



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #VI.A

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DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2012  
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: STAFF  
SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE AND ATTENDANCE FORM

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Information only.

**ATTENDANCE RECORD - 2012**

	1/9	2/6	3/5	4/2	5/7	6/4	7/9	9/10	10/1			
<b>ASSEFF, Patricia</b> Governor's Appointee	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
<b>BATES, Margaret</b> Vice Mayor, Lauderhill	A	A	P	P	P	*	P	P	A			
<b>BLYNN, Michael</b> Councilman, North Miami	P	P	P	*	*	P	*	P	P			
<b>BOVO, JR., Esteban</b> Miami-Dade Co. Commission	*	P	A	*	*	P	*	P	P			
<b>CARRUTHERS, Heather</b> Monroe County Commission	P	P	P	P	CC	P	P	P	CC			
<b>GUNZBURGER, Suzanne</b> Broward County Commission	P	P	P	CC	P	P	*	CC	P			
<b>LIEBERMAN, Ilene</b> Broward County Commission	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	P			
<b>MARONO, Manuel</b> Mayor, City of Sweetwater	*	A	*	P	*	A	*	P	*			
<b>MONESTIME, Jean</b> Miami-Dade Co. Commission	P	P	P	*	P	*	P	CC	P			
<b>RICE, David</b> Mayor, Monroe County	-	-	-	-	-	*	P	P	P			
<b>RIESCO, Jose</b> Governor's Appointee	*	P	CC	*	P	A	P	A	P			
<b>RITTER, Stacy</b> Mayor, Broward County	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	P	P			
<b>SCUOTTO, Joseph</b> Deputy Mayor, Sunrise	CC	P	CC	A	P	A	A	P	P			
<b>WALLACE, Paul</b> Governor's Appointee	P	P	CC	P	P	CC	P	P	P			
<b>WALTERS, Sandra</b> Governor's Appointee	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
<b>WEEKLEY, Jimmy</b> Commissioner, Key West	P	CC	P	P	P	*	P	P	*			

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<b>Ex Officio Members –</b>												
<b>BOUCLE, Aileen</b> Florida Dept. of Transportation	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	CC	P			
<b>MORRIS, Carole</b> South Florida Water Management District	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			

P = Present

A = Absent

D = Designee Present

\* = Excused Absence

- = Not Yet Appointed

CC = Via Conference Call

\*\* Please note - July & August Meetings Executive Committee Only



# MEMORANDUM

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DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2012

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JAMES F. MURLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY REPORT

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The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

The Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the following objectives.

- Ensure regional planning councils are effective service organizations to the State of Florida, its local governments, and the citizens they serve;
- Ensure regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of the region by helping to articulate those multijurisdictional issues that need resolution;
- Encourage and promote opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments;
- Monitor substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promote mutually supportive policy positions among the regional planning councils;
- Represent regional planning councils in national organizations, such as the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations, and SouthEast Regional Directors Institute; and
- Foster relationships and partnerships and coordinate with state, regional, and national associations and organizations; non-profit entities; public-private partnerships; the Governor's Office; state agencies; and others, on issues of mutual interest and concern, and with whom the Association share mutual goals and programs.

Please find attached the September 2012 Monthly Accomplishments Report highlighting the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven. The report addresses outreach, resource development/capacity building, legislative and administrative activities.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment



## MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Sept, 2012

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### OUTREACH

- Met with Doug Darling, Florida Association of Counties, to discuss the Association's role in implementation of the RESTORE Act and to gain a better understanding of the Act's impact on the State of Florida.
- Participated in the quarterly Enterprise Florida, Inc., Board Meeting, Stakeholders Meeting, and Community Competitiveness Task Force meeting in St. Petersburg.
- Along with Scott Koons (NCFRPC), Chair, Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Vice-Chair, and Pat Steed, met with Michelle Dennard, Barbara Foster, and Stephanie Gibbons with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to identify opportunities for the regional planning councils to assist with implementation of the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Economic Opportunity.
- Along with Scott Koons (NCFRPC), Chair, Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Vice-Chair, and Pat Steed, attended the Florida Transportation Commission Workshop on September 19.
- Organized and participated in a conference call related to future funding opportunities in the area of energy planning with Fred Abousleman (National Association of Regional Councils), Avera Wynne (TBRPC), Manny Pumariaga (TBRPC) and Scott Koons (NCFRPC), Chair.

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Provided updates to the Florida League of Cities *2012-13 Financial and Technical Assistance for Florida Municipalities Report*, which will be included as an insert to the report and posted on the League's website.
- Organized and participated in a conference call with the RPC Executive Directors affected by the RESTORE Act to share with them information pertaining to the Act and the activities of the Florida Association of Counties.
- Although unable to participate in the September Rural Economic Development Initiative meeting, provided materials pertaining to the RPCs' role in economic development to Bruce Ballister (ARPC), who attended the meeting on FRCA's behalf.
- Participated in a meeting of the state agency Economic Development Liaisons, hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, to review and discuss the roll-out of the Five-Year State Strategic Plan for Economic Development as well as agency alignment with the plan; and provided a written briefing to the Executive Directors.
- Reviewed the Florida Greenways and Trails Plan; had no comments.

- Participated in the monthly Enterprise Florida, Inc., conference call, which provided a recap of the recent Board and Stakeholders meetings and addressed release of a targeted industry study commissioned by Enterprise Florida, Inc.

### **LEGISLATIVE**

- Developed talking points for the meeting with Chris Finkbeiner (Governor's Office).
- With approval from Ron Book (FRCA), sent an email to each RPC Executive Director encouraging them to remind their local government representatives, as they engage in their respective organizations (Small County Coalition, Florida League of Cities, and Florida Association of Counties), to promote the following:
  - (a) Support full funding of regional planning councils to support state mandates and enhanced economic development activities; and,
  - (b) Oppose any legislation restricting the ability of regional planning councils to provide fee-based planning and technical services to their local governments.
- Renewed the FRCA Lobbytools Account effective October 1, 2012.
- Monitored Lobbytools emails and distributed information as needed.
- Provided pertinent information to Ron Book (FRCA), pertaining to the development of the Five-Year State Strategic Plan for Economic Development.
- Prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the President of FRCA, Commissioner Scott Black, to use in a presentation that he will be giving in October to the Florida League of Cities Growth Management Policy Committee, in support of full funding for RPCs.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Updated the FRCA website to post presentations from the FRCA Policy Board Meetings, appropriate agendas and meeting summaries, and an announcement on the home page regarding FRCA's newly released annual report.
- Worked with staff from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to provide links to each RPC's regional directories, where such links existed.
- Mailed the FRCA Annual Report and January – June 2012 Major Accomplishments Report to Policy Board members who missed the August meeting.

### **OTHER**

- Assisted the South Florida and North Central Florida RPCs with their gubernatorial appointments.
- At his request, provided Jim Youngquist (SouthEast Regional Directors Institute) with examples of how FRCA builds relationships with state agencies to help prepare him for a work session with the Tennessee District Directors and a number of key agency heads who are new to state government in Tennessee.