

## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

### Minutes

October 1, 2012

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. Vice-Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

Councilmember Patricia Asseff  
Councilmember Margaret Bates (absent)  
Councilmember Michael Blynn  
Councilmember Esteban Bovo, Jr.  
Chair Heather Carruthers (via phone)  
Councilmember Suzanne Gunzburger  
Councilmember Ilene Lieberman  
Councilmember Manuel Marono (absent)  
Councilmember Jean Monestime  
Councilmember David Rice  
Councilmember Jose A. Riesco  
Councilmember Stacy Ritter  
Councilmember Joseph Scutto  
Councilmember Paul Wallace  
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  
Ms. Carole Morris, representing the South Florida Water Management District

#### **II. Approval of Council Agenda**

Councilmember Lieberman motioned to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **III. Action Items**

##### **A. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

##### **B. Financial Reports**

###### **1) Finance Policy Update-Accounts Payable Check Processing**

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve staff's four recommendations on the Financial Report. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

Councilmember Walters moved to approve III.C, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report. Councilmember Lieberman seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed:

- Broward County
- City of Hallandale Beach
- Islamorada, Village of Islands

Adopted:

- City of Doral
- City of Hialeah
- City of Pompano Beach

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

E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

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F. Update on Repurposing the Institute for Community Collaboration (ICC)

Mr. James F. Murley, Executive Director, stated that separate insurance will be filed for the Institute for Community Collaboration in accordance with the direction from Council at September's meeting.

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to approve Agenda Item III.F. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Executive Committee Report

Mr. Murley explained that a letter was received by Chair Carruthers from Chairperson Grieb, of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC). The letter references the lack of funding for state mandated obligations and the possibility of no longer fulfilling the unfunded obligations. Councilmember Lieberman motioned that a similar letter be prepared from the South Florida Regional Planning Council. Discussion ensued about the wording in the letter and there were concerns regarding possible unintended consequences.

Mr. Murley stated that there will be a monthly meeting of the Florida Regional Council Association (FRCA) Executive Directors with Ron Book this week in Aventura. He also informed Council that another meeting will take place with the Governor's Office's Chief of Staff that will include a delegation of elected officials, chosen by FRCA and Ron Book regarding the funding for the RPCs with emphasis on the work that has been done in the past year on economic development with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). He stated that information on the results of these meetings would be forwarded to the Board.

Some Councilmembers were not in favor of sending the letter, to be sent at this time, and felt it should be postponed until after the meeting with the Governors' Office; other Councilmembers supported the ECRPC letter to a certain degree. Councilmembers agreed to wait until after the meetings and wait for the responses from the other RPC's regarding the ECFRPC letter. It was also suggested that some SFRPC Councilmembers meet with the Governor regarding the RPCs' funding.

It was questioned if the Council was legally bound by its state mandated obligations, even if there is no state funding and Mr. Goren stated that the Council is legally bound.

Councilmember Lieberman moved to direct the Executive Director, Mr. Murley, to draft a letter, circulate it to the members of the Executive Committee, and, if they agree on the language, forward the letter to the Board to be added on November's Agenda. Councilmember Gunzburger seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Murley announced that Councilmember Asseff has a third granddaughter, Annabella and that Jeanne Tan's baby, Sophia, arrived. He commended Jeanne, who was on maternity leave, for taking on the responsibility of finishing the work, along with SFRPC staff, on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs). He stated that it is online and hard copies are available.

C. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, stated that the Hurricane Wilma Loan and Revolving Loan Program have received updated payments to bring some of the loans "current". He thanked Cheryl Cook and staff for the collection of the funds and their hard work.

Mr. Goren stated that the Attorney General (AG) has recognized the Board's legal standing because on September 25, 2012, they acknowledged the Council's right to obtain legal counsel. He explained that if Council had not hired him or his law firm, or someone else, Council would be required to make a request to Tallahassee or have the AG's Office become the Council's legal representation. The AG's Office confirmed Mr. Goren's relationship with the Council, and he stated that he is grateful for the Council's support.

He stated that in researching the insurance issue and the repurposing of the ICC, there are changes in Articles and Bylaws that require further attention.

He stated that he is still working with the Governor's Office and FRCA regarding the Governor's Appointments, which is not an issue now but are still in play.

V. **Program Reports and Activities**

A. Council Mission - Prioritize our Infrastructure Needs

1) Southeast Florida Passenger Rail Evaluation Presentation - Kim Delaney, TCRPC

Kim Delaney, from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), presented a Power Point regarding the Southeast Florida Passenger Rail Evaluation that was undertaken by the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC). She explained that this Evaluation is a combination of the proposals

from the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Southeast Florida's East Coast Corridor Study, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's (SFRTA) Fast Start Proposal, both of which examine restoring commuter services on the Florida East Coast Rail Corridor (FEC). She stated that SEFTC is comprised of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Directors. She gave an overview of the progress so far and summarized the results of the Southeast Florida Passenger Rail Evaluation, which collectively strive to reestablish service on the FEC rail-line. The activities include reestablishing the SFECC Steering Committee; implementing a single, common, jointly-supported approach to develop passenger rail service; coordinating modeling and improving correspondence with other transportation agencies.

There was discussion regarding the All Aboard Florida passenger rail service which would operate along the Florida East Coast Railway and the Evaluation for commuter rail along the FEC. Traffic and access to emergency medical facilities, due to train transportation, were mentioned and whether overpasses would be considered for residents east of U.S. 1. Ms. Delaney stated that overpasses are being considered and will forward this information to SEFTC with a response back to the Councilmembers. The Council thanked Ms. Delaney for her presentation.

B. Revolving Loan Fund Reports

1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report  
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2) Hurricane Wilma Bridge Loan Status Report  
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3) Smart Watts Home Energy Retrofit Loan Fund Status Report  
Information only

C. DRI Status Report  
Information only

D. Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Status Report  
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E. Budget Performance Report  
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F. Seven50: Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan

Ms. Marcela Cambor, Project Director for the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, updated the Council on the Seven50 Workgroup Road Show. She informed the Council of the various dates and locations that the Road Show will be held in the seven counties. She stated that this is the next step in collecting significant public input to move forward with Seven50 regarding regional issues. Ms. Cambor explained that all six MPOs and the two FDOT's Districts have agreed on a format for a regional transportation model. She stated that the three counties to the north have their own transportation model, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade have a different model and Monroe County recently has one; and all have been linked to create a single transportation model for the seven counties to be used in the modeling for the Seven50. The transportation agencies agreed to the Census information in projecting the future and the envisioned infrastructure improvements. She stated that these agencies believe this is feasible and the information will be used to project our region's future for 2040 and 2060 if we continue

down this path. She stated that the model should be ready by the end of the year, presented to the agencies in early January 2014, and presented to the public at the January 24, 2014 Summit. She stated that the Executive Committee of the Partnership was presented with a Data Warehouse tool, a first of its kind tool, which will gather the collected information from workgroup meetings. She explained that this tool is associated with Google Maps where one can do an inquiry; for example, see all the commercial land uses throughout the seven-county regions. She stated that this tool will be owned by the Regional Planning Council at the end of this process. Ms. Cambor stated that they have partnered with the Life Science Corridor Initiative to make sure the plan is incorporated into Seven50 and vice versa. She stated that there was a one-hour special on NPR. She announced that there was a BETA version application that is available for receiving the latest updates on Seven50. She stated that the purpose of the initial workgroup meetings is for people to gather at the county level during the six different work groups. She stated that each county will be asked to identify one or two people, who will commit to a work group subcommittee, to participate more intensely and become the core representatives from each of the work groups. She summarized that each county will appoint one or two people to each of the work groups at the end of the seven meetings that means that there will be 7-14 people across the region that are specifically appointed to each of the work groups.

**VI. Announcements and Attachments**

**A. Correspondence and Attendance Form**  
Information only

**B. Upcoming Meetings**

1. November 8th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
2. December 3rd, 10:30 a.m. (Miami-Dade County Government Center, Miami)
3. January 7th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)

**VII. Councilmember Comments**

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 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 October 1, 2012 meetings of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

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Esteban Bovo, Jr., Secretary

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Date