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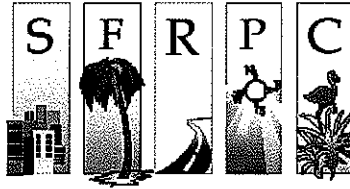
AGENDA ITEM #11

DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2010
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Attached are brief descriptions of activities in which the Council has been involved since the November 8, 2010 Council Meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



Highlights of Council Activities December 2010

South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund Marketing Update

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Programs (SFRPC-RLF, SFRPC-RLF II and RESCUE-RLF) are designed to meet the needs of businesses in our region that are not entirely served by conventional lenders. Funds are available to all small and medium-size businesses within Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. The Revolving Loan Program also provides technical assistance to new and existing borrowers that will assist them with the growth of their business.

Council Staff presented the Council's Revolving Loan Programs during an Interview on radio station WMBM 1490 AM with the Neighbors and Neighbors Association to address the activities that the Council is doing to assist the small businesses in South Florida. Council staff also presented the loan programs at the City of Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Business Seminar on November 17, 2010.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2010.

For more information regarding the RLF visit our website at www.sfrpc.com/rlf.htm or, please contact Cheryl Cook or Joyce Hall at (954) 985-4416 or email at rlf@sfrpc.com.

Miami-Dade County Office of Sustainability Targeted Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund (REEL)

Council staff is continuing to develop the marketing materials for the Miami-Dade Renovation for Energy Efficiency Loan Program (REEL). An email blast was developed and sent to more than 2,000 businesses in Miami-Dade County.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Cook, Bob Cambric, or Rachel Kalin of Council staff at (954) 985-4416 or email at rlf@sfrpc.com. Visit our web site at www.sfrpc.com/reel.htm.

City of Fort Lauderdale Smart Watts Revolving Loan Fund

Council staff will be working with the City of Fort Lauderdale Energy Manager and necessary staff to develop, manage and implement a Revolving Loan Fund as part of the City's "Smart Watts" financial incentive program. The Interlocal Agreement has been executed between the City and the South Florida Regional Planning Council. Council staff is in the process of developing the Smart Watts Revolving Loan Fund Plan.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Cook, Bob Cambric, Rachel Kalin or Joyce Hall of Council staff at (954) 985-4416 or email at rlf@sfrpc.com.

Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee

Council staff attended the November 5, 2010 Planners Technical Committee (PTC) meeting, which was held at the City of Hialeah Gardens. City staff provided an overview of the development and public works activities that are in progress.

The PTC members also were briefed on the status of the Miami-Dade County School Board Interlocal Agreement. There are a few remaining items that are being negotiated, including whether the School Board will have the right of first refusal to operate charter schools that are constructed as mitigation. It was noted that new Charter Schools will have to be constructed to meet the School Board's standards.

Council staff made a presentation about the Miami-Dade County Renovations for Energy Efficiency Loan (REEL) Program. The REEL Program provides low-interest financing to businesses located in Miami-Dade County to make improvements that reduce their energy consumption. Council staff requested PTC members assist with arranging meetings with municipal economic development staff, local chambers and business associations, and local companies. Miami-Dade County has engaged the Council to administer the Program.

The PTC is comprised of planners from local governments and private industry in Miami-Dade County. The PTC generally meets on the first Friday of each month. Council staff provides support for the PTC. For more information, please visit the Local Government Planners' Meetings Section of the Council's website at www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm or contact Karen D. Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade

Council staff belongs to two of the Consortium's Committees: 1) Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and 2) Health and the Built Environment. Staff attended the respective Committee meetings in September to discuss how past planning practices have affected South Florida residents' ability to be active and access healthy food sources. Staff also described the Legacy Green Initiatives' efforts to promote community empowerment and economic and community development through its culinary arts and community garden training in low-income communities. Council staff is also involved in the Health and Built Environment's Nutrition and Built Environment Working Group. On Tuesday, October 5, 2010, Council staff attended the first meeting of the Nutrition and Built Environment Working Group. The Working Group will promote the importance of access to healthy food options and incorporated nutrition and food-related policies within its work plan.

The Consortium is an initiative of the Miami-Dade County Health Department and was established in 2003, to respond to increasing rates of chronic diseases in the county. The Consortium is comprised of approximately 125 members representing non-profits, educators, businesses and governmental organizations. Please contact Karen D. Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) or Rachel M. Kalin (rkalin@sfrpc.com) of Council staff for additional information about this project.

Regional Domestic Security Task Force Activities

The Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF) is one of Florida's seven Regions funded by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to help prevent or respond to terrorism events in the State. The SERDSTF, which is Region 7, includes Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Council staff has been invited to participate in a training exercise at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant in south Miami-Dade County. Staff will assist the Florida Division of Emergency Management with the planning process and attend the exercise, scheduled for February 2011.

For additional information, contact Manny Cela (celam@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities

The State of Florida is divided into 11 Local Emergency Planning Committee Districts whose broad duties include preparing regional hazardous materials emergency plans, performing outreach functions to increase awareness and understanding of hazardous substances and providing free training to public sector hazardous material response employees. Since 1988, the Council has served as staff to the South Florida LEPC District 11 (SoFlaLEPC), which encompasses Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. For more information on the SoFlaLEPC and its activities in the Region, please visit its website at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc.htm>.

The South Florida LEPC held its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on December 1, 2010, in the SFRPC offices in Hollywood. Among the items discussed were the training courses that may be offered in the coming year. The Committee voted to approve the following:

- HazMat Awareness/Radiological Emergency Preparedness
- Chemical Compatibility and Storage
- HAZWOPER
- HazMatIQ
- CAMEO/ALOHA

For information on upcoming training courses, please visit our training webpage located at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm>.

Information on upcoming meeting dates, agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes from previous meetings is always available from <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm>.

For additional information, contact the SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Manny Cela (celam@sfrpc.com).

2060 Florida Transportation Plan (FTP)

The State's 2060 FTP is Florida's long range transportation vision for the upcoming 50 years. While the current 2025 FTP is a 20-year plan, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recognizes that in order to address increasingly complex challenges, a lengthier timeframe, in which to visualize and implement change, is a more realistic and comprehensive approach. These transportation-related challenges include such emerging issues as climate change, sustaining our communities, and the future of the fuel tax.

Over the past year, issues have been identified, a vision and goals have been established, and objectives and strategies have been developed. With the guidance of steering committees, advisory groups, and extensive public involvement, the FTP is nearing completion. The South Florida Regional Planning Council has been an active participant in this process, attending public meetings, analyzing the content of the draft document, and formulating final comments. Final comments were submitted by FDOT's due date of November 22, with anticipated adoption of the 2060 FTP in December 2010.

For more information about the 2060 Florida Transportation Plan, you may visit the FDOT website at <http://2060ftp.org> or contact Christine Heshmati of Council staff at (945) 985-4416 or email at cheshmati@sfrpc.com.

I-95 Broward Mobility Planning

Council staff is participating in a Working Group that is studying mobility along the I-95 corridor in Broward County. In a joint effort sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Broward County, this Group of local governments and other key participants aims to improve mobility and sustainability of the corridor, which includes the CSX rail corridor. As a part of this effort, High Asset Use Locations, known as HAULs, have been delineated along the corridor for research purposes. These locations are characterized by features such as intensity of boardings and alightings from local buses and Tri-Rail commuter trains. Through this coordination, members of the Working Group seek to develop effective ways to better manage congestion on I-95.

For more information about planning efforts along the I-95 corridor in Broward County, please contact Christine Heshmati of Council staff at (945) 985-4416 or email at cheshmati@sfrpc.com.

The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative

The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative is a unique partnership with a mission to promote the economic and aesthetic improvement of the corridor. The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative membership includes each of the 14 local government jurisdictions that span the State Road 7/U.S. 441 corridor in Broward County, Florida. The Collaborative also contains ex-officio membership from selected agencies and organizations. The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative is facilitated by the staff of the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

Council staff is currently in the process of planning a signature event, celebrating 10 years of on-going success in economic and aesthetic improvements along the SR 7/U.S. 441 corridor. The signature event will kickoff the rollout of "10 Years Down the Road: The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative", a summary pamphlet that showcases all 14 local government jurisdictions and the successes and lessons learned. For more information, please contact Eric Swanson, eswanson@sfrpc.com
