

## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

### Minutes

February 6, 2012

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met this date at Beacon Council Board Room, 80 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2400, Miami, FL 33130. Chair Carruthers called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

#### **I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

Councilmember Patricia Asseff  
Councilmember Margaret Bates (absent)  
Councilmember Michael Blynn  
Councilmember Esteban Bovo, Jr.  
Chair Heather Carruthers  
Councilmember Suzanne Gunzburger  
Councilmember Ilene Lieberman  
Councilmember Manuel Marono (absent)  
Councilmember Jean Monestime  
Councilmember George Neugent (absent)  
Councilmember Jose A. Riesco  
Councilmember Stacy Ritter (absent)  
Councilmember Joseph Scuotto  
Councilmember Rebeca Sosa  
Councilmember Paul Wallace  
Councilmember Sandra Walters (absent)  
Councilmember Jimmy Weekley (via phone)

The following Ex-Officio members were present:

Ms. Aileen Boucle, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI  
Ms. Carole Morris, representing the South Florida Water Management District  
Mr. Norman Taylor, Broward County Office of Economic Development, representing the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Mr. Kevin Claridge, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection was absent.

#### **II. Approval of Council Agenda**

Approval of Council Agenda carried by unanimous consent.

#### **III. Action Items**

##### **A. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Councilmember Blynn seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

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B. Financial Report

1) FY 2010- 2011 Audit Report

Kevin Adderley, Partner of Sharpton, Brunson & Company, PA, gave a brief summary of the results of the 2010-2011 Audit Report. He stated the Audit had been reviewed by Executive Director, James F. Murley, and Councilmember Riesco and there were no major non-compliance matters and asked if there were any questions.

Councilmember Wallace questioned if there would be any problems regarding the Audit in the future and Mr. Adderley stated that it seems there would not.

Councilmember Asseff complimented the auditors and stated that it was written well and easy to read. Mr. Adderley thanked Councilmembers and stated that it was attributed to SFRPC staff. Councilmember Riesco agreed and also commended staff for their participation.

Councilmember Sosa moved to approve the FY 2010-2011 Audit Report. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

Agenda Item III.C carried by unanimous consent.

D. Developments of Regional Impact/Development Orders

1) Southeast Overtown Park West Increment III Staff Assessment – City of Miami

Bob Cambric of Council staff explained that the Regional Impact Assessment Report was prepared to determine if there were any State or Regional impacts that may be created by the development. He introduced Rob Curtis, representing the co-applicants, the City of Miami and Southeast Overtown Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Mr. Curtis stated that he had a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that the Council's recommendation would be forwarded to Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the City; the City will draft its staff report, which will be forwarded to the CRA Board and City Commission; and once drafted it would come before the Council for review. Councilmember Asseff stated that she had seen the area and was concerned about the blight and conditions. She suggested that the CRA or other entity should take care of this and have a vision of this entire area, including quality residential areas. Mr. Curtis stated that there is a plan for this revitalization and it is incorporated into the development. Councilmembers Sosa and Monestime stated that this proposal will generate income and create jobs. Councilmember Asseff commented on the Sistrunk Park Project on the renewal of that blighted area with their CRA and the City and hopes the DRI applicants would observe their progress. She feels this should be looked at regionally so all areas are economically feasible. Mr. Cambric stated that the PowerPoint Mr. Curtis was to present would be placed on the Council website for accessibility.

Councilmember Sosa moved to approve Agenda Item III.D.1. Councilmember Monestime seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Consent Items: Generally Consistent Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed:

- Monroe County

Adopted:

- Monroe County

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to approve Agenda Item III. E. Councilmember Sosa seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

F. Generally Inconsistent Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews – None

- G. Southeast Florida's Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity (Sustainable Communities Initiative) – Approval of Agreement between SFRPC and Broward County for Regional Climate Action Planning and Pilot Implementation (subject to review and recommendation from Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Executive Committee at their January 27 meeting)

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve the Agenda Item III.G. Councilmember Gunzburger seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

H. Tampa Bay RPC and East Central Florida RPC Resolutions

Councilmember Lieberman stated that this could be a vehicle to educate members of the Legislature considering the verbiage in the staff report. She suggested a cover letter be included stating that the two RPCs are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the advantages of the SFRPC. It should be one page, three paragraphs, to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House. Other Councilmembers agreed, and Mr. Murley stated that he would have updates for Councilmembers.

Councilmember Asseff stated that at the next Council meeting there should be a Resolution on infrastructure investment. She stated that there is a Bill from Congressman Geoff Davis that introduces an innovative Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zone and that this would help many of our cities who are facing infrastructure problems. She would like to have this researched and be included in the March Agenda, to become part of a regional level.

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve Agenda Item III.H. Councilmember Gunzburger seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

I. South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Board Governance Structure and Service Area Expansion Resolution

Mr. Murley explained that this Resolution regards a Bill changing the Governance Structure of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA).

Councilmember Lieberman suggested a cover letter consisting of one page and three paragraphs be included, along with the Resolution, explaining the importance of locals in the appointed process for SFRTA. She stated that this letter should go to the Governor, President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, all members of the House and Senate of the Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties'

Legislators, Representatives and Senators. Councilmember Sosa stated that Council should be sensitive about these issues since there are Councilmembers who have appointed by the Governor.

Mr. Murley explained the changes in the Bill and why the Resolution was created. Chair Carruthers stated Council should vote on the Resolution and the cover letter separately. Role was called.

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve Agenda Item III.I Resolution 12-05. Councilmember Gunzburger seconded the motion, which carried with 11 yeas and 1 nay from Councilmember Wallace.

Discussion ensued as to the distribution of the Resolution and content of the cover letter. Councilmember Chair Carruthers stated that in the future there should be a correspondence list along with the Resolution. Councilmember Lieberman stated that this be mailed to President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, Governor's Office, members of the House and Senate of the Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties Legislative Delegation. Roll was called.

Councilmember Lieberman motioned that a cover letter be signed by the Chair, for Agenda Item III.I. Councilmember Gunzburger seconded the motion, which carried by 8 Yeas: Councilmembers Blynn, Bovo, Gunzburger, Lieberman, Monestime, Scutto, Weekley, and Carruthers and 4 Nays: Councilmembers Asseff, Riesco, Sosa and Wallace.

Councilmember Asseff requested that when the letter is transmitted, it is noted that the letter was not mailed with a unanimous vote. Chair Carruthers stated that the letter would include that the vote was not unanimous and that the letter would be circulated to Council before mailing. She recommended that in the future any Resolution should come with a correspondence list.

J. South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and FDOT Collaboration Resolution

Councilmember Lieberman stated she has the same issue regarding the cover letter and her motion would be the same: two motions, one approving Resolution 12-6 and the other directing the Chair to send a cover letter with the Resolution to the appropriate people identified.

Councilmember Lieberman motioned to approve Agenda Item III.J Resolution. Councilmember Gunzburger seconded the motion, which carried by 10 Yeas and 2 Nays: Councilmembers: Sosa and Wallace.

Councilmember Lieberman motioned that the Chair sign a cover letter, transmitted to the Chairs of the SFRTA and Secretaries FDOT, for Agenda Item III.J referencing the enclosed Resolution. Councilmember Monestime seconded the motion, which carried by 8 Yeas and 4 Nays: Councilmembers Asseff, Riesco, Sosa and Wallace.

Councilmember Lieberman reiterated that in the future that the Resolutions would include a correspondence list.

**IV. Discussion Items**

- A. Executive Committee Report
- B. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Murley stated that the budget bills have been introduced to the House of Representatives and it contains the allocation of \$2.5 million to the RPCs. He stated that the Senate vote has not been officially

put on the floor for discussion and would keep Council informed. He stated that this represents the consistent work of the Florida Regional Councils Association.

Mr. Murley announced that on March 7, 2012 the SFRPC will be co-sponsoring a workshop with Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) with the various groups (Beacon Council and Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance) and the three counties at the Miramar Civic Center. He stated that updated information will be transmitted to Councilmembers.

He stated that Vernon Paul has left for the City of North Miami and the firm of S. Davis and Associates are providing financial services to the Council. He added that February 10, 2012, will be the cutoff date for receiving resumes for the Finance Director. The resumes will be sent to Councilmember Riesco, S. Davis and Associates and himself for an independent review; rank with the candidates from 1-7; then on February 24, 2012 interviews will begin.

Mr. Murley stated that Ex Officio Member, Norman Taylor of Broward County's Office of Economic Development, representing the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has retired from this position; he will remain on Council until further notice. Mr. Taylor was presented with a token of Council's appreciation. Councilmember Asseff complimented Mr. Taylor for all his accomplishments and dedication to Broward County.

Chair Carruthers informed Council that Councilmember Monestime's father had passed away and suggested a card be sent on behalf of the Council.

1) Legislative Update

Mr. Cambric explained the Bill and Council's recommendation.

Councilmember Sosa moved to approve Agenda Item IV.B.1. Councilmember Lieberman seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren stated that his office is working with the staff regarding the specific litigation procedures involving the Revolving Loan Program.

He stated that in Broward County, the FPL Port Everglades Site Certification was filed in January 2012. He explained that Council should be part of this process, according to State Law, in which a presentation will be made in regards to the rules, responsibility and potential comments. He stated that the due dates are October 2012 and February 2013.

**V. Program Reports and Activities**

A. Council Mission – Promote our Economic Prosperity

1. One Community One Goal Presentation – Holly Wiedman, Executive Vice President of Beacon Council

Ms. Wiedman gave a PowerPoint Presentation along with hand outs. She stated that there are local, state and regional partners involved and explained the One Community One Goal Plan. She explained that the top leaders from business, education and government are involved and actually the Plan is a targeted industry for a comprehensive strategic plan.

Mr. Murley stated that Council staff is working closely with The Beacon Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and was asked by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to assemble stakeholders to provide input to Florida's Strategic Economic Development Plan. He stated that he wanted to make sure that all the counties were represented on March 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated that it is his intention that the updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Region on behalf of the Council will reflect the work of the economic development organizations in our Region and will be coordinated with all partners.

Councilmember Asseff complimented Ms. Wiedman on the One Community One Goal Plan, the information given and the work that was completed so far in six months. Mr. Taylor applauded The Beacon Council for the level of cooperation and coordination on the Targeted Industry Study and sharing the concepts of how to move the agenda forward in the community, such as keeping young leaders involved in the process. He agreed with Councilmember Asseff that this is good for the Region and South Florida.

- B. Revolving Loan Fund Reports
  - 1. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report
  - 2. Hurricane Wilma Bridge Loan Status Report
  - 3. Eastward Ho! Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Status Report
  - 4. Broward County Cultural Division Artist Micro-Credit Revolving Loan Fund Status Report – None
  - 5. Smart Watts Home Energy Retrofit Loan Fund Status Report
- C. DRI Status Report
- D. Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Status Report
- E. Budget Performance Report

**VI. Announcements and Attachments**

- A. Correspondence and Attendance Form
- B. Upcoming Meetings
  - 1. March 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
  - 2. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Government Center, Key Largo)
  - 3. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
  - 4. June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (Beacon Council, Miami-Dade)

**VII. Councilmember Comments**

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the February 6, 2012 meetings of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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Stacy Ritter, Secretary

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Date