



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM V.F

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2011

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA'S REGIONAL VISION AND BLUEPRINT FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE UPDATE)

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, a collaboration of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils and more than 200 regional partners and supporters, is proceeding with organizational and program activities necessary to develop the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity. This Project is funded in part by a grant from the Sustainable Communities Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation (see www.sustainablecommunities.gov).

Program work is currently being conducted by the staffs of the two Regional Planning Councils, guided by an Executive Committee that has created two Subcommittees: 1) Organization and Equity and 2) Operations. Attachment A is the Partnership's Organizational Chart.

The Partnership is also assisted by a significant amount of in-kind work from numerous members, including staff from public agencies; business professional groups; not-for-profits; and key, interested individuals.

The following is a brief summary of activities over the past month.

I. New Members -

- City of Opa-Locka
- City of Miramar
- Martin County CRA
- Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea
- Citi Community Development

- II. Executive Committee:** This group currently serves as the overall governing board for the Partnership and is balanced by geography, subject matter expertise, and socio-economic segments of the Region. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2011, at the offices of the Broward Metropolitan Organization. The meeting will address: (1) Nominations for membership on the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership's Executive Committee and (2) the Organization and Equity Subcommittee's proposal on workgroup formation and selection process for chairs and vice chairs. An update on the Management Team's negotiation efforts with Dover Kohl, the top ranked consultant, will also be presented.

- III. **Organization and Equity Subcommittee:** The Organization and Equity Subcommittee is scheduled to have a teleconference meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at the offices of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. At this Subcommittee, members will update their efforts of expanding the Partnership's Executive Committee and establish recommendations for workgroup formation and the selection process for chair and vice chair candidates to the workgroups.
- IV. **Operations Subcommittee:** The next Subcommittee meeting will be coordinated and scheduled once implementation documents (Action Plans) with Dover Kohl are in place.
- V. **Management Team:** This group consists of the Executive Committee Chair Ferreri; RPC Executive Directors Murley and Busha; Isabel Cosio Carballo, designated representative to HUD; Project Manager Marcela Cambor; and Eric Swanson from the SFRPC. Pursuant to the direction of the Partnership Executive Committee and the SFRPC Board (the fiscal agent), negotiations with Dover Kohl, the top ranked Consultant Team, is moving ahead as scheduled. Deliverables, HUD-approved work plan requirements and possible team expansion (i.e., inclusion of other consultants and/or Consortium Members deemed necessary), as well as compliance with all approved HUD guidelines are being addressed.
- VI. **Funding Resources Secured in the Region -** Partnership members continue to secure additional resources for the Region. Partnership members are able to secure Preferred Sustainability Status Points and other special considerations due to Southeast Florida's designation as a Sustainability Community. Listed below are awarded grants that benefit our Region.
- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach - HUD
 - \$318,270 - Private Enforcement Initiative Mortgage Rescue Component Grant
 - \$313,246 - Private Enforcement Initiative Multiyear Funding Component Grant
 - \$125,000 - Education and Outreach Initiative Lending Component Grant
 - Palm Beach County Commissioners - HUD Community Challenge Grant
 - \$1,980,504 - Development of Glades Region Master Plan
 - City of Opa-Locka - HUD Community Challenge Grant
 - \$624,479 - Sustainable Opa-Locka 20/30
 - South Florida Regional Transportation Authority - Federal Transit Administration
 - \$5.7 million - Study of enhanced bus and bus rapid transit alternatives
 - City of Deerfield Beach - U.S. EPA Office of Sustainable Communities "Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program" - The City of Deerfield Beach is one of 15 communities nationally selected to receive technical assistance from Smart Growth America.
 - Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition (SFRPC) and FPL - Department of Energy
 - \$500,000 - Planning grant to support the development of electric vehicle infrastructure and vehicle use in the seven-county region.
 - Institute for Community Collaboration (SFRPC) - U.S. EPA Environmental Justice grant
 - \$25,000 - Grant to engage underserved teens from low-income neighborhoods as environmental and "food justice" advocates.

Agendas and other material mentioned above are available on the Council's website under Southeast Florida Regional Partnership (www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership.htm).

Recommendation

Information only.