minutes to the Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> Organization and Equity Subcommittee meetings, with a correction to the June 24<sup>th</sup> minutes on listed attendees. The motion was approved by consensus.

A motion was made for the recommendation that the Executive Committee approve the addition of three education slots to the Executive Committee Member Criteria, which will be broken down to slots of K-12 Education, Vocational & Job Training Education and Higher Education. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

A motion was made for the recommendation that the Executive Committee approve an amendment of the Statement of Organization in section 4.2 - Membership, to state that ex-officio members of the Executive Committee would serve as non-voting members. The motion was seconded and approved with one nay.