

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

June 4, 2012

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met this date at the Beacon Council Board Room, 80 S.W. 8th Street, Suite 2400, Miami, FL 33130. Chair Carruthers called the meeting to order at 10:45 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 (absent)
Councilmember David Rice (absent)
Councilmember Jose A. Riesco (absent)
Councilmember Stacy Ritter
Councilmember Joseph Scuotto (absent)
Councilmember Paul Wallace (via phone)
Councilmember Sandra Walters
Councilmember Jimmy Weekley (absent)

The following Ex-Officio members were present:

Ms. Aileen Boucle, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
Mr. Kevin Claridge, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection was absent.
Ms. Carole Morris, representing the South Florida Water Management District

II. Approval of Council Agenda

Chair Carruthers stated that the presentation from So Cool Events, Agenda Item V.A.2. be moved to the beginning of the Agenda.

Councilmember Gunzburger motioned to modify the Agenda. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Program Reports and Activities

A. Council Mission – Enhance Cross-Jurisdiction Cooperation

2) Revolving Loan Client Presentation –Dean Holderman with So Cool Events

Councilmember Asseff stated that Ms. Meg Holderman from So Cool Events was present and explained that the business' success was helped by the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) of the Council. Cheryl Cook, of Council staff, stated that the Loan Administrative Board (LAB) is very proud of the successful rate of the

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Loan Program and it was decided to start showcasing some of the loans periodically at Council meetings, with So Cool Events being the first. She stated that So Cool Events is a supplier of décor (lighting, furniture, etc.) to event planners in Florida, as well as, nationally. She explained that they have been showcased on Deco Drive and articles written about the Company in the Miami Herald. Ms. Cook introduced Meg Holderman and informed the Members that an information booklet was at their seats.

Ms. Holderman stated that in 2008, So Cool Events decided to buy a large building to renovate in the Allapattah area and started a venue for corporate events. She stated that the market crashed, the bank that held the construction loan failed and the South Florida Regional Planning Council RLF came through in 2009. She stated that So Cool Events is known for its ice bars and has one of the largest event furniture rental inventories in the State of Florida. She stated that some of the events they were involved with was the All Star Weekend in Orlando, Norwegian Cruise Lines and is hoping to be part of the Republican Convention in Tampa, Florida and the Democratic Convention Center Charlotte, North Carolina. She thanked the Council because the RLF Program helped them through some tough times. Councilmember Asseff complimented Ms. Cook for all her hard work and the recognition the SFRPC is given for the Program.

III. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

B. Financial Report

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to approve the Financial Report. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

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

D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews - Proposed

- Broward County
- City of Deerfield Beach
- City of Pembroke Pines
- City of Pompano Beach

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to approve Agenda Item III.D, Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, proposed. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

None

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It was noted there was a quorum for the Executive Committee only. It was questioned if the Executive Committee needs to have one member from each County represented for a quorum; Mr. David Tolces, of Legal Counsel, stated there does not. Mr. Tolces stated that with respect to the prior motions, the Executive Committee Members should make the motions and seconded them. The meeting would continue with the Executive Committee representing the Council. Mr. Tolces stated that the records need to reflect the motions made and it was noted that Councilmember Gunzburger made the past motions and Councilmember Ritter second the motions.

Councilmember Gunzburger stated that when Council meetings are in Miami-Dade or Monroe Counties, it appears to be a hardship and a quorum is not met; that moving from county to county has not achieved the results expected and Council should continue the meetings in Council Offices. Councilmember Asseff agreed. Chair Carruthers suggested that the attendance records be reviewed and that there are other factors involved for the absences (lack of interest and not being able to fill the Board with a Miami-Dade County contingent). She stated that the Council is going through some difficulties and does not feel that the location is the problem. Councilmember Boucle stated that as a non-voting member, she felt one reason for the changing of locations was to offer the general public the opportunity in the tri-county area to attend the meetings. Councilmember Gunzburger stated that those who attend the meetings from the public are those who have an item on the Agenda and feels there is better attendance when in Broward.

F. Time Extensions for Developments of Regional Impacts (DRIs)

Bob Cambric of Council staff stated that in Category I, the Florida Panthers DRI. The DRI is a substantial deviation Application for Development Approval (ADA). He stated that in discussion with staff at Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), the staff was not clear on allowing an ADA for substantial deviations to submit new ADAs. Mr. Cambric stated that this would potentially affect the ability for that development to move forward as a DRI. He stated that clarification would be needed before Council could take any action.

Mr. Cambric stated that in Category II, the representative of Riverbend DRI, stated that they want to “turn dirt” on a particular project which would require a Preliminary Development Agreement prior to the DRI approval. He stated that this would be an option and would also require the representative to demonstrate that the new development, based on best available data, would not cause additional impacts.

Mr. Cambric stated that in Category III, there was some concern from Miami-Dade County regarding whose role is it to move these issues forward. He stated that there are discussions ongoing addressing this issue.

Council staff recommended that this Agenda Item not be addressed this month but bring it to Council next month with more information.

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to table Agenda Item III.F, Time Extensions for Developments of Regional Impacts. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Executive Committee Report

Chair Carruthers inquired on the result of the July 2012 Council meeting. Ms. Rhonda Noah stated that eight Councilmembers could attend July 2, 2012, and 12 Councilmembers could attend on July 9, 2012, which would be a quorum.

Councilmember Gunzburger stated that Broward County Government begins its budget meetings in April, and the budget is set by July 1st. She suggested that, in the future, the Council have the budget discussion in June rather than July and not worry about a quorum; the Counties' Membership fees can be discussed based on the needs for the upcoming year. Mr. Murley stated that this is how it has been done in the past and Council staff would be responsive to the Councilmembers' direction. Mr. Richard Ogburn of Council staff stated that the membership fees are based on the projection of the population; the only other change from one year to the next would be in the per capita rate. He stated that determining the Counties' fees is the easiest part of the budget and can be done ahead of time, but it would be more difficult to anticipate the remainder of the Council's revenues for the year. He explained that this would mean that there would be more uncertainty between the time of the draft budget in June (usually July) and the final budget in September. Mr. Ogburn stated that in recent years the budget shortfalls have been quite large and this year it may be even larger than Council is accustomed. Councilmember Gunzburger stated that the Counties must have their budget and preliminary millage rate set by July 1st; then it is finalized in September, but the millage rate can only go down, not up. She stated that it makes more sense to have the Counties dues available for the June meeting so the Counties could have that information for their budget. Mr. Ogburn stated that the staff could commit to providing an agenda item at the June meeting that would address the Membership fees for the upcoming year and then bring the draft budget in July based on the membership fees along with a budget amendment. Chair Carruthers' concern about having a budget early would be the uncertainty of the final budget. She does not want the Council to lock on a figure that could be reduced.

Councilmember Gunzburger stated that chances are there may not be a quorum next July as there may not be a quorum for this July. Councilmember Walters stated that when there was not a full quorum in the past, under Mr. Goren's advice, the Councilmembers present were appointed as interim Executive Committee Members to be able continue. Councilmember Gunzburger stated that three members of the Executive Committee have to be present to have an Executive Committee quorum. Chair Carruthers stated the problem is since Commissioner Sosa resigned, Councilmember Ritter is now Secretary and Treasurer; a replacement for Miami-Dade County is needed to complete the Executive Committee. Councilmember Gunzburger stated that neither she nor Councilmember Ritter will be at the July meeting and the chances of having a newly appointed Miami-Dade County representative by July is a problem. Chair Carruthers stated that it is an inactive argument because decisions are being made for the future based on circumstances that exist today; the Council may not be in the same place next year. Councilmember Gunzburger stated she would like to see this change for next year. Councilmember Ritter stated that in the past Mr. Goren has had Council represented as the Executive Committee members and Mr. Tolces agreed that this has been done in the past.

Councilmember Asseff inquired if someone from the Council, representing Miami-Dade County, could be appointed to the Executive Committee. Councilmember Bovo, from Miami-Dade County, deferred to the other members of Council who have been members longer than he has. Mr. Tolces stated that this could be researched with respect to the rules, if it is the Council's decision to do so. Chair Carruthers requested that this be researched. Mr. Murley stated that staff will work with Counsel and inform the Board of the options. He stated that, in terms of this year, the normal sequence should be followed, that at the July 9th meeting there will be the information regarding the proposed budget and the final budget in September. Mr. Ogburn stated that in July the membership fees could be approved and the draft budget in July will be very preliminary. He stated that between July and September Council staff would work hard to close the gap on the budget shortfall.

B. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Murley stated that he spoke with Commissioner Moss (who has been a Councilmember twice) regarding Miami-Dade County’s vacancy on the Council; he did not accept or decline. He stated that no one else from the Miami-Dade County Commission has come forth.

Mr. Murley stated that on June 7-8, 2012, there will be the Urban Land Institute Summit in St. Petersburg, FL at which Mayor Gimenez would be on the panel with three other Mayors from around the State and former Governor Jeb Bush will be speaking. He stated that the discussion will be about mutual opportunities for the Council and interest around the State. He stated Council will be informed on the Summit.

Mr. Murley stated that Mayor Rice will fill Monroe County’s vacancy, left by Commissioner Neugent.

C. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. David Tolces, of Legal Counsel, stated that they are working with staff on the two Florida Power & Light Site Certifications. He stated that the Turkey Point issues are on schedule and with respect to Port Everglades, Counsel is working with staff to review any issues regarding the redevelopment.

V. Program Reports and Activities

A. Council Mission – Enhance Cross-Jurisdiction Cooperation

- 1) Presentation on Integration and Collaboration among State, Region, Super-Region, and Local Government– John Kaliski, Principal with Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Mr. Murley stated that this presentation would illustrate the Council’s evolution in becoming relevant to the Region and that there was a handout regarding the PowerPoint. He introduced John Kaliski from Cambridge Systematics, Inc. and noted Mr. Kaliski is assisting in the seven-county effort and advising on the Comprehensive Economic Development Structure. He stated that economic development is the purpose of this presentation and will segue into other issues for future consideration and recommendations for the Council.

Mr. Kaliski stated the he was from Cambridge Systematics, Inc., which is a public policy research consulting firm. He stated that he has been working throughout the State of Florida with several initiatives including the Southeast Florida Partnership, the 2060 efforts, Tampa Bay Partnerships, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida DEO, the Six Pillars efforts and others. He covered a few topics regarding regionalism: new terms, such as, Super Regions and Megaregions; the evolution of Southeast Florida as a Region; and two issues that are very pertinent, economic development and transportation. He explained the concept of regionalism throughout the country and in Florida. He defined regions, super regions and megaregions. He stated that over time Florida could become a megaregion with Southeast Florida being the largest market, which is becoming increasingly connected to Central, Tampa Bay and Northeast Florida. He addressed the growth of Southeast Florida and the reasoning for this growth. He stated the economy is integrating the Region and joining the counties together through business-to-business relationships that are not limited by geographic boundaries. He stated that the Global Trade (airports and seaports) connects the Region together from an economic perspective of the seven counties; two thirds of all international containers are imported or exported into Florida, serving the local market and other destinations.

He mentioned the number of federal economic districts, regional workforce boards, counties, economic development organizations, convention and visitors' bureau and the various chambers of commerce which is unique to Southeast Florida.

Mr. Kaliski stated that there are regional economic development initiatives throughout Florida including the work of the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership in which the "Seven/50" Initiative was developed. Mr. Kaliski's perspective is that the state policy direction has a regional approach to economic development, in which there was a one page handout from the ongoing work by the DEO to develop its Five-Year Statewide Strategic Plan of Economic Development. He explained that this handout contains the working lists of goals, objectives and strategies indentified through the regional forums conducted throughout the State. He stated that this is being developed in partnership with the 11 Regional Planning Councils and their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies. He reiterated there are various transportation partners and initiatives throughout the Region and how this ties together for the future of the Region's economy. He stated that transportation policies are becoming focused at a regional level.

Mr. Kaliski commented that other regions are creating new regional and leadership structures: Central Florida, Tampa, Chicago and Seattle. He suggested the Regional Planning Council look at these regional trends and identify with other regional partners to help address regional issues on economic development and transportation. He stated that this could be how all the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies fit together with the SFRPC and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) working together to align the future of *Regional Policy Plan*, "Seven/50 Plan", etc. for the future.

Councilmember Asseff stated that funding is needed for economic development and inquired on the regional EB5 Plan. She stated that it is not mentioned in the presentation and this is something that the Governor has been working on. She stated this could be an item the Council could become involved in on long term basis. Mr. Kaliski stated that he would research the information regarding the EB5.

Mr. Murley stated that the reason for the presentation was for the Council to understand the Initiative and become involved in regional issues. He stated that over the next 15 – 24 months the Council will be involved in an Economic Development Plan that will affect the *Regional Policy Plan* and the seven-county plan. He stated that these issues will address economic development and transportation. He stated that the Council should be the initiator of regional issues and move forward on a state level to share this information with other institutions. He stated that staff will continue to bring information of future issues and move forward with the Council's direction. He stated that if the Board has something of importance in which the Council should be involved in, he should be contacted.

Councilmember Gunzburger stated that "Seven/50" is the new name for the Sustainability Grant that Isabel Cosio Carballo worked hard on and helped to achieve. She stated that there will be a Summit for the seven counties in Delray Beach on June 27th and there is more information in the flyer. She stated that there will be free Tri-Rail with free transit to and from the Summit. Chair Carruthers stated that it is important to get this information out to communities from Monroe to Indian River Counties. She stated that it took a long time, working with the various organizations involved, to help shape the future.

Chair Carruthers stated that at some point during this process, the Council should have a summit or retreat so the Councilmembers could focus on future issues and challenges. Mr. Murley stated this would be very helpful in understanding the future direction of the Council and provide staff with the focus needed to generate the work in doing something relevant in the Council's direction. Chair Carruthers stated that this could only be successful if there is significant participation.

Chair Carruthers suggested that Agenda Item V.E, the Budget Performance Report be reviewed before Agenda Items V. B, C, and D.

E. Budget Performance Report

Mr. Murley stated that progress is being made with Mr. Cambric having a proposed contract with the City of Opa-locka in assisting to update of the Comprehensive Plan and another contract with the Broward Boulevard Corridor Project. Mr. Ogburn stated that the Report reflects an ongoing status, that the status changes often and currently shows a budget shortfall. He stated that the most cogent information will be available when the Budget Amendment is produced at the July meeting.

Mr. Ogburn explained the changes regarding the adjustments and changes for the current fiscal year as reflected in the Report, and observed that there are a couple of contracts that are not yet incorporated. He stated that there are multi-year contracts; some of those are on target and some are behind which will affect the revenues that can be drawn during the current fiscal year. He stated that this report is based on projected revenues.

He explained that some contracts often have an outflow of dollars which are a pass through, and referenced the adjustment for changes in the Sustainable Communities Grant. He clarified that this Grant will show a significant outflow of dollars through contracts, leaving less in the Council's budget. He explained the projection of the RLF revenues, which are based on cost recovery. He encouraged the Council to use these monthly budget performance reports with caution because not all of the details are included. He reiterated that the time when the most meaningful information is available will be the Budget Amendment, which will show effectively what has happened to costs as well as our revenues.

2) Revolving Loan Client Presentation –Dean Holderman with So Cool Events

Presented at the beginning of Council meeting

B. Revolving Loan Fund Reports

Information only

1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Information only

2) Hurricane Wilma Bridge Loan Status Report

Information only

3) Eastward Ho! Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Status Report

Information only

4) Broward County Cultural Division Artist Micro-Credit Revolving Loan Fund Status Report

None

5) Smart Watts Home Energy Retrofit Loan Fund Status Report

Information only

C. DRI Status Report (see Agenda Item III.F)

Information only

D. Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Status Report

Information only

E. Budget Performance Report

Reviewed previously

F. Southeast Florida's Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity (Sustainable Communities Initiative)

Information only

VI. Announcements and Attachments

Mr. Murley reminded everyone that the Council meeting will be on July 9th at Council Offices in Hollywood, FL.

A. Correspondence and Attendance Form

B. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) July 9th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
- 2) August 6th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood – **Executive Committee**)
- 3) September 10th, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Center, Key Largo)
- 4) October 1st, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)

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 June 4, 2012 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 9th day of July, 2012.

Stacy Ritter, Secretary

Date