

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

July 7, 2014

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on this date at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021. Executive Director, James F. Murley began the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and Councilmember Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Councilmember Patricia Asseff
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey
Councilmember Margaret Bates (absent)
Councilmember Frank Caplan
Councilmember Tim Daubert (absent)
Councilmember Suzanne Gunzburger (absent)
Councilmember Nelson Hernandez (absent)
Councilmember Martin Kiar (via phone)
Councilmember Jean Monestime (absent)
Councilmember George Neugent (absent)
Councilmember David Rice (absent)
Chair Stacy Ritter (absent)
Councilmember Xavier Suarez (via phone)
Councilmember Paul Wallace (absent)
Councilmember Sandra Walters (absent)
Councilmember Jimmy Weekley (absent)
Councilmember Juan C. Zapata (absent)

Mr. David Tolces for Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel was present.

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Ms. Aileen Boucle, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
Ms. Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District

Mr. David Tolces, Assistant General Counsel, stated there are three Councilmembers present and a motion should be made to appoint Councilmembers Asseff, Bailey, and Caplan as the Executive Committee pro tem.

Councilmember Asseff made a motion to appoint Councilmembers Asseff, Bailey, and Caplan as the Executive Committee pro tem. Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Tolces informed the Executive Committee pro tem a motion should be made to appoint a Councilmember as the Chair pro tem.

Councilmember Caplan moved to approve Councilmember Asseff as Chair pro tem. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

II. Approval of Council Agenda

Chair pro tem Asseff motioned for Agenda Item V.A. 1) Regional Transportation Update – All Aboard Florida Presentation to be moved to the beginning of the Agenda.

Councilmember Caplan moved to approve the amended Council Agenda. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Murley announced there are representatives of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Florida Department of Transportation IV and VI and planners to answer any questions.

V. Program Reports and Activities

A. Council Mission

1) Regional Transportation Update – All Aboard Florida

Jose Gonzalez, Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, Florida East Coast Industries began his presentation. He informed the Council about the express intercity passenger rail connection between the Cities of Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Orlando which should take under three hours travel and little wait time to board and to disembark. He described the development of the stations, the surrounding areas and its impact. He explained some of the transportation and lifestyle choices of today's residents, tourists, and the outcome of transit oriented developments and businesses. He compared other means of transportation (air, bus, and auto) and the positive aspects of passenger train travel. Mr. Gonzalez explained the upgrade of the track, train control, drawbridge operations, as well as, the train. He informed the Council when the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be published and the entities that will review the draft and the public meetings that will be scheduled.

Ms. Alexandria Larson, resident, 16933 West Harlena Drive, Loxahatchee, FL 33470; phone: 561-791-0875 has concerns regarding the cost increase, possible global warming, and the funding (private or public) for the All Aboard Florida Project. She hopes the Councilmembers would take their time on any decisions and question the EIS regarding the economic and environmental impacts.

Ms. Anne Kuhl, resident, 12630 85th Road, North, West Palm Beach, FL 33412; phone: 561-795-2828 has concerns with the All Aboard Florida Project regarding another proposal called Cargo 20/40 Plan. She believes that the Plan will double the train and track capacity for freight and it should be part of the conversation. She is concerned about the impact of the tracks bisecting cities, traveling time for those trying to get to the hospitals, possible disruption to the marine industry, and the location of the station in West Palm Beach and the traffic impact in the area. Ms. Kuhl mentioned the Fortress Investment Group and described some of their investments and their involvement with the All Aboard Florida Project. She is concerned that entities from outside of Florida are influencing decisions.

Chair pro tem Asseff thanked Ms. Larson and Ms. Kuhl for their comments and reminded them that there will be more public meetings in the future.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the difference in connections with Tri-Rail and All Aboard Florida from Miami to West Palm Beach. Mr. Gonzalez stated there are fewer stops with All Aboard Florida.

Mr. Gonzalez responded stating there are no tax subsidies and explained the funding for the Project. He stated that all of the entities regarding rail are working together to make train travel accessible for everyone. He explained that freight travel is the responsibility of a private company, Florida Ease Coast

Railway, and they can move as many trains as possible without permission from any entity; freight is a different discussion.

Chair pro tem thanked Mr. Gonzalez for his presentation and informing the private and public sectors.

Mr. Murley explained the Council's involvement with All Aboard Florida and how the Council is directly involved with the process for planning the proposed TriRail Coastal Link. He stated the Council helped to facilitate bringing together all the Coastal Link parties through a Memorandum of Understanding, which was sponsored by the Seven50 Process. He stated that SFRTA and FDOT District IV have a process in which all the entities receive the same information. He commended them for making the process transparent and the information is available on the website. He informed the Council that when the Federal Railway Administration releases the DEIS, it will be reviewed by our Council in collaboration with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), Central Regional Planning Council (CRPC), other regional agencies, local governments and public and private entities who are involved in this public process.

Chair pro tem Asseff stated that the Council would be an asset as a facilitator since the Council consists of a very diverse cross-section of members, local and county commission, representatives from water and transportation, in regards to any concerns on the EIS.

III. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

B. Financial Report

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

C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

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

D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

- Broward County 14-5ESR and 14-7ESR
- City of Doral 14-1ESR
- City of Fort Lauderdale 14-1ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 14-3ACSC
- Town of Miami Lakes 14-1ER
- City of Pembroke Pines 14-2ESR and 14-3ESR
- City of Sweetwater 14-1ESR
- City of Wilton Manors 13-1ESR

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

E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews – None

F. FY 2014-15 Membership Fees

Mr. Murley explained that the 2014-15 Membership Fees will remain the same as they were in Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Councilmember Caplan moved to approve Agenda Item III.F, FY 2014-15 Membership Fees. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

G. FY 2013-14 Budget Amendment

Mr. Ed McGann explained the formal Budget Amendment for FY 2013. Mr. Murley stated that staff is in discussion with DOT IV, Broward MPO, Miami-Dade County MPO and staff is securing grants. Karen Hamilton and Isabel Cosio Carballo procured a grant for an Implementation Plan for the 79th Street Corridor through the Citibank Grant.

Chair pro tem Asseff and Mr. Murley commended staff for continuing to work with reduced work week.

Councilmember Caplan moved to approve Agenda Item III.G, FY 2013-14 Budget Amendment. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

H. FY 2014-15 Draft Operating Budget

Mr. Murley stated that this Agenda Item will be brought to the Council as a final in September for the FY 2014-15.

Mr. McGann stated the completion of the Sustainable Communities Housing and Urban Development Project explains the majority of the Revenue and Expenditure changes in the 2015 Budget versus the 2014 Budget Amendment. He stated the budget includes staff reverting to five day work week plus a 5% salary increase. He reminded the Council that salaries for the staff have remained the same for the last seven years. Mr. McGann stated that consistent on the last year's budget, the staff needs \$300K in New Grants to balance the Revenues and Expenditures budgets and until these are received staff will remain at a four day work week. Chair pro tem Asseff stated that the Council should be very thankful of the staff for staying all these years without receiving a raise or compensation.

Mr. Murley asked the Council to be aware of any funding in which the Council staff can become involved.

I. SFRPC Personnel Policy Amendment (Contract Grant Employee)

Chair pro tem Asseff opened the floor to the public.

Ms. Anne Kuhl, resident, 12630 85th Road, North, West Palm Beach, FL 33412; phone: 561-795-2828 stated that she is concerned with the Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office relationship with the SFRPC. She would like to know how this relationship began and would like the background information.

Mr. Murley informed Councilmembers that a document is at their seats that explains the Florida Emergency Preparedness Program; Ms. Kuhl was given a few copies of the document. He stated that this is a Regional Program supported by the Federal and Governments that consists of various parties working together and sharing information. He stated Manuel Cela, SFRPC Director of Preparedness

Programs, is present to answer any questions. Mr. Murley stated this program is a success story; for an RPC to provide information on its public involvement and assist our partners in ensuring services that are rendered to the public in an effective and official way. Mr. Murley stated that a quarterly update /information will be presented to the Council similar to the Revolving Loan Fund reports. Mr. Murley stated he shared two informational Power Points, which were presented to the Council in 2012, with Councilmember Wallace and stated they will be available to the Councilmembers.

Mr. Murley stated the PBSO employment status was discussed during a recent IRS Compliance check and Council staff and legal team decided it was in the best interest of the Council to agree with the IRS recommendation on the employment status change for the PBSO employees.

Ms. Alexandria Larson, resident, 16933 West Harlena Drive, Loxahatchee, FL 33470; phone: 561-791-0875 is concerned about the IRS questioning the employment status.

Ms. Larson also inquired as to who is communicating with the Palm Beach Commissioners to consider leaving the TCRPC and joining the SFRPC. She is concerned with the Keys to Tallahassee. She mentioned Seven50 and how the environment was not included as a topic, which was included later. She believes the Council should know her concerns and her standings are in West Palm Beach.

Councilmember Caplan moved to approve Agenda Item III.I, SFRPC Personnel Policy Amendment (Contract Grant Employee). Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Discussion Items

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

Mr. Murley referred to the Palm Beach Post article “leaders plan a workshop on switching regional planning councils” regarding Palm Beach County. He wanted to state for the record that to his knowledge neither the SFRPC staff nor any Councilmembers have encouraged this discussion. He explained the Mayor of the Palm Beach County Commission had conversations with Michael Busha, Executive Director of the TCRPC, about her concerns. Mr. Murley stated that Mr. Busha was invited to last Tuesday’s meeting in which the Commission decided to have an additional workshop in September. He stated that from his and the Councilmembers perspective this is an internal discussion for Palm Beach County.

Councilmember Caplan commented the SFRPC is the passive recipient of this information.

Mr. Murley stated that from a historical standpoint Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie Counties were part of the original SFRPC and a decision was made to split the Council to create an 11th RPC; the State of Florida agreed and the MOU between Counties was adjusted.

Mr. Murley provided a brief update on the Southeast Florida Regional Opportunity Network meeting held on June 11, 2014 at the Florida Department of Transportation District IV office. More than 100 public, private, philanthropic and nonprofit leaders attended the meeting. He explained the Southeast Florida Regional Opportunity Network has evolved over the years and has grown out the work from the Sustainable Communities Initiative. He stated that a recommendation of the Seven50: Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan is the establishment of a “Regional Opportunity Alliance.” He stated a webpage on the

Seven50 site contains information from the meeting including presentations and resource materials. He introduced Isabel Cosio Carballo, the lead staff coordinator, to provide additional information.

Isabel Cosio Carballo provided an overview of various initiatives including the Southeast Florida Regional Opportunity Network, Southeast Florida DataCommon, and the 79th Street Corridor Initiative. She emphasized that Council staff works to create added value in all of these programs by strategically connecting the programs and leveraging the work that is being done in each program. She explained that the data work conducted through the DataCommon will provide demographic and community information that will be used to advance the 79th Street Corridor Project; data and indicators, developed in the Seven50 Fair Housing Equity Assessment, were incorporated into the community profiles developed through the DataCommon for the cities of Hollywood and Opa-locka and they will also be part of the 79th Street Corridor Initiative. She stated that this will help create stronger collaborative networks and partnerships, and leverages the investments that are being made by individual partners. She informed the Council the additional investment that is being made by Citi Community Development in the DataCommon will help further Citi's work in the 79th Street Corridor.

Ms. Carballo stated that in regards to equity and access to opportunity, the data clearly shows wide disparities of access to transportation, education, healthy food, green space/parks, and supportive networks across communities and individuals; national data also shows that it is very difficult to escape poverty. She stated that it is important to close these opportunity gaps so that those who work hard to succeed have a real opportunity to maximize their potential and contribute to the regional economy and communities.

Chair pro tem Asseff observed that this is a very important program and the more that we can help people be independent and self-sufficient, the better our communities and country will be. Chair pro tem Asseff stated that Councilmembers should attend these meetings to learn more about these issues.

Mr. Murley recognized Ms. Carballo as she represented the SFRPC on WPBT on a program called Issues, on July 4 and July 6, 2014.

Mr. Murley announced the official retirement of Mr. Richard Ogburn on July 31, 2014. He stated that the Council is considering options in utilizing Mr. Ogburn in the future. He acknowledged the value of Mr. Ogburn contributions to the SFRPC, other RPCs and the region. Chair pro tem Asseff agreed that Mr. Ogburn is very valuable.

Mr. Murley informed the Council of an electric vehicle plug-in article regarding the work of the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition in Miami- Dade County in which Christine Heshmati is Council staff coordinator and Chair pro tem Asseff is the Chair. Chair pro tem Asseff commended Ms. Heshmati for the great job involving the 20th Celebration for the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition in which there was great representation, (FPL, and all the sponsors) and Enterprise Rent a Car was the sponsor.

Mr. Murley stated that he was honored to serve on the Miami-Dade Seal Level Rise (SLR) Task Force. He stated that the Report and Recommendations is part of the packet. He informed the Council that this is the initiative of the Miami-Dade County Commission Chairwoman Sosa.

Mr. Murley announced that there will be an Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit October 1-2, 2014, in Miami Beach and the information is at their seats.

Mr. Murley informed the Council about the FRCA update, the news article on the veto and a newsletter that will be available for distribution in the near future.

Mr. Murley stated that on August 14, 2014 the Florida League of Cities will meet at the Westin Diplomat; Chair pro tem Asseff, who is the Chair, Councilmembers Bailey and Caplan, who are members and representatives from all the RPCs, will be attending. Chair pro tem Asseff asked the Councilmembers to please contact her for any ideas.

C. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Tolces stated that the firm has been working with staff on the employment issues and there is nothing else to report.

D. Ex Officio Reports

Ms. Laura Corry, Ex-Officio representing the South Florida Water Management District informed Council that this is the rainy season and explained the tiered flood protection system. She reminded everyone that their local developments need to be ready to discharge into the local or municipal drainage system to flow into the primary, which is the South Florida Water Management System. She welcomes the opportunity to give a presentation regarding this subject.

Chair pro tem Asseff suggested Ms. Corry speak to the various League of Cities and stated that people do not realize how much the SFWMD does and acknowledged her presence at the SFRPC as well as the various entities that are part of the SFRPC.

Mr. Murley stated that he will request updates from Ex-Officious Ms. Corry and Ms. Boucle, representing FDOT, District VI.

Ex-Officio Ms. Boucle stated that she is present to answer any questions or issues from the Council and that FDOT would be happy to present and provide any project information. Chair pro tem Asseff stated that she appreciates her presence and her loyalty regarding the Council.

E. Institute for Community Collaboration (Rebranding Names)

Chair pro tem Asseff suggested this item be moved to the next Council meeting when all the Councilmembers will be present.

Councilmember Caplan motioned to move Agenda Item IV.E, Institute for Community Collaboration (Rebranding Names) to the Council Meeting on September 8, 2014. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Murley reminded the Council that Chair Ritter would like to move forward regarding the name change for the SFRPC to South Florida Regional Council (SFRC) before her term is up. He stated that a packet will be assembled regarding the name change for both the SFRPC and the ICC for Councilmembers to review.

V. Program Reports and Activities

A. Council Mission

- 1) Regional Transportation Update – All Aboard Florida
Moved to the beginning of the Agenda.

B. Revolving Loan Fund Reports

- 1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

- 2) Smart Watts Home Energy Retrofit Loan Fund Status Report

C. DRI Status Report – None

- D. Florida Regional Councils Association
1) FRCA Monthly Accomplishments

VI. Announcements and Attachments

A. Correspondence and Attendance Form

B. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) August 11th, 10:30 a.m. (Executive Committee Meeting, Council Office, Hollywood)
- 2) September 8th, 10:30 a.m. (City of Miami Commission Chambers, Miami-Dade County)
- 3) October 6th, 10:30 a.m. (Executive Committee Meeting, Council Office, Hollywood)

VII. Councilmember Comments

Chair pro tem Asseff inquired about the updating of the new website. Mr. Murley stated that the work is in progress. He stated that a professional media company, who helped with the Seven50 Project website, is involved and this company is helping develop a new website for the SFRPC. He informed the Council that this new website will contain all the material that was developed under Seven50, the SFRPC programs, Council involvement, and links that would connect to the Ex-Officio Members and will be social media savvy. He stated that David Meade and Nancy Davis of Council staff are working closely with them regarding the website update. Mr. Meade stated that the timeline is approximately three months. Mr. Murley stated that the email addresses and domain name will have to be changed. Chair pro tem Asseff suggested Councilmembers become involved in the social media as well.

Mr. Tolces reminded the Council about the public records and Sunshine Law issues that will be associated with this.

Ms. Ann Kuhl, resident, inquired why the RLF Agenda Item is password protected.

Ms. Cheryl Cook, Council staff, explained the loan information holds private loan information that should not be available to the public.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, and the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the July 7, 2014 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 11th day of August, 2014.

David Rice, Secretary

Date