

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

June 3, 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. The Institute of Community Collaboration meeting was prior to Council meeting, during which Councilmember Ritter led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Wallace called the South Florida Regional Planning Council meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

I. Roll Call

Councilmember Patricia Asseff
Councilmember Margaret Bates (absent)
Councilmember Frank Caplan (via phone)
Councilmember Heather Carruthers (via phone)
Councilmember Martin Kiar
Councilmember Jean Monestime
Councilmember George Neugent (absent)
Councilmember Jose A. Riesco
Councilmember Stacy Ritter
Councilmember Tim Ryan (via phone)
Councilmember Joseph Scuotto
Councilmember Xavier Suarez (via phone)
Chair Paul Wallace
Councilmember Sandra Walters
Councilmember Jimmy Weekley
Councilmember Juan A. Zapata (absent)

The following Ex-Officio members were not present:

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

II. Approval of Council Agenda

Councilmember Walters moved to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

III. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Monestime commented on the Minutes stating that Mayor Caplan was not part of the Miami-Dade Commission; he is the Mayor of Key Biscayne.

Councilmember Walters moved to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting with the modification. Councilmember Scuotto seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

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

C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

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

D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Miami-Dade County
- Monroe County

Adopted:

- City of Parkland

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

E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

None

F. FPL Turkey Point Site Certification Hearing Update

Mr. James F. Murley, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), stated that this is an update on the Florida Power & Light (FPL) Turkey Point Site Certification. He announced that there are FPL representatives present to answer any questions.

Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, explained the history, coordination and collaboration between his staff, FPL, FPL lawyers and consultants, and the professional staff of the SFRPC. He stated that the hearing is scheduled for July 8, 2013, and may continue for weeks. He explained that the Stipulation resolves the concerns raised by the Council and, as a result, neither Council staff nor Counsel will have to attend the hearing unless summoned as an expert witness. He stated that in the Stipulation, FPL acknowledges that the SFRPC supports the efforts of the local governments that have reviewed the Application and that their proposed conditions are relevant and deserve a review and consideration during the certification process. He stated that most importantly was the acknowledgement of the Southeast Florida Regional Compact Climate Change, which this identified sea level rise (SLR) as a major concern. He stated that FPL agrees to consider the Compact's data and reports. He explained that if the Council will approve the Stipulation today, FPL is prepared to sign it, it will be filed, and relieve the Council of any further involvement with the hearing preparation. He stated that the City of Palmetto Bay in Miami-Dade County entered into a Stipulation with FPL a few days ago and it includes conditions relating to the transmission lines. Mr. Murley stated that other cities may follow. He stated that this follows through on the direction the Council gave staff and Legal Counsel in May.

Mr. Steven Scroggs, Senior Director of Development for FPL, stated that he appreciated the work of Council staff and Counsel in helping clarify FPL's position throughout this process and that Council staff is satisfied that FPL has made a commitment as they move forward. Councilmember Ritter inquired if Mr. Scroggs has the authority to sign the Stipulation. He stated that he is authorizing FPL's Lead Counsel to be the signatory to the Stipulation. Councilmember Ritter, on behalf of the Broward County

Commission, thanked him for FPL's recognition of the Compact and agreeing on the Stipulation. She stated that this is a huge step not only for this particular issue but for the relationship between the Council and FPL. Mr. Murley stated that he would like to recognize Mr. Richard Ogburn and Ms. Karen Hamilton, of Council staff, for their work throughout this process.

Councilmember Monestime inquired about the Cities of Pinecrest and Cutler Bay and if they have the same issues as Palmetto Bay with the transmission line issues in the area. Mr. Goren stated that the Palmetto Bay Model is what Pinecrest and other Miami-Dade cities are reviewing. He stated that the transmission lines are not being addressed or resolved in this Stipulation. Councilmember Scuotto inquired about the City of Coral Gables, and Mr. Goren stated that he could not answer that question today. Chair Wallace invited members of the public to speak. No one from the public elected to speak.

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

G. ICC/SFRPC Agreement for Professional Services

This Agenda Item was discussed and approved previously during the Quarterly Meeting of the Institute for Community Collaboration.

Councilmember Walters moved to approve the Agenda Item III.G. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Executive Committee Report

Mr. Murley stated that since Commissioner Bovo resigned, Councilmember Neugent will become Treasurer and Councilmember Monestime has agreed to become Secretary. Mr. Goren stated that two motions will be needed for these two positions. Mr. Goren explained that there is a requirement of a mixture of membership of Government Appointees and of the three counties, which is now accomplished.

Councilmember Weekley moved to approve Councilmember Neugent as Treasurer. Councilmember Kiar seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Weekley moved to approve Councilmember Monestime as Secretary. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Murley stated that long-standing Councilmember Michael Blynn was not reelected to the City of North Miami's Council. He explained that Mr. Blynn was an appointee from the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and the process to replace him on the SFRPC Board has been initiated. He stated that Mr. Blynn was one of the three representatives to the Florida Regional Council Association (FRCA) which meets in June in Tampa. He explained that Councilmember Asseff is the Gubernatorial Appointee and the Chair; Councilmember Carruthers is the County Representative; and Councilmember Caplan has agreed to fill Mr. Blynn's vacancy as the Municipal Representative. He stated that a motion is needed to nominate Councilmember Caplan as a FRCA representative.

Councilmember Asseff moved to approve Councilmember Caplan as a representative to FRCA. Councilmember Weekley seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

It was suggested that Mr. Blynn be invited to the next meeting.

B. Executive Director's Report

1) Legislative Update

Mr. Bob Cambric of Council staff gave a brief summary of the Legislative Update. Mr. Murley stated that Councilmembers will receive updates. He announced that the Governor vetoed the Regional Planning Councils' allocation and this discussion will continue at the June FRCA meeting. He stated that the Councils are continuing to work with governmental agencies.

There was discussion on third-party support, reaching out to the communities and how the Governor was lobbied with a negative perspective toward the functions of the RPCs. Mr. Murley stated that there was extensive third-party input.

Councilmember Asseff explained that most Regional Planning Councils in the United States are not subsidized by their state and that the Florida RPCs were fortunate to be funded throughout the years. Mr. Murley clarified that many of those RPCs are Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), which does not apply in Florida. He stated that the RPCs that are MPOs receive transportation planning funds from U.S. DOT.

Councilmember Ritter had comments on the Agenda that contained only three action items and our mission. She stated that because of the economy, planning has virtually stopped and our role in planning has diminished. She stated that the Council needs to expand the mission of the SFRPC and to do something separate from planning to make the Council relevant when presenting our purpose to the Governor next year. Chair Wallace agreed that the Council needs a new identity. He stated that the Council is legislatively out of the planning business except in reporting back to local governments. Mr. Murley explained the traditional role of the RPCs in reviewing local comprehensive plan amendments continues; the number of amendments and their consequences are minimal given the economy and our local governments' knowledge. He stated that if there are issues in the draft form, the problems are resolved and the amendment becomes a consent agenda, which reflects on the work of the staff, third parties and the applicant cities and counties.

Chair Wallace stated that the SFRPC is different from the other Councils. He explained that a majority of the RPCs are located in rural areas with one city as the main focus; the South Florida Region consists of more than one city. He thinks it is time to change our name, recognize that our mission is regional, and focus more on economic development and not just approving plans submitted by developers and cities. He thinks that it is a worthy consideration to disassociate ourselves from FRCA. Councilmember Ritter agreed. She stated that maybe with another Governor it could change, but the lack of planning authority and the oversight is not returning. She stated that the Council needs to move forward and not be identified with the other planning councils. She stated that the Council is the eyes and ears of the local governments and have the plans for the future development in the area. She stated that the Council could continue to hold an oversight position by in getting involved with transportation groups and others. She stated that this could increase our recognition in the community to be known as more than the RPC.

Councilmember Walters informed the Council that this Council was one of the first RPCs with six counties represented where there was little planning at that time. She stated that she is not supporting the breakaway from FRCA but understands the valid issues that need to be discussed. She stated that the June FRCA meeting discussion will be interesting. Chair Wallace asked if the Council pays dues; Mr. Murley stated yes, approximately \$30k.

Councilmember Scuotto agreed that the plan needs to change just like a business has Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C. He stated that if Plan A is no longer working then it is time to move on to the next Plan or the business will not survive. He reiterated that the Consent Agenda is simple because the cities, third parties and the RPC work together to resolve the issues before they become a problem. He stated that there are other entities that contribute to this Council and the Council should not scare off those contributors. He inquired about staff layoff as done previously, outsourcing work and helping the cities with some of their work. He suggested that a parameter be set-up that states the tasks the Council is permitted to perform and to branch off if the state funding continues to be vetoed. He does not support the disassociation with FRCA because it may affect the monies Council receives now.

Councilmember Kiar stated that he enjoys serving on the Council with the Councilmembers, the staff, and Mr. Goren and stated that it is a very well run Council. He reiterated as to the Council's main purpose. He stated that he would like to effectuate change and does not want the Council viewed as an advisory committee. He stated that the Councilmembers should meet and review the Council's powers and authority. It was discussed that there be a conversation regarding this matter in the future.

Chair Wallace explained that the he did not want the Council to go out of the planning business or not be responsible for tasks the Council already performs. He suggested that the Council recognize where we are legally and doing now, but to change the public image and recognition of who we are. He stated that it might mean adopting a new vision in terms of our basic identity. He stated that they are not here to preserve our job and his appointment here was not to preserve the Council; his appointment is to do what is best for South Florida and the State of Florida. He stated that if it was time to dissolve the RPC then everyone here should have the strength and courage to say get out, but he does not see that yet. He stated that Council should be of more value to others and should not have to rely on state funding; if that means the Council no longer identifies with FRCA then so be it.

Mr. Murley stated that this conversation will continue at the July meeting. He stated that the state government, including the Legislature, has never stopped supporting the RPC. He explained that the Council continues to receive state funds from state agencies on a case by case basis for regional work. He stated that Councilmembers will receive more information regarding the Councils' projects such as the successful Revolving Loan Program, Clean Cities, and Emergency Management next month and via mid-month reports. He stated that name changes have been made before and that this discussion will continue in July. He reminded the Council that, before the many membership changes, a strategic planning process was instituted and the Council prioritized issues that would direct us in the future. He stated the most important topics chosen by the Board were economic development and transportation, and this is where Council is spending their time. He recapped that the Memorandum of Understanding, regarding the long-term planning on the East Coast Corridor public and private rail, has been signed by all the parties and is in effect. He stated that the SFRPC has a role through the MOU; this has never happened before and this is a part of the evolution of the Councilmembers' direction. He stated the Councilmembers' comments are relevant to him and he has the same anxieties and frustrations about the role of the Council but this can be done together.

Mr. Murley reminded Councilmembers to please fill out the questionnaire and return it. He announced that Laura Corry is the new Councilmember representing the South Florida Water Management District. He stated that the July meeting is at the Beacon Council and the August meeting will be an Executive Committee meeting at the SFRPC.

C. Legal Counsel Report
Information only

D. Ex-Officio Reports
None

V. Program Reports and Activities

A. Council Mission – Promote our Economic Prosperity

- 1) Presentation by Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance-
Ron Drew, Vice President – Marketing and Communications

Mr. Ron Drew, Vice President – Marketing and Communications of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance gave an update on the economic development cooperation on regional issues. He stated that the Alliance was the Winner of *Business Facilities* inaugural “Achievement in Public-Private Partnership Award” and many other awards. He stated that the Alliance is trying to change the perception of South Florida as a business location. He gave information on the increase of site selectors that show Broward County’s growth as a business location instead of just a retirement haven or tourist destination. He spoke about the various regional partnerships that include Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties that have resulted in brochures, DVDs, and websites in many languages to be used as an inbound and outbound mission. He detailed the economic impact in regarding job growth, finance and personal income. He stated that there are various search engines created and collaborations that involve universities, academia and business organizations bringing entities together regionally. He informed the Council that the IBM PC and the first smart phone were invented here. He stated that there are number of technology companies here, 25,000 that call South Florida home, and we are bringing the CEOs of those companies together with the schools and government to build out the initiative. He stated that there are a lot of other technology entities involved as well.

He stated that Diane Sanchez, CEO of Technology Foundation, is working on establishing the Emerged America Conference in May, located in Miami. He explained that this Conference will bring in 5,000 people involved in technology. He stated that the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance is in collaboration with many organizations (South Florida: Your Global Business Connection, Broward County Six Pillars, Southeast Florida Seven50, Florida Eight Southeast Region, Life Sciences South Florida, TechGateway.org, and Alliance Partner’s Council) within the seven counties from Indian River to Monroe. They are involved in job growth, capital investment, transportation and infrastructure.

Mr. Drew stated that there was change in brownfield qualifications as to what qualifies as a brownfield and there is a lot of activity coming back to this Region as far as manufacturing and the sales tax exemption relating to manufacturing companies. He stated that Six Pillars is involved in the Region, in which Councilmember Asseff is one of the Co-Chairs. He explained that the goal is to have the same language in all Six Pillars which is tying into the work of Seven50 and the Department of Economic Opportunity. He stated that we are all working together regionally, statewide, and locally on addressing those issues that will have the most impact on growing jobs in the future.

Mr. Murley stated that he will be attending a meeting of the Region’s airport/port directors. The meeting, hosted at the Port of Miami is to identify the issues that are regional that will help them work their plans. He stated that they compete with each other but their competition is with Savanna and other ports. He stated that they will have input in a collaborative way regarding the Seven50. He stated that he will be meeting in Palm Beach County District Development Board, working with the Economic Development Councils and workforce boards in the seven counties to help pinpoint issues that are regional and that will find its way in to the plan. He stated that this information will be forwarded to the Councilmembers. He summarized that there is a lot going on in economic development at the Board’s direction and the Council is being recreated in this area and making progress. Mr. Drew stated that Mr.

Murley has been convening various groups and bringing the entities together. He stated that even though we compete with each other, having the SFRPC bring those groups together and talk about cross over issues for all the counties is a huge help.

Mr. Drew stated that a lot of jobs come out the tourist industry and that is part of the economic development and this promotes our state. He stated that tourism is part of our game plan and that means keeping the beaches, Everglades and tourist areas.

There was discussion on changing the July 1st meeting to July 8th. Mr. Murley stated that information will be sent to Councilmembers once a tally has been fulfilled.

Councilmember Ritter stated that it was very important that Councilmembers read the FRCA monthly accomplishments that states “participate”, “covered”. She stated that the main goal for FRCA should be to receive state funding.

Councilmember Walters suggested that Council meeting start time be changed to 10:00 a.m. Mr. Murley stated that this is part of the questionnaire that was distributed to Councilmembers this week.

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
Information only

F. FRCA Monthly Accomplishments
Information only

VI. Announcements and Attachments

A. Correspondence and Attendance Form
Information only

B. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) July 1st, 10:30 a.m. (Beacon Council, Miami-Dade County)
- 2) August 5th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Office, Hollywood) – **Executive Committee**
- 3) September 9th, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Government Center, Key Largo)
- 4) October 7th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Office, Hollywood)

VII. Councilmember Comments

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 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 June 3, 2013 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 1st day of July, 2013.

Jean Monestime, Secretary

Date