

## **SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

### Minutes

February 4, 2013

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. 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 (via phone)  
Councilmember Margaret Bates  
Councilmember Michael Blynn  
Councilmember Esteban Bovo, Jr. (absent)  
Councilmember Heather Carruthers  
Councilmember Martin Kiar  
Councilmember Manuel Marono (absent)  
Councilmember Jean Monestime  
Councilmember George Neugent  
Councilmember Jose A. Riesco (via phone)  
Councilmember Stacy Ritter  
Councilmember Tim Ryan  
Councilmember Joseph Scuotto (via phone)  
Chair Paul Wallace  
Councilmember Sandra Walters  
Councilmember Jimmy Weekley

#### The following Ex-Officio member was present:

Ms. Aileen Boucle, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

#### The following Ex-Officio member was not present:

Mr. Rod Braun representing the South Florida Water Management District

Chair Wallace welcomed Broward County Commissioners Kiar and Ryan.

Councilmember Martin David Kiar introduced himself. He stated that he is honored to be the Broward County Commissioner for District 1 and to follow former Commissioner Ilene Lieberman at Broward County and at the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC). He stated that he has great respect for and has been following the SFRPC for years and is pleased to be appointed to the Council.

Councilmember Tim Ryan stated that he is the newly elected Broward County Commissioner for District 7. He stated that it was an honor to join the Council and to participate in the regional issues that are important to him and his District.

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

Approval carried by a unanimous consent.

### **III. Action Items**

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

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

#### **B. Financial Report**

Councilmember Ritter moved to approve III.B, Financial Report. Councilmember Neugent 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 Bates seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews -**

Proposed:

- Miami-Dade County

Adopted:

- Village of Pinecrest
- City of Hallandale Beach
- Miami-Dade County

Councilmember Monestime requested that Mr. Mark Woerner from Miami-Dade County explain the Miami-Dade County adopted amendment.

Mr. Woerner, Assistant Director for Planning, Miami-Dade County Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, explained that the adopted amendment site was formerly a golf course. He gave details regarding the changes to the Future Land Use Map and the revisions to the Restrictions Table relating to the Land Use Element which include a proffered Declaration of Restrictions. He stated that the change would allow business, office and industrial uses on the site.

Councilmember Walters moved to approve Agenda Item III.D: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Adopted. Councilmember Neugent seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Walters moved to approve the Agenda Item III.D: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed. Councilmember Carruthers seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Carruthers suggested maps be included in the Amendment Reviews. Mr. James F. Murley, Executive Director, stated that there will be a composite map or individual maps in the future agendas.

#### **E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews - None Information only**

#### **F. Adaptation Action Area Contracts with the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County**

Mr. Murley explained that the SFRPC will be entering into a contract with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to implement a National Leadership Grant. He stated that the SFRPC

anticipates executing two Professional Services Agreements with Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale. He introduced Dr. Jennifer Jurado from Broward County.

Dr. Jurado, Director of the Natural Resources Planning and Management Division for Broward County, gave a brief description regarding the contract and the history of the Climate Change Compact. She stated that Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties joined together in 2009 to address shared challenges and create the Southeast Corridor Climate Change Compact. She explained that in 2011 the Compact was successful in jointly advocating a change to the Growth Management Act. She stated that the Act allows the local governments to employ designation in the Adaptation Action Area for the purpose of prioritizing and funding projects to address coastal hazards, potential impacts of sea level rise, infrastructure and adaptation planning. She stated that the DEO pursued grant funding to undertake a project to aid a local government in the beginning of the comprehensive planning process. This designation can be made to evaluate a community or a region and prioritize types of infrastructure needs that might be used in making this type of designation.

Dr. Jurado stated that the final product will be the development of a guidebook that will be prepared and submitted by the SFRPC for local governments' use. She explained that the contract is about developing a tool for evaluations as part of a guide book. She stated that the partners of the Grant will participate in community exercises, the development of the Compact's Report, and an evaluation of policies that might be integrated within the guidebook. She explained that this guidebook would be available for any local government that is inclined to address a Climate Adaptation Plan in its Comprehensive Plan processes where it can be utilized. She stated that there will be attendance and contribution at the stakeholder meetings and technical participation such as Geographic Information System (GIS) support.

Mr. Murley explained that the guidebook and the pilot project will be available throughout the state. He gave recognition to the staff for their work at the county and city level in collaborating with the Compact and working closely with Seven50. Mr. Murley stated that the objective of the Grant is to assist local governments and local governmental organizations, such as the Council, in producing the guidebook.

Councilmember Ryan inquired if the intention of developing this Action Plan will have a workforce collaboration of local governments. Dr. Jurado stated that there is a strong foundation for this type of collaborative approach as part of the Regional Climate Action Plan. She explained that the guidebook will not constitute an individual action plan but could be a process for interested municipalities to participate in this process and have input on issues being considered. She stated that this will be a compilation of tools that any local government could consider as part of its local government process.

Councilmember Neugent commended Broward County's Mayor Jacobs and Commissioners who provided the leadership on moving this project forward over the past few years.

Chair Wallace inquired about the distribution of the funding. Mr. Murley stated that the SFRPC has a substantive role in preparing the guidebook, and that almost half the money stays at the SFRPC.

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

#### **IV. Discussion Items**

##### **A. Executive Committee Report** Information only

B. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Murley informed the Council that he will be in Tallahassee for the monthly meeting of the Florida Regional Council Association's (FRCA) Executive Directors. He stated that last month was the meeting of the FRCA Policy Board, which Councilmembers Asseff, Blynn, and Carruthers attended. He announced that Councilmember Asseff is now the Chair. He confirmed that Legislative activities will continue to be monitored.

1) SFRPC Proclamation

Mr. Murley stated that at the FRCA Policy Board meeting, a Proclamation was adopted; the Proclamation states that April 17, 2013, will be the Military Family and Community Covenant Day and the 11 RPCs were asked to adopt this Proclamation. Councilmember Asseff stated it should be done on a city level as well.

The motion carried by unanimous consent, and the Proclamation was adopted.

2) Legislative Update

Mr. Bob Cambric of Council staff stated that this update includes information from the Florida Regional Council Association (FRCA) and other partner organizations. He clarified that the handout provides some background information of potential legislation affecting growth management and environmental protection that may be filed in 2013. He stated that if there was a certain issue that Councilmembers would like tracked, Council staff will research those issues and provide the information to Councilmembers.

Chair Wallace inquired on the Regional Planning Councils' (RPC) budget from the State. Mr. Murley stated that there are three Alumni from Legislature on the Council. He explained that the Governor's Budget, specifically the Department of Economic Opportunity's Budget, does not include the RPC's at this time. He stated that this is not unusual and is usually considered during Session. Councilmember Kiar stated that in regards to the overall budget, for the Legislature and state government, this is the first time in six years there is a surplus and hopes there would not be a cut of the RPCs funding. Councilmember Ryan stated that there are thousands of bills annually and only 200-400 are passed. He suggested that staff track the progress of the bills in Committee from the start. He explained that a bill has to go through four or five Committee referrals before it is heard on the floor. He clarified that if a bill has not gone through more than one Committee it is a good indicator that it will not be heard on the floor. He stated that Council should begin focusing on the bills that are most likely to be heard and then begin taking policy positions and try to prioritize what is most important. Councilmember Ryan explained that in regards to appropriations, that decision is made in the Speaker's and President's Offices with some leadership of the Appropriation's Chairs.

Mr. Murley recounted that the SFRPC is part of a line item that includes of all the RPCs. He stated that the representative for FRCA is Mr. Ron Book, who has represented the RPCs for 20 years. He clarified that in the past, the leadership in the House and Senate had chosen to have the funds as a line item allocation for the Councils; in the past two years that line was vetoed. Mr. Murley stated that communication with the Legislature's leadership is needed to have that line reappear. He explained that this will not be seen in the proposed House and Senate Bills until the end of session and that staff will be tracking the bills that are making progress and keep the Council updated.

Councilmember Walters stated that it would help to inform the Governor's Office the cost effective nature of a regional organization that can perform services for all the local governments in its districts.

She suggested a progress report on who has been reached and how, and what Councilmembers can do to support the RPCs.

Mr. Murley explained that Mr. Book outlined his progress at the January FRCA meeting. He stated that an update will be received in the near future from Mr. Book and the information would be shared with Council. Councilmember Asseff stated that in talking with Mr. Book, he suggested Council the wait until further notice and he would inform us on the procedure.

Discussion ensued regarding the travel of some Councilmembers heading to Tallahassee in the next couple of months. It was suggested that they meet with our contacts in the House to lobby on behalf of this Council for those issues that are important. Staff was asked to develop a specific talking point page that would easily identify the bills currently working that could affect our ability to operate. Mr. Murley stated that Councilmembers will be updated and have the requested information before traveling to Tallahassee.

Councilmember Kiar questioned if the Governor had a reason for the veto. Mr. Murley stated that there is a veto letter that is part of the process, but there has not been an elaborate discussion regarding that veto.

Mr. Murley stated that the Council has been emphasizing economic development more and less on the planning activities, of former years, which has gotten us in the door. Chair Wallace stated that the Council should become involved in regional planning and development instead of the technical issues.

Councilmember Walters stated that community development in terms of the construction industry and growth management has changed over the years. She stated that the Governor is focusing on transportation and transportation planning is an area the RPCs can promote and focus on. Her thought is to concentrate on the issues of transportation, economic development, job creation and our successful Revolving Loan Fund Program. She commended staff on the progress reports generated at mid-month that provides the milestones of Council activities that can be individually addressed through our connections.

#### C. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, welcomed Councilmembers Kiar and Ryan. He gave details on the Loan Reports that are presented every month and the funding background. He explained the reasons a business would apply for a loan through the Revolving Loan Fund Program, such as their limited resources or certain capital needs. Mr. Goren explained the collection process, the low fee costs and fund information. He explained the Hurricane Wilma funding, how it began, the present issues and the collection of funds. He stated that most of the loans are in very good standing.

#### D. Ex-Officio Reports

Ex-Officio Member Aileen Boucle, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI, confirmed for Councilmember Carruthers that Monroe County was not included in Miami-Dade County's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update or the Regional Model for the Miami Urbanized Area. Mr. Murley stated that Monroe County was included in the Seven50 Transportation Model.

Mr. Murley explained that each Council has Ex-Officio Members and they represent the Florida Department of Transportation, applicable Water Management District, an Economic Development Organization, and the Department of Environmental Protection. He explained that this Item has been recently included for Ex-Officio Members to provide updates or answer questions.

Mr. Murley introduced Mr. Jack Stephens of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and asked Mr. Stephens to update the Council.

Mr. Stephens, Deputy Executive Director of the SFRTA, stated that the SFRTA Board has agreed with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as well as an agreement with the CSX Corporation that the SFRTA will become responsible for the dispatch and maintenance of the CSX Corridor, and will manage the efforts and responsibility that CSX had previously. He stated that this was 15 years in the making and glad to see this come to fruition.

Mr. Stephens informed the Council that the SFRTA is getting close to getting the funding grant from Washington for “The Wave”, the Fort Lauderdale light rail system that will expand over the next several years. Councilmember Kiar stated that he is a big fan of The Wave and inquired about the larger vision. Mr. Stephens stated that once The Wave is established in Downtown Fort Lauderdale the economic benefits of light rail will become self evident. He stated that there may be an opportunity, with today’s technology, to provide locomotives with electricity that can run on batteries and they could go “offline” and cross the FEC. He hopes that there will be an opportunity for that particular system to head west as far as the citizens of Broward would like it to go; there is also a possibility that that the system will connect to the airport and ultimately the port. Councilmember Carruthers inquired if the SFRTA is working to have the system connect with other entities. Mr. Stephens stated that the plan is to connect to the Tri-Rail System and Stations. He stated that the plan to connect with Monroe County is to rebuild the Flagler System. He stated he will keep the SFRPC informed of the progress.

Mr. Murley explained to the new Members that the Council has ongoing support from the SFRTA in which the Council provides them with technical support on various levels.

## **V. Program Reports and Activities**

### **A. Council Strategic Planning**

Mr. Murley stated that during January’s Council meeting and the Executive Committee meeting it was concluded that the SFRPC would be well served by the Consensus Center, which is associated with Florida State University and has offices throughout the State. He explained that there is a handout informing the Council of the Center’s work. He introduced Rafael Montalvo, Senior Principal, who will work with the Council as a facilitator. He stated that with the Council’s approval a contract will be negotiated and reviewed by Mr. Goren. He stated that the parameters are known but are not formally put in writing.

Mr. Montalvo described the history of the Center and the approach to the strategic planning for the SFRPC. He stated that the Center was created by the Florida Legislature many years ago to help public entities and members of the public, in Florida, to discuss and come to an agreement on public policy issues. He stated that the Center is familiar with the South Florida Region and its context from their work. Mr. Montalvo explained the approach and the steps of the Strategic Planning Process: the short and long term goals; the interview process and assessment; the results summary; the workshop facilitation; follow-up activity and the Summary Report that would provide a framework for the future. Mr. Murley asked the Council to approve the contract, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for this initial phase, and for the Council’s guidance as to the level of detail during the facilitation.

Mr. Montalvo explained that there are several deliverables and the report, which is a compilation of the interviews and perspectives in advance of the March meeting. He stated that there will be a summary of those discussions with the option of a survey. He explained that at the end of March, early April, there will be a report of conclusions to date and the directions the Council may choose.

Chair Wallace inquired if the survey can be conducted with sources outside of the Council, such as county commissioners and mayors. Mr. Montalvo stated that it is possible, and that engaging the Council's partners in this discussion, for their perspectives, would be better if done after the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting or after the survey results are in from the Councilmembers. Chair Wallace suggested that the survey should start with the outside sources because our future relies on what the leaders of the various entities believe the SFRPC can accomplish. He stated that every Councilmember has their opinion as to the future of the SFRPC and the Center may help to coalesce those feelings. Councilmember Carruthers stated that this process should include the entities that engage our services, have funded or fund the Council to determine if there is a division between how the SFRPC is seen and how we see ourselves. She stated that she would rather do the outside survey concurrently than wait to get someone else's input and react to their input and then to be in a continual state of strategic planning.

Councilmember Ryan stated that this is a contract for a strategic planning directions effort and he inquired on the context of our staff involvement. He stated that this is a proposal to appropriate \$10,000 to begin the process and inquired as to the total expense for the project and the final delivery. He stated that there should not be a duplication of efforts of what our staff can accomplish and what can be incorporated in Seven50 and to make sure the money spent is within our budget. Councilmember Carruthers stated this facilitation originated because sometimes it is difficult for staff to comment on themselves and their own work, especially in a situation where our future roles are being determined. She felt that it was prudent to get an objective third party to help guide in this process. Mr. Murley stated that there will be staff assistance in gathering information for the contract.

It was arranged for the Monroe County Councilmembers to meet with Mr. Montalvo after the Council meeting.

Councilmember Ritter moved to negotiate a contract up to \$10,000 based upon the parameters established including the survey with outside entities. Councilmember Neugent seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Revolving Loan Fund Reports

1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report  
Information only

2) Hurricane Wilma Bridge Loan Status Report  
Information only

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  
Information only

E. Seven50: Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan

Mr. Murley stated that this Agenda Item is part of the Council's long-range mission, which Councilmember Carruthers is a part of. He introduced Ms. Marcella Cambor for an update.

Ms. Cambor, Project Director for the Seven50, gave an update on the January 23-24, 2013 reception and Summit and presented a PowerPoint presentation with the highlights. She explained that the reception was held at Miami-Dade College's Freedom Tower with a preview of the Second Summit, which was held the following day; there were video and images of the process to date and a presentation. She described the events from the Summit at the Miami-Dade College's Wolfson Campus: the speakers; the various panels lead by key leaders and their discussions; the key pad polling; word cards, and other events that occurred during the day.

She stated that there were approximately 300 participants, of which 100 were visitors and college students and 60 were online attendees. The results, known as the Future Trends Model, were unveiled during the Summit. She described the large scale maps and the illustrated images created by participants. She explained that not all the principles discussed during the Summit were represented in the PowerPoint. Ms. Cambor stated that the Six Pillars Process is part of the Seven50. She informed the Council that Indian River County is disengaging from the Seven50 Process.

F. FRCA Monthly Accomplishments  
Information only

**VI. Announcements and Attachments**

A. Correspondence and Attendance Form  
Information only

- B. Upcoming Meetings
- 1) March 4th, 10:30 a.m. (Beacon Council, Miami-Dade County)
  - 2) April 1st, 10:30 a.m. (Council Office, Hollywood)
  - 3) May 6th, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Government Center, Key Largo)
  - 4) June 3rd, 10:30 a.m. (Council Office, Hollywood)

**VII. Councilmember Comments**

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 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 February 4, 2013 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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George Neugent, Secretary

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Date