



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM V.F

DATE: MAY 7, 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, is proceeding with organizational and program activities necessary to create the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity. This Project is funded 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 and two appointed Subcommittees: 1) Organization and Equity and 2) Operations and Budget.

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

I. **New Management Structure of the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership:** During the March 30th meeting of the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership's Executive Committee, several proposed amendments were adopted for the re-structuring of the Management Team and the creation of two new and/or modified positions. Please see below for the adopted changes to the Management Structure.

- Combining the two existing positions of Project Director and Program Manager into a single Project Director position. The consolidation of both positions is geared at improved management and communication between the RPC's and the different stakeholders. The new Project Director is Marcela Cambor.
- A new position described as the Partnership Coordinator has been created and to be filled by Isabel Cosio Carballo, an SFRPC employee. She also continues in her role as U.S. HUD's designated point of contact.
- All other RPC staff, including the Executive Directors, will continue to be engaged in the project on an as-needed basis (i.e. either to perform specific tasks outlined in the Work Plan or to assist with the coordination, management and execution of special meetings and events).

Additional Information

- 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 last Committee meeting was on Friday, March 30, 2012, at the offices of the Broward Metropolitan Organization. The meeting addressed: (1) the proposed and adopted management structure; (2) a budget review & proposed amendment by the Operations and Budget Subcommittee; (3) a presentation on the revised timeline; (4) a presentation on the proposed Action Plan Approval Process; (5) a consultant update by Dover Kohl's Bob Burchell; (6) and an update on the Executive Committee membership. The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 1, 2012, at the offices of the Broward Metropolitan Organization.
- III. **Organization and Equity Subcommittee:** The last Organization and Equity Subcommittee was held on Monday, April 15, 2012, via conference call and at the offices of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. The meeting addressed: (1) a discussion of the Executive Committee Matrix; (2) recommendations of new members to the Executive Committee; (3) and a discussion on the next steps for forming the Partnership Work Groups and (4) nominations of Chairs and Vice-Chairs. The next Organization and Equity Subcommittee will be coordinated and scheduled in the beginning of May 2012.
- IV. **The 20th Annual Congress for New Urbanism (CNU)**
[Register Now!](#)
May 9-12, 2012
650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL
- CNU members come from around the world to discuss development practices and public policies, learn from recent innovative work, and advance new initiatives to transform our communities.
- V. **The 2012 ULI Florida Summit**
[Register Now!](#)
June 7-8, 2012
The Vinoy, St. Petersburg, FL
- The annual meeting is intended to bring Florida's top decision-makers and industry experts from every sector of real estate and land use. Topics include housing; Economic Development; Transit; Best Practices; Tourism/Hospitality; Capital Markets, Financing; and Regional Cooperation.

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

Recommendation

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