## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

#### Minutes

#### March 3, 2014

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on this date at the City of Miami Commission Chambers, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, FL. Chair Ritter called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and Legal Counsel Sam Goren to led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### I. Roll Call

Councilmember Patricia Asseff

Councilmember Mario J. Bailey (absent)

Councilmember Margaret Bates (absent)

Councilmember Frank Caplan

Councilmember Tim Daubert (absent)

Councilmember Suzanne Gunzburger

Councilmember Nelson Hernandez

Councilmember Martin Kiar (absent)

Councilmember Jean Monestime

Councilmember George Neugent

Councilmember David Rice

Chair Stacy Ritter

Councilmember Xavier Suarez

Councilmember Paul Wallace

Councilmember Sandra Walters

Councilmember Jimmy Weekley (via phone)

Councilmember Juan A. Zapata (absent)

Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel and Ms. Aileen Boucle, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI were present.

Ms. Laura Corry representing the South Florida Water Management District participated via phone.

# II. Approval of Council Agenda

Councilmember Neugent moved to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Monestime seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

#### III. Action Items

# A. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>

1) February 3, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

Mr. Goren stated that on February 3, 2014, the Executive Committee acted on behalf of the full Council during the Executive Committee Meeting. He stated the meeting was legally conducted, concluded and the actions taken by the Executive Committee are before the Council for ratification. He stated the motion would be to accept and ratify the actions taken by the Executive Committee and the items be recorded.

Councilmember Walters stated she would like to make corrections clarifying her statements made at the meeting. It was decided that she would meet with Council administrative staff to make those changes.

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Councilmember Neugent moved to approve and ratify the amended Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

# 2) October 18, 2013 Joint SFRPC/TCRPC Meeting

Mr. Goren stated he and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's (TCRPC) Legal Counsel Roger Saberon were present during the Joint Meeting and it should be reflected in the minutes. It was agreed to amend the minutes to reflect their presence.

Councilmember Asseff moved to approve the amended Minutes of the October 18, 2013 Joint SFRPC/TCRPC Meeting. Councilmember Monestime seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## B. <u>Financial Report</u>

Mr. James F. Murley, Executive Director, informed the Council the Audit Presentation and Budget forecast information will be presented late in the meeting.

Councilmember Gunzburger inquired about the Current Year and Prior Year figures regarding the increase and decrease in the miscellaneous expenses and financial services.

Mr. Ed McGann, Director of Finance and Budget, stated the financial services were higher from last year to this year because of his contract through an outside service to reconcile and close the books. He informed Council he is currently an SFRPC employee in the compensation line. He stated the miscellaneous expenses overage last year was related to the final Seven/50 Summit in January and a \$4,000 rebate on the food should be compensated.

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

#### C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

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

# D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews -

- Broward County 14-2 ESR (previously 13-4 ESR)
- Broward County 14-3 ESR (previously 13-5 ESR)
- Broward County 14-4 ESR (previously 13-6 ESR)
- Broward County 14-5 ESR
- Miami-Dade County 14-2 ESR (previously 13-2 ESR)
- Monroe County 14-1 ACSC
- City of Coconut Creek 14-1 ESR
- Town of Davie
- City of Deerfield Beach 14-1 ESR
- City of Fort Lauderdale
- City of Fort Lauderdale

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- Town of Surfside 13-1 ESR
- City of West Park 14-1 ESR (previously 13-1 ESR)

Councilmember Neugent moved to approve Agenda Item III.D, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews. Councilmember Walters seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

# E. <u>Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews</u> None

# F. FY 2012-13 Annual Audit

Mr. Murley stated a Power Point presentation handout is at the Council Members' seats.

Mr. McGann told Council the Audit and Audit Report was prepared by Sharpton, Brunson & Company, P.A. He introduced Kevin Adderley, C.P.A., and Partner at the firm, to present the report and answer any questions.

Mr. Adderley summarized the Audit results, Financial Statement and Grant Compliance Audit of the South Florida Regional Planning Council for the Fiscal Year (FY) ended September 30, 2013. He stated there are documents at their seats: the PowerPoint presentation; a Report to the Council Members, and the Audit Report with respect to the Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance. He stated the scope of their examination was performed pursuant to auditing standards. He stated there was a review of the cash received and cash disbursements, payroll, grant contract management systems. They also reviewed the controls in place that provide reasonable assurance that the assets of the organization are safe guarded. He stated that his firm also performed tests of compliance for major federal awards and state financial assistance programs. He informed Council the Audit was performed in accordance with provisions of the Rules of the Auditor General. He then proceeded to explain the various slides of the PowerPoint. He stated the Financial Statements are fairly presented and there were no non-compliance matters noted with respect to the major federal programs and the state financial assistance programs. He opened the floor for questions.

Councilmember Suarez inquired about the increase in the Federal allocation from the previous year. Mr. Adderley explained that it was part of the Sustainable Communities Grant that will end in the next 60 days and a Department of Energy Grant which ended during the fiscal year.

Councilmember Walters commended Mr. Adderley on the presentation. She stated the graphics and numbers made the report easy to understand. Chair Ritter agreed and thanked Mr. Adderley for the presentation.

Councilmember Monestime moved to approve Agenda Item III.F FY 2012-13 Annual Audit. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **IV.** Discussion Items

# A. Executive Committee Report

Mr. Murley informed Council of the additional items located at their places. He explained one is a handout with photos of the Council Members for informational purposes when talking about the Council and on the other side is Council background information. Mr. Murley informed the Council of a letter

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addressed to Cheryl Cook, Director of Loan Programs, regarding the work on her loan programs. Mr. Murley stated that this program is a financial foundation of the Council and helps small businesses in the three counties. He notified Council Members that there will be a Business Assistance Workshop in the Keys on March 13, 2014. Mr. Murley stated Mr. McGann recently visited in the Keys to speak to the Chamber in the City of Marathon regarding the Council activities and the Loan Program.

Mr. Murley reminded Council Members about the change in broker representation regarding the Council Health Insurance. Mr. Murley stated that a letter of concern is at their places from Oceans Insurance Group, the previous broker. Mr. Goren stated this is a letter of protest that reflects an objection raised by Oceans Insurance in connection with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Mr. Goren stated that through the process the Board directed Council staff to grant McKinley Financial, the only respondent, the broker position. He stated the objection or protest is a matter of record and is requesting reconsideration by the Board with regard to the previous discussion and decision by the Board. Mr. Goren stated that this letter is a matter of record unless a Councilmember has an interest in pursuing the matter further. Mr. Goren stated that the Council acted consistently with its direction.

Chair Ritter stated the Executive Committee, at last month's meeting, had a lengthy discussion on this decision and there was only one respondent to the RFP which was not the incumbent. She stated the cost of soliciting in the newspapers again, the fact that the RFP was solicited in three widely circulated newspapers and the respondent was qualified led the Executive Committee to award McKinley Financial the RFP, which was ratified with the minutes from this morning.

Councilmember Gunzburger inquired about collaborating with another government entity since the group is so small. Mr. Murley informed the Council that this was done in the past and Council was advised to go on our own; the Council has not researched this recently. He stated the Council has been independent and have been placed with the best available company for the funding that was available for the staff health insurance.

Councilmember Gunzburger inquired if McKinley Insurance is going to compare other insurance companies offer with the Government Health Care Policy. Mr. McGann explained if an employee does not take the insurance offered by the Council, the employee is paid the cost of the insurance as additional income. Mr. McGann stated the employees are not obligated to take the Council coverage and can research for a better coverage on their own. Councilmember Gunzburger stated it would be incumbent to encourage our employees to look at both options because it may prove more beneficial to the employee to be part of a larger group compared to a small group. Chair Ritter reminded Council that this policy is valid until the end of the calendar year, December 31, 2014.

Councilmember Walters stated she has sympathy for Oceans Insurance since they missed the advertisement and considering their service was fine, she thinks that a courteous letter from the Executive Director stating that Council understands their situation and that this decision is no reflection on the quality of work performed. Councilmember Asseff inquired if all the RPCs should try to get health insurance as one. Mr. Murley stated that this has been under discussion in Tallahassee with the other Executive Directors and it appears that each RPC has found an acceptable way to cover themselves and there is a hesitancy to change that due to the uncertainty of the market and changes. He stated that a year ago the other Planning Councils were surveyed for other avenues but there was no interest at that point. Councilmember Asseff suggested Mr. Murley look into it again since there might be a better chance with the more people included and get a lower rate and their policy information. Mr. Murley stated that staff will update the survey and bring to the Council.

Mr. Murley stated Miami-Dade County Mayor Gimenez made his state of the county speech last week where he mentioned the Mayors of Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties are working

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together on legislative priorities. He stated that this reflects the increasing cooperation across county-lines.

Councilmember Monestime inquired if there were scheduled meetings or on a need to meet basis. Mr. Murley stated that the meeting dates are not locked in and they are planning to meet when all three Mayors will be in Tallahassee and during a May technology conference in Miami.

## B. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Murley recognized two long standing employees who are leaving the Council: Bob Cambric, Director of Policy and Planning, who has been in charge of the local planning, technical assistance and a key employee at the Council, and Eric Swanson, Policy Analyst, will be leaving for the City of Hollywood. He stated that Richard Ogburn, who is in Brazil on vacation, had signed up for DROP five years ago and will be leaving July 31, 2014. Mr. Murley stated that he and Mr. Goren are reviewing how to legally keep Mr. Ogburn's service available to the Council. Mr. Murley acknowledged the hard work of all three employees.

Councilmember Suarez thanked the City of Miami administration, Alice Bravo and the new manager for the use of their facility. City of Miami Commissioner Marc Sarnoff was recognized and he welcomed and thanked the Council for their presence. Commissioner Sarnoff stated that Commissioner Frances Suarez was the person who obtained the room for the Council and stated that the Council is always welcome. Chair Ritter commented how beautiful it is to be here.

Mr. Murley explained the revenue stream handout, the lack of state appropriation and the capping of county membership dues since 2011. He reminded Council that the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Grant, thanks to the coordination of Isabel Cosio Carballo, will end in 60 days. He stated the Council has cut expenses that include the leased space and previous staff changes. He stated that Council has been able to reduce expenses from a previous forecast by \$120K. Mr. Murley explained that the Council has always started the FY with funds in program development in hopes to secure grants to make up the shortfall. He stated that in the past there was some success but now halfway through the FY there is a shortfall of about \$225K forecasted. He stated that some of the grants are still in process. Mr. Murley stated that he and professional staff hope to continue to cut expenses but to bring the numbers down he has implemented an across the board cut to all staffs' salary by 20% with a four day work week. He stated that this will reduce the forecast deficit to be manageable and feels it is his responsibility to take action to bring down the expense side. He stated that the other choice would be to let employees go and this would be the next step. He thinks this is a mid-term action that reflects the seriousness of the situation. He stated that his decision does not reflect anything the staff has done; the staff has worked hard to get the past revenues and is researching for new revenues. He stated that there are solid revenues through the Loan Program and Manny Cela brings in resources through the Emergency Management Program. Mr. Murley does not think this reduction will be in effect the whole time.

Councilmember Caplan stated that this is a tough decision between reducing hours and letting people go and inquired if Mr. Murley is worried that other employees will leave. Mr. Murley stated this situation is a great stress on our staff and he is trying to relieve that stress. Mr. Murley stated that securing new revenues is important but there is a normal staff rotation of people having new opportunities to pursue. He stated the DROP program is something we are experiencing as any other organization.

Councilmember Wallace stated there is a need to plan for the future, a reduced level of income and a budget not higher in the beginning of the FY; this should have had a more advanced warning. He stated that the Council should not budget for the state contribution. He stated the broader problem from two years ago is the concept of the Council's identity after most of the statutory duties were taken away. He

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stated that the Council is promoting conversation and optimism on regional cooperation in which there is progress but it does not do anything for the Council. He stated that regionalism is something the Council is striving for, such as, the Mayors of the three counties talking about regional cooperation and management. He questioned where will the Council be in two years? He suggested restructuring to a smaller organization and reallocating assets and realizing this may be the new reality of the future. Councilmember Wallace stated that one of Mr. Murley's primary functions should be researching for grant money and sources of revenue. He also suggested sub-letting the employees to the counties for various tasks Council is qualified for or offer services in terms of economic development or transportation on a regional basis that can generate money from the counties or entities.

Councilmember Asseff stated that it is very sad that the staff has to go to a four day work week. She appreciates what Councilmember Wallace said but the Council has not talked about or implemented any of the issues discussed at the Florida Regional Planning Council (FRCA) meeting in January. She thinks that Mr. Murley is doing what has to be done and questioned how many employees are left after three leave. Mr. Murley stated that there will be 15 when Mr. Ogburn leaves in July 2014. Councilmember Asseff stated that there is a lot going on with the South Florida Clean Cities Coalition, such as, working with Mario Andretti's organization on an electric car race in Miami. She stated Ms. Cook is working on ideas regarding the Revolving Loan Fund. Councilmember Asseff believes that a workshop is needed on implementing the FRCA ideas. She stated that 150 people were in attendance with great ideas, including Councilmember Bailey, Caplan, Walters, Chair Ritter and herself. She also suggested a possible reduction of the FRCA fee considering the other councils are having the same hardships.

Councilmember Walters reminded Council when Carolyn Dekle was Executive Director and the economic downturn happened the SFRPC staff was reduced to the 20% cut and a four-day workweek. She stated that it lasted six months instead of the projected one year due to grant monies and other revenue. She thinks this is the prudent responsible thing to do with the clear goal of staff and Council Members to turn this around as soon as possible. She is looking forward to talking about the FRCA process, most specifically the Governor Appointees' outreach to the Governors' Office.

Councilmember Suarez suggested each county offer office space on a sequential basis each year. He stated it would be nomadic way of existing and would have a very positive consequence for Miami-Dade County. He stated if Miami-Dade County granted office and meeting space at no cost it would cut down transportation time to attend meetings. He offered to research this. He stated he is reporting to Miami-Dade County, Chairwoman Sosa on the cost effectiveness of the Council. He wants to report favorably on the Council's involvement with the transportation and FEC corridors and the Council's effort to relocate in Miami-Dade County for at least a year. His preference when faced with something like this is to look for ways to not reduce the lower level employees that presumably do the field work and the analysis and cut back on management. He stated that he does not have the ability to do that with the Council since he does not know the budget and not ready to make any recommendation.

Mr. Murley stated the current lease was negotiated to reduce space, the base price per square foot and make a more favorable lease on the meeting space when meeting in the Hollywood Office.

Mr. McGann explained the lease terms and recent negotiation on the renewal rate, the reduction of office space and the savings regarding the Conference Room use. He stated that the Conference Room is a big portion of Council activities with entities the Council interacts with on a regular basis. He stated that research for other office space was conducted and cancelling the lease would have cost approximately \$400K. He stated by signing a new lease with the existing landlord at half the space and a subsidized conference room \$400K would be saved from our normal rate; with the new lease over the next four years Council will save \$100K/year.

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Chair Ritter stated two months ago Council ratified the lease option.

Councilmember Hernandez inquired about the Loan Program and its operation. He stated that in the Report there are only two accounts current with a majority past due and would like a rundown of the Program.

Mr. Murley explained the Council has a Revolving Loan Fund Board which includes Councilmember Asseff, four citizens appointed by the Council and himself with Ms. Cook as the Director of Loan Programs. He stated the Loan Program has a very good record and is monitored every month. He explained that there may be a client that falls behind but the attention of the staff on a personal level is tremendous and the failure rate is low. He reminded Council that there monthly reports and legal counsel's legal report as part of the Agenda.

Ms. Cook stated the current default rate for the Council Loan Program is only 4%. She stated that programs such as this have a default rate range of about 25%. She stated the purple sheet is an update to the Agenda Item V.B.1 which is the full Loan Report. She explained the purple sheet depicts the past due accounts and the update since the mailing of the Agenda Package. Councilmember Hernandez asked Ms. Cook what was the revenue earned on the Loan Program? Ms. Cook stated that the revenues generated by the Program are around \$275K. Councilmember Hernandez suggested expanding the program.

Mr. Murley stated that he and Ms. Cook are focusing on this issue with the counties and looking for new capital and grants to help in providing technical assistance. He explained that BankUnited is supporting workshops that the Council is organizing for small businesses. He stated that recently one workshop was held at the Council office and another will be in Marathon this month.

Councilmember Hernandez stated that he works at Wells Fargo and will assist. Mr. Murley stated that he and Ms. Cook will be contacting him.

Councilmember Asseff stated that this is one of the best programs and is highly successful. She thanked the Broward County Commission because Big Chef, one of the Revolving Loan clients, was awarded a Proclamation designating February 11, 2014 as Big Chef Appreciation Day. She explained that because of the loan Big Chef was able to expand and become successful. She stated that some clients do not succeed but a majority of them are superstars. She stated that she wished there was more money to add to the Revolving Loan Fund and they are looking at various banks. She stated that if the banks ran their loans like Ms. Cook ran the Loan Program things would turn around very quickly.

# C. <u>Legal Counsel Report</u>

#### SFRPC Rebranding

Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, stated there is a backup on a proposed document referencing rebranding. He stated it is a second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement. He gave a summary of the history and the reason for the Interlocal Agreement. He stated if the objective is to change the name of the Organization from the South Florida Regional Planning Council to the South Florida Regional Council there is nothing in State Law to prohibit this change. He stated other Regional Councils have made a similar move. He stated the State Law is not being changed only the trade name. This entity would be the South Florida Regional Planning Council under State Statute but doing business as the South Florida Regional Council. He stated this second Amendment only changes the name not the duties or responsibilities or options legally and operationally available to the Council going forward with regard to economic opportunity for each of the constituent counties.

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Councilmember Asseff moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C.1, SFRPC Rebranding. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Goren explained to Councilmember Hernandez that in the backup of the Revolving Loan Program that there are two operative documents. They are monthly reports issued from his law firm on the loans in collection and the other is a full report of all of the loans and their status. He stated there are not a lot of loans under litigation or in collection, most of which are performing loans and are referred to in the major report that staff prepares. He stated there is a small percentage of nonperforming versus performing loans which are distinguishable.

Councilmember Caplan stated in attending the Gubernatorial Advisory Committee there was discussion on methodology and whether it would be preferable to have one body represent all RPCs or have each RPC have its own Gubernatorial Appointees meet singularly with the Governor's Office; he believed the consensus was to have one body and that one body speak for each Councils' particular concerns. Chair Ritter stated that having one body representing the RPCs was the consensus with respect to the appropriations.

## D. Ex-Officio Reports

Ex-Officio Aileen Boucle stated there was no report this month and asked Chair Ritter if there was anything specific from the Department the Council would like to see at a future meeting. Chair Ritter stated the Board will think about that idea and get back to her.

## V. Program Reports and Activities

#### A. Council Mission

1) Seven50: Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan

## B. <u>Revolving Loan Fund Reports</u>

- 1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report
- 2) Smart Watts Home Energy Retrofit Loan Fund Status Report
- 3) South Florida Small Business Loan Fund Programs

# C. DRI Status Report

1) Presentation on Upcoming DRI Reviews

## D. Florida Regional Councils Association

- 1) FRCA Monthly Accomplishments
- 2) FRCA Legislative Highlights
- 3) FRCA Report on Strategic Assessment

Councilmember Walters stated that there were five SFRPC Councilmembers who attended the FRCA meeting in January and that the other Councilmembers should read the FRCA package. She stated it was an intense couple of days with some superstars from around the states participating, including former leaders of the legislature throughout the years. She stated that one recommendation of having the Governor Appointees reach out to the Governor resonated well with those attending. Her concern is to move promptly and reach out to the Governor prior to the end of the legislative session in hopes to change the Governor's previous position on the legislative appropriation. Councilmember Walters feels a coordinated group of Governor Appointees from the RPCs statewide speak as one voice is the best approach. She stated that there may be different messages because of the individual RPCs' interest but they should speak as one voice since it may be more politically effective. She would like our Board to

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initiate specific recommendations to FRCA and have the FRCA staff coordinate with the appropriate members to represent each RPC, and have teleconferences to develop a message to be conveyed, and then schedule a visit to Tallahassee to reach out to the Governor's Office as soon as possible.

Councilmember Asseff stated that each Region is planning to form a group and visit Tallahassee at one time but is not sure about the follow-up. She suggested FRCA should be the organizer but this Council should coordinate with Sheri Coven and Ron Book to initiate conversation with the other Councils.

Chair Ritter agreed that FRCA should be contacted to get this coordinated.

#### VI. Announcements and Attachments

Mr. Murley stated that there is a report from the minutes of the FRCA Executive Directors Meeting and explained the main issues. He reminded Council about the Strategic Planning Workshop and the Council's strengths in looking for revenues in four areas. Economic development is one strength that includes the loan program and working with the three economic development councils (Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Six Pillar Update, Miami-Dade County's One Community One Goal and with Councilmember Neugent for opportunities in Monroe County) and a regional economic development plan. He stated that the Council works closely with many transportation agencies and in signing the Memorandum of Understanding for the Coastal Link Corridor there is a focus on this opportunity to add premium transit in the FEC Corridor for the next two years. He stated that Manny Cela, Director of Preparedness Programs, has very strong programs in Emergency Management and Preparedness issues. He explained that Mr. Cela coordinates many large-scale exercises one being at the Convention Center in Miami Beach including their City Council Members. Mr. Murley stated Council staff continues to reach out to local governments regarding local plan reviews and the Development of Regional Impacts. He stated that there are a variety of concerns coming out of Seven50 such as addressing the gap in income disparity that exists in the region and how to produce a greater opportunity in addressing this issue as well as the data collection and the means to warehouse and update this. He stated these areas and the work on Seven50 were identified in Tallahassee and he has a game plan. He stated that the Council will not turn away any opportunities. Mr. Murley stated the Council is in-line with the state-wide effort and is focused on the areas that have the most impacts on and generate revenues.

Mr. Murley stated the Council has had little involvement in the Development of Regional Impacts (DRI) area since the 2011 State Law changed. He stated that the Increment of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) City of Miami Areawide DRI has become active. He stated there is development starting in the Downtown area and this will continue over a course of time. He acknowledged Joe Goldstein representing the DDA. Mr. Murley informed Council that this will be an education to Councilmembers, in regards to the Council's role, which had been involved for 20 years with processing many DRIs and will be part of this again after a timely break.

Councilmember Wallace questioned if the state contribution was \$248K. Mr. Murley stated he believed it to be the projection. Mr. Murley explained the formula of 75/25 of an equal share across the 11 Councils and 25 by population.

Councilmember Wallace stated that special appropriations get passed for a special purpose appropriations that apparently are not legal but somehow do not get vetoed often because they are put into the budget by legislators and questioned if this is continuing. He inquired if the Miami-Dade Delegation might be approached to include a special appropriation for the Council that is not a line item in the Governor's budget.

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Mr. Murley stated everything is a line item and the Governor's veto power is ever present and can be exercised. Chair Ritter stated this may be proviso language, where it is specifically dictated to a certain area, but she does not think the Council should break away from FRCA. She does not think legislatures seeking community budget requests will want to include the SFRPC; it is usually prepared for a pet project that gets them reelected. Chair Ritter thinks if Council is striving to be "all for one" we should not seek our own funding.

Councilmember Gunzburger announced that the final Executive Committee Sevn50 Meeting will be March 20, 2014 at the Old School House in Delray Beach where the first Summit was held.

# A. <u>Correspondence and Attendance Form</u>

# B. <u>Upcoming Meetings</u>

- 1) April 7th, 10:30 a.m. (Executive Committee Meeting, Council Office, Hollywood)
- 2) May 5th, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Government Center, Key Largo)
- 3) June 2nd, 10:30 a.m. (Executive Committee Meeting, Council Office, Hollywood)
- 4) July 7th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Office, Hollywood)

#### VII. Councilmember Comments

# VIII. Adjournment

Chair Ritter thanked the City of Miami for hosting our meeting and adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.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 March 3, 2014 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014.