



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM V.F

DATE: MARCH 5, 2012

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.

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. **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 last Committee meeting was on Friday, January 27, 2012, at the offices of the Broward Metropolitan Organization. The meeting addressed: (1) Nominations for membership on the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership's Executive Committee; (2) the Organization and Equity Subcommittee's proposal on workgroup formation and selection process criteria for chairs and vice chairs; (3) an update on the Management Team's negotiation efforts with Dover Kohl, the top ranked consultant; (4) and an update on the grant expenditures for 2011 was also presented. Please see the attached Membership Criteria Matrix (Attachment A) for more information on the make-up of the Executive Committee. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 30, 2012.

- II. **Organization and Equity Subcommittee:** The next Organization and Equity Subcommittee will be coordinated and scheduled later in March 2012, following the upcoming Operations Subcommittee.
- III. **Operations Subcommittee:** The next meeting of the Operations Subcommittee will be held on Friday, March 2, 2012, at the offices of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. The meeting will address: (1) an update on Consortium proposals; (2) and a detailed update on the budget, implementation documents (Action Plans) and deliverables.
- IV. **Management Team:** This group consists of the Executive Committee Chair Samuel Ferreri; RPC Executive Directors James F. Murley and Michael Busha; Designated Representative to HUD Isabel Cosio Carballo; Project Manager Marcela Cambor; Policy Analyst Eric Swanson; and Senior Regional Advisor John Kaliski from Cambridge Systematics. Pursuant to the direction of the Partnership Executive Committee and the SFRPC Board (the fiscal agent), the Management Team worked with Dover Kohl, the master consultant, and modified the timeline for deliverables within the Southeast Florida Regional Vision and Blueprint Work Plan.
- V. **Roundtable discussion with Ms. Shelley Poticha, Director of the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:** Partnership members from the seven-county Region met with Ms. Poticha on February 15-16, 2012, at the offices of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. The purpose for the roundtable discussion was to provide a regional context to the issues and opportunities that face Southeast Florida, in areas that included: (1) demographics; (2) local, state and regional economic development efforts and planning processes; (3) housing and equity issues; (4) federal assessment and supportive resources from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; (5) impacts of climate change as it relates to smart growth, economic development and multimodal transportation; (6) and (7) opportunities and challenges in short- and long-term transit plans.

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.

Membership Criteria	First Name	Last Name	County
1. SFRPC Member	Suzanne	Gunzburger	Broward
2. SFRPC Member	Heather	Carruthers	Monroe
3. SFRPC Exec. Director Appointee	Jack	Osterholt	Miami-Dade ◀
4. TCRPC Member	Ramon	Trias	St Lucie
5. TCRPC Member	Kevin	Foley	Martin
6. TCRPC Exec. Director Appointee	Tom	Gustafson	Palm Beach
7. SFRPC: Economic Growth, Job Creation, Job Training, and Job Placement	Norm	Taylor	Broward
8. SFRPC: Equitable and Affordable Housing	Barrington	Wright	Broward
9. SFRPC: Underrepresented Populations			
10. TCRPC: Economic Growth, Job Creation, Job Training, and Job Placement			
11. TCRPC: Equitable and Affordable Housing	Samuel	Ferreri	Palm Beach
12. TCRPC: Underrepresented Populations	Art	Cobb	Palm Beach ◀
13. FDOT4, Secretary	James	Wolfe	Br, PB, M, StL, IRC
14. FDOT6, Secretary	Gus	Pego	Monroe, Miami-Dade
15. ULI Chair	Carla	Coleman	Broward
16. SF(TC)RPC: Water Resources	Doug	Bournique	Indian River
17. Monroe County Recommendation	X (Heather)	X (Carruthers)	X (Monroe)
18. Miami-Dade County Recommendation			
19. Broward County Recommendation	X (Suzanne)	X (Gunzburger)	X (Broward)
20. Palm Beach County Recommendation	Karen	Marcus	Palm Beach
21. Martin County Recommendation	Ed	Fielding	Martin
22. St. Lucie County Recommendation	Tod	Mowery	St. Lucie
23. Indian River County Recommendation	Peter	O'Bryan	Indian River
24. Business Development Representative	Kelly	Smallridge	PBC (Reg. Rep.) ◀
25. Business Development Representative	William	Perry	PBC (Reg. Rep.) ◀
26. Business Development Representative			
27. Health Representative			
28. Culture Representative	Michael	Spring	MDC (Reg. Rep.) ◀
29. Bio Science/Research Representative			
30. Tourism Representative	Ed	Swift	Monroe ◀
31. Environment Representative			
32. Education - K12 Representative			
33. Education - Vocational Representative			
34. Education - Higher Ed Representative			

The bold font and arrow denotes newly ratified candidates agreed upon by the Executive Committee