



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM V.E

DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2011
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, a collaboration of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils and over 200 regional partners and supporters, is proceeding with organizational and program activities necessary to implement the work program. 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 that has created two Subcommittees: 1) Organization and Equity and 2) Operations. Attachment A is the Partnership's Organizational Chart.

We are also being assisted by a significant amount of in-kind work from numerous members of the Partnership, including staff from public agencies, business professional groups, not for profits and key interested individuals.

1. New Partners

The Partnership is delighted to welcome the following organizations:

- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach (Tequisha Myles and Noelle Smith)
- Indian River Habitat for Humanity (Andy Bowler, Kelly Brown and Susan Reaves)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami (Rachel McDaniels and Mario Artecona)
- The City of OpaLocka CDC (Stephanie Williams Baldwin)

In addition, the Cities of Sweetwater, OpaLocka, Miramar; the Towns of Cutler Bay and Lighthouse Point; and Fort Lauderdale CRA are in the process of joining.

- ## 2. Palm Beach County Six Pillars - Congratulations to our regional partners in Palm Beach County that have pulled together to work on their "Six Pillars" Initiative. In February 2011, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County launched the "Six Pillars" Initiative to help develop and implement a vision and strategic goals for Palm Beach County as part of the statewide Six Pillars Initiative of the Florida Chamber Foundation. Following years of collaboration and more than a \$1 million in research by the Florida Chamber Foundation, "Six Pillars" or economic drivers have been identified as critical factors to guide Florida's future economy, which is expected to add 5-7 million people by 2030. The Six Pillars are: (1) Talent Supply and Education, (2) Innovation and Economic

Development, (3) Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, (4) Business Climate and Competitiveness, (5) Civic and Governance Systems and (6) Quality of Life and Quality Places. The Six Pillars Initiative is a qualitative research program to develop the first statewide strategic plan to help guide Florida toward a future economy that includes high-wage jobs, global competitiveness and vibrant communities. On August 31, 2011, members of the Palm Beach community came together for a final workshop session to further refine their strategic priorities, goals, and strategies. The Palm Beach County vision and goals, including strategies, tactics and metrics, will be rolled out to the community in October. Their vision and plan will inform and help shape the development of the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity. This week, the Economic Council reported on the status of its efforts at the Florida Chamber's Future of Florida Summit in Orlando. Their work was very well received.

3. **Partnership Conference Call** - The next conference call is Wednesday, September 28th from 10:45 to noon at Free Conference Call. The call in number is: Conference Dial-in Number: (218) 862-1001, Participant Access Code: 802204#
4. **Consultation Team Selection Updates** - The Technical Review Committee ranked and interviewed the top five teams on August 24th. There was a tremendous amount of talent on every team. The top three teams were Dover Kohl, Cambridge Systematics, and Calthorpe. Negotiations are beginning with Dover Kohl to ensure that Consortium Partners and other Partnership members are engaged in the process as we move forward. We are in the process of posting the applications, presentations and other supporting materials on our website. Some information can be found at: <http://www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership/MasterConsultantProcess.htm>
5. **Upcoming Partnership Meetings** - The Partnership thanks our hosts, the Broward MPO and South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, who are members.

Following are the meeting dates:

Operations Subcommittee Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2011 from 10:00 - 11:30am
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Board Room
800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL

Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/499746870>

Organization and Equity Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 from 10:30 to 12:30 pm
South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Board Room
800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL

Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/287596366>

Full Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, September 30, 2011 from 10:30 - 12:30 pm
Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Room
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 840
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/506114670>

6. **Florida Housing Coalition Annual Conference, Sept 26-28, Orlando,**
<http://www.flhousing.org/24th-annual-conference> The Florida Housing Coalition invites you to join them at the 24th Annual Conference. Their theme is "Housing = Jobs."
7. **Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Annual Meeting** - According to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance its "annual meeting is an exciting event that brings together hundreds of Broward County and South Florida business, community and governmental leaders." The annual meeting will be held on October 13, 2011, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino (1 Seminole Way; Hollywood, FL 33314). For additional information, contact Gail Bulfin (954.627.0127 or gbulfin@gflalliance.org) or <http://www.gflalliance.org/index.php?src=events&srctype=detail&refno=2551&category=Events>
8. **Broward College Foundation event with Ruby Payne, PhD., October 20th "Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities."** Thanks to our Partner Broward College for making this learning opportunity available to all of us free of charge.
9. **Southeast Florida Economic Development Symposium, October 26, 2011, Broward County Convention Center** - Sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta in partnership with Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils, and additional Partners. This will be a one-day Economic Development Symposium to provide overview of economic development conditions and initiatives in Southeast Florida as well as to provide a forum of new ideas, concepts and initiatives to help facilitate ongoing economic growth in the Region.
10. **Equity Summit**

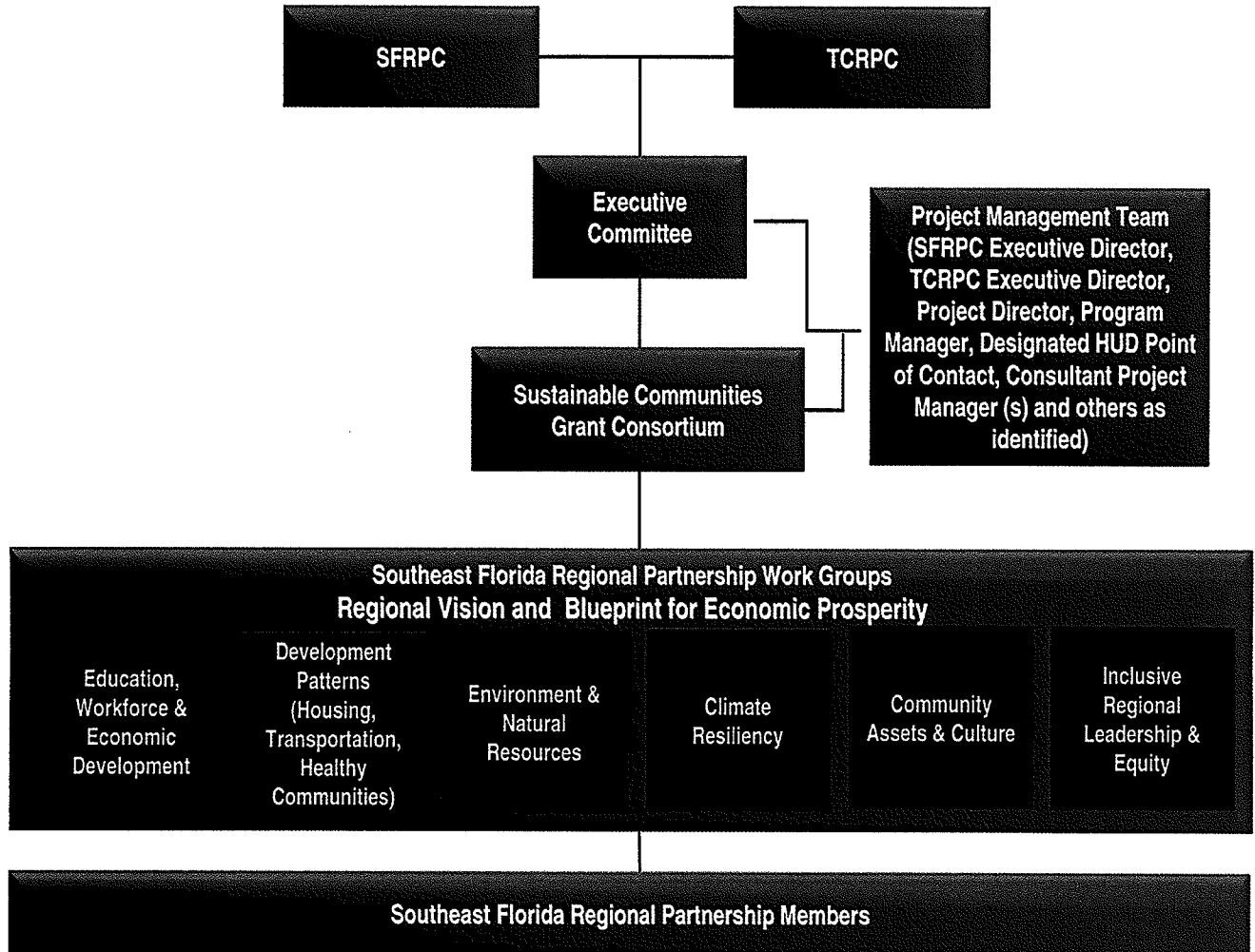
Policy Link (www.policylink.org) is sponsoring the *Equity Summit 2011* in Detroit, Michigan, November 8-11. The Partnership is trying to put together a Southeast Florida Delegation to have a presence at the Summit (<http://www.equitysummit2011.org>). Policy Link's website has a wealth of information related to virtually every aspect of the work the Partnership is undertaking. You'll find their publications at the link below. They cover a broad range of subjects.

Policy Link recent brief entitled, "Prosperity 2050: Is Equity the Superior Growth Model", is compelling and timely as the Partnership embarks on our shared effort to create a robust, comprehensive and inclusive strategy for economic prosperity and job creation. <http://www.policylink.org/site/c.lkIXLbMNjrE/b.5158569/k.A334/Publications.htm>
11. **Third Annual Regional Climate Leadership Summit, December 8 - 9, 2011.** Attachment B is flyer about the Regional Climate Leadership Summit.

There will be more information to follow regarding the meetings and other upcoming events. Meeting materials will be posted on the website as well. <http://www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership.htm> If we can be of assistance to you, please contact Isabel Cosio Carballo (isabelc@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

ATTACHMENT A

Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Organization





Save the Date

December 8-9, 2011

**3rd Annual SE Florida
Regional Climate Leadership Summit**



Thursday, December 8th

12:00 p.m. Registration, Refreshments

**1:00 p.m. Welcome / Sea Level Rise / Prosperity and Sustainability
What's In It for Business / Leading the Nation
Exhibitors & Booths**

5:00 p.m. Sunset Eco Cruise

6:00 p.m. Luau Dinner / Keynote Speaker



Friday, December 9th

7:30 a.m. Keys Breakfast

**8:00 a.m. Scientific Basis for SE Florida Climate Actions
SE FL Regional Climate Action Plan Debut
Impacts of Climate Change
Accomplishments / What's Next?**

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Location

**Monroe County Government Center
102050 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL**



Who is invited? Elected officials, businesses, local governments & individuals interested in climate change impacts, extreme weather and hazards, and economic sustainability in South Florida. Members of the public are welcomed.

Event & Hotel information: Please visit the website for more details.
<http://ft-monroecounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=525>.

