

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

March 7, 2011

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met this date at the Council Offices, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, Florida. Chair Gunzburger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Manuel Marono led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM ONE: Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM TWO: Roll Call

Councilmember Patricia Asseff (Absent)
Councilmember Margaret Bates
Councilmember Michael Blynn
Councilmember Scott Brook (via phone)
Councilmember Heather Carruthers (via phone)
Councilmember Ilene Liberman
Councilmember Manuel Marono
Councilmember Jean Monestime
Councilmember George Neugent (Absent)
Councilmember Jose Riesco
Councilmember Stacy Ritter (Absent)
Councilmember Joseph Scuotto (Absent)
Councilmember Rebeca Sosa (Absent)
Councilmember Paul Wallace
Councilmember Sandra Walters (via phone)
Councilmember Jimmy Weekley
Chair Suzanne Gunzburger

The following Ex-Officio members were present:

Mr. Kevin Claridge, representing the Department of Environmental Protection (Absent)
Mr. Gary Donn, representing the Department of Transportation (Absent)
Mr. Norman Taylor, representing the Broward County Office of Economic Development
Elbert Waters, representing the South Florida Water Management District

The following Council Members and Ex-Officio Members arrived after roll call:

Councilmember Jean Monestime
Ex-Officio Member Elbert Waters

Chair Gunzburger stated that the Council Meeting would be conducted as an informal Executive Committee due to lack of a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM THREE: Minutes of previous Meetings (February)

Councilmember Wallace moved to approve the Minutes from the February meeting. Councilmember Blynn seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM FOUR: Project Reviews

a) Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

Councilmember Weekley moved to approve the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report. Councilmember Riesco seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM FIVE: Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Program

a) DRI Assessment Reports

None

b) Development Orders (DO)

None

c) DRI Status Report

Information only

AGENDA ITEM SIX: Proposed Local Government Comprehensive Plan/Amendment Reviews

a) Proposed Public Education Facilities Element (PEFE)/ Capital Improvements Element (CIE)

AGENDA ITEM SEVEN: Adopted Local Government Comprehensive Plan/Amendment Reviews

a) Adopted Public Education Facilities Element (PEFE)/Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Amendments

- City of North Miami
- City of Wilton Manors
- City of Oakland Park

b) Town of Miami Lakes

c) City of Pompano Beach

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve the staff recommendations. Councilmember Bates seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM EIGHT: Reports

a) Executive Committee Report

b) Financial Report (January)

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve the Financial Report for January 2011. Councilmember Weekley seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

c) Interim Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director, B. Jack Osterholt, discussed the handouts provided to all Members from the Executive Director of the Florida Regional Councils Association Ron L. Book, on the Legislative Committee Week Update. A hand out on 2011 Legislative Session Bill Tracking was also presented along with “Talking Points on Regional Planning Councils.” After meeting with staff this afternoon, he will submit a bill analysis by email to all members.

Councilmember Lieberman questioned if a vote was needed on this. Chair Gunzburger will send out letters of support that Mr. Osterholt will draft regarding concerns about Senate Bill 1910. Copies will be provided to all Members.

Councilmember Wallace approved support letters. Councilmember Weekley seconded motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Interim Executive Director Osterholt noted Isabel Cosio Carballo and he, along with Mr. Book, our lobbyist, will be meeting with Members and will make sure our State funding is the best we can get. Interim Executive Director Osterholt asked if all the cities are aware of all the services available to them through the SFRPC. We have a three or four page description of the Council’s activities that is being updated. He and Isabel want the Members they meet to see the groups that have signed on. Our customers are much different than just the cities and counties and their staff. We have a good assortment of people that depend on us for activities and we do provide services to many of them, through charge, to our Members and local governments. We will be talking about whom our customers are and the services we provide, so Members in Tallahassee and everyone else knows what would happen if there wasn’t a Regional Planning Council; there would be a big hole.

d) Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Samuel S. Goren, Legal Counsel, stated there were no litigations to report. Mr. Goren also noted the Hurricane Wilma loans are still being collected on outstanding loans and current bills are being studied.

e) Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Status Report

Information only

AGENDA ITEM NINE: Revolving Loan Funds

a) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Information only

b) Hurricane Wilma Bridge Loan Status Report

Information only

c) Eastward Ho! Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Status Report

Information only

d) Broward County Cultural Division Artist Micro-Credit Revolving Loan Fund Status Report

Information only

AGENDA ITEM TEN: Contracts

None

AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN: Highlights of Council Activities

Information only

AGENDA ITEM TWELVE: Special Projects

None

AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN: Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)

- a) Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*

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AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN: Regional Initiatives with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

- a) Sustainable Communities - None

AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN: Other Matters for Consideration

Chair Gunzburger advised everyone that the Council Meeting on May 2nd will take place in Key Largo as suggested.

AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN: Correspondence and Attendance Form

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AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN: Councilmember Comments/Public Comments

Councilmember Wallace stated he wanted to discuss the lack of identity of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. Chair Gunzburger stated perception is everything and I think by meeting in this room we're perceived as nothing out in the public and we should be, Councilmember Wallace stated. Because a lot of things that has happened with this legislative forum and the positions that people have taken, He thinks there is some confusion on what our role is. Councilmember Wallace also said we need to come up with suggestive new initiatives for ourselves and commented that we have less business to conduct on a routine basis than we did even a year ago. It seems like a trend every month and it may account for some of the reasons why we have trouble getting a quorum. These things need to be spoken in public not to ourselves. Councilmember Wallace added that he thinks there needs to be a reassessment on what we're all about, what this Council stands for and what its importance is. We are not only about planning projects, regional impact studies and changes in master plans but what could be done is more aspiring than what is being done. With the infrastructure that this Council has with representatives from some very important people from three counties, we need to think about what this Council could be in terms of coalescent community leadership. He stated that we need to talk around the table to see where we are headed.

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Interim Executive Director Osterholt responded that we are not just a Regional Planning Council anymore. The staff has been trying hard to reposition and rebrand itself. We provide loans to people on almost every level, who have been turned down by traditional banking organizations. We are also involved in Economic Development issues to rebuild South Florida. We are engaged in emergency management activities and energy conservation issues. With hurricane season right around the corner, we have three counties coming together with great difference to resolve evacuation issues. Homeland security issues don't seem to be widely talked about. However, this staff has been working together on all kinds of activities making sure the things behind the scenes work. Those are the kind of things we do now rather than DRI's, Regional Plans and things that we did in the 1970's. At some point in the near future, Mr. Osterholt will suggest we become the South Florida Regional Council so that we can even say that our name is broader than just that. We need to take this role very seriously. We're going to rename people on staff. Isabel Cosio Carballo was cited as an example as an Intergovernmental Affairs person but her title is of a kind of specialist. There is a need to reposition the Council with non-traditional Regional Planning Council materials. We need to be more involved in other issues not such things that are on the agenda, which we have been using for a long time. It's about time to change this to see reports and activities of things that the staff is involved in. We're making real headway and people are starting to call us, like people from Washington and Tallahassee. Staff and I are very excited about this and we want you to be excited about this too.

Councilmember Carruthers agreed with Councilmember Wallace's comments. Chair Gunzburger stated that starting next month the Executive Committee will be meeting in the Conference Room rather than where they have in the past.

No other comments from Council Members or the public.

AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN: Upcoming Meetings

- a) April 4th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
- b) May 2nd, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Government Center, Key Largo)
- c) June 6th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
- d) July 11th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)

AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 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 March 7, 2011 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 4th day of April 2011.

Rebeca Sosa, Secretary

Date