

## **SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

### Minutes

August 5, 2013

The South Florida Regional Planning Council's Executive Committee 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 10:30 a.m. and Councilmember Monestime led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Carruthers (present)  
Councilmember Jean Monestime (present)  
Councilmember George Neugent (present)  
Councilmember Stacy Ritter (absent)  
Chair Paul Wallace (present)

Ex-Officio Member Aileen Boucle, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, (FDOT) District VI, was present.

The following participated via conference call: Councilmember Frank Caplan; Ms. Jannel Jay, Commissioners Aide at Councilmember Juan Suarez's office; Ms. Amie Goddeau, Florida Department of Transportation IV; and Mr. Joseph Quinty, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

#### **II. Approval of Executive Committee Agenda**

Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

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

- A. Developments of Regional Impact/Development Orders - None
- B. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews -  
Proposed:

- Miami-Dade County
- City of Hialeah Gardens

Adopted: None

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

- C. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews - None

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

- C. Discussion regarding Commuter Line on the FEC Rail

It was decided to postpone this Agenda Item until the September meeting. Ms. Jannel Jay from Councilmember Suarez's office stated that a memo will be distributed to the various agencies with

questions regarding the commuter line before the September meeting. Ms. Goddeau, FDOT IV, answered some general questions by informing those present that the SFRPC is knowledgeable on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), DOT will be in charge of project development in coordination with all the partners, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is researching the financing.

**A. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Murley stated that in the next couple of months there will be issues discussed regarding Seven50. He stated that a poll was sent regarding a joint meeting of the South Florida and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils. He informed the Council that the Sustainable Community Grant was in its "fourth quarter" of its three years. He stated that the two Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) play a role in the key elements of the recommendations and have some ownership in moving forward.

Ms. Marcela Camblor, Project Director of the Sustainable Communities Initiative, stated that at the last Seven50 Executive Committee meeting, the process by which the vision and report for Seven50 will be committed was approved. She stated that with several months of input gathering and outreach the process of finalizing a vision and a report is in progress. She explained that there is a trend scenario and three additional scenarios that are a part of the creation of the future vision for the Region. She stated that one of our tasks is to select one of those three scenarios as a preferred scenario for the future and use that to inform the entire vision or a portion of the vision, or (from those three scenarios) create another scenario that becomes our preferred scenario for the Region.

The second task is that there are a number of implementation projects or products that have emerged from this process such as the Data Warehouse. She explained that this is a Google-based Data Warehouse that many people are using; it has a cost to maintain and a cost to update, but is an amazing tool for our Region. She questioned who will be responsible to maintain, update, fund and staff the Data Warehouse. She stated that the Regional Assets Map is another product that is available. She stated that the Council would have to decide if they want to preserve the leadership and stewardship of these products. She stated that the other part of the discussion is how the advocacy of these important regional issues continues after the Grant is over. She stated that this will be the first discussion on what issues the Council wants to advocate for. She stated that a Joint Council Meeting is the best venue to have this discussion. She stated that this part of the process, the development of the vision and report, is going to be done in a public manor, which is consistent with the input collection phase. She informed the Council that there will be a Joint SFRPC/TCRPC Meeting on October 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Murley stated that the meeting will take place at the International Game and Fishing Hall of Fame, 300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach, Florida 33004. The Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Tri-Rail Station is located there, and it is the Griffin Road Exit off of I-95.

Ms. Camblor stated that the first draft release of the Seven50 Report will be done in September, and available to all Councilmembers before the October meeting.

Mr. Murley explained that the typical applicants from around the country who are responsible for the development of Sustainable Community plans have a large multicounty council of governments and/or area Metropolitan Planning Organization. He stated that in the creation of the Seven50 Process many entities became involved, but there is not one agency that has the designation to continue this work at a seven-county level. He stated that at the Joint Meeting, the Councils can discuss the options, such as a MOU between the two Councils. He explained that this would be part of the future core implementation of the Seven50 Process.

Chair Wallace stated that the study contains many facets and asked if there is an implementation of any of them does there need to be an official action or adoption by County Commissions. He also stated that there is a need to start urging a regional metropolitan planning organization for South Florida that will be empowered to deal with issues on a regional basis. He stated that there is no regional basis for taking any kind of official action. He stated that there is a need to start emphasizing that someone needs to take over and we have a great lack of ability to do it here because there is no Regional MPO. He stated that without a coordinated action or official action by County Commissions, we have a study that doesn't have anything to make it implemented at all. He stated that this is the objection to studies like this from the past; they are wonderful studies but there is no implementation.

Ms. Camblor stated that this would be the forum for discussion at the first Joint Meeting. She stated that because of Seven50 a lot has been done regionally and a lot of agencies like the MPOs have gathered together to create a seven-county transportation model and a number of other projects that may not have happened before. She stated that the power of Seven50 will come out of the great ideas embedded in it and the difference that can be made in pursuing or assisting other plans, visions, or issues in the Region will come forward. She stated that the counties are important and may decide to adopt all or parts of Seven50 that they feel would be appropriate. She stated that there are other issues that involve the Department of Transportation Districts and Tri-Rail as well as issues that cross county boundaries that the counties would not deal with individually, such as the passenger rail system. She explained that an important issue for the northern counties is the clean up of the Indian River Lagoon which should go beyond addressing the issue by an individual county. She stated that there are many levels of implementation and the RPCs will be at the center of these issues.

Ms. Aileen Boucle stated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Miami Urbanized Area consists of the three MPOs of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach that formed a regional entity for the MPOs, the Southeast Florida Transportation Council. She stated that this is not a product of Seven50 and should be brought to the Council as an Agenda Item. Mr. Murley agreed.

Ms. Camblor stated that Seven50 is essentially data driven. She stated that there is an inclusive regional leadership report that analyzes the most successful models in the nation. She mentioned that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is one of them; they have a joint board consisting of various counties that have kept their individuality and/or their own authorities. She stated that there are many interesting issues, discussions and the repurposing of the RPCs could potentially emerge.

Councilmember Carruthers commented that this is a responsibility to have this kind of meeting. She stated that this funding was to bring the two Councils together and should proceed by sitting down together. She stated that we are all sensitive to not wanting to create additional bureaucracy but we need to find a way to make this work while still allowing participants to have some sense of individuality, because maintaining the character of our different communities is very important to all of us. She stated that in doing that and balancing it against a vision for an entire Region is what our charge is and this would be a good place to start.

Councilmember Carruthers moved to approve the change in the meeting date of the SFRPC October meeting from October 7, 2013 to October 18, 2013. Councilmember Monestime seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

The Council unanimously approved a Joint SFRPC/TCRPC Meeting on October 18, 2013.

Mr. Murley stated that the September meeting will be in North Key Largo.

**B. Legal Counsel Report**

Mr. Sam Goren informed the Council about the discussion on the Florida Power & Light (FPL) Transmission Line Siting. He stated that FPL conceded several different issues that were important to the Council such as the Sea-Level-Rise Compact, the issues affecting it and recognizing the planning purposes in considering the Compact's data as the project progresses toward final approval of construction. He stated that the work effort and work of the Council mattered, FPL accepted it, and the material subject matter was made part of the process.

**V. Announcements and Attachments**

**A. Upcoming Meetings**

1. September 9th, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Government Center, Key Largo)
2. **CANCELLED** October 7th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Office, Hollywood)
3. October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. (IGFA, Dania Beach) – Joint SFRPC/TCRPC Meeting
4. November 4th, 10:30 a.m. (Beacon Council, Miami-Dade County)
5. December 2nd, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)

**VI. Councilmember Comments**

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 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 August 5, 2013 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

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Jean Monestime, Secretary

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Date