



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #V.D

DATE: JULY 11, 2011

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA'S REGIONAL VISION AND BLUEPRINT FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE) UPDATE

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, a collaboration of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils and over 200 regional partners, is proceeding with organizational and program activities necessary to implement the work program. This project is funded by a grant from the Sustainable Communities program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation (see www.sustainablecommunities.gov).

Program work is currently being conducted by the staffs of the two regional planning councils, guided by an Executive Committee that has created two subcommittees: 1) Organization and Equity, and 2) Operations.

We are also being assisted by a significant amount of volunteer work from numerous members of the Partnership, including staff from public agencies, business professional groups, not for profits and key interested individuals.

The following is a brief summary of activities over the past month.

1. Executive Committee: This group is currently made up, in part, of members appointed by the two regional councils and is being expanded in order to fairly represent local government, private, not for profit and other important interests within the seven-county region. At the last meeting, Sam Ferreri, member of the Treasure Coast RPC and Mayor of the City of Greenacres in Palm Beach County was elected Interim Chair. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled tentatively for July 15, 2011. The Executive Committee also accepted the appointments of Jim Murley as Project Director and Marcela Cambolor as Project Manager.
2. Organization and Equity Subcommittee: This subcommittee, chaired by Carla Coleman, Executive Director of ULI's Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council, has drafted a Statement of Organization for the Partnership that was reviewed and modified at the subcommittee's June 24 workshop. The Subcommittee Chair will present a recommended draft to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

3. **Operations Subcommittee:** This subcommittee, chaired by Roman Trias, Chair of the Treasure Coast RPC, is monitoring the release of the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for a Master Consultant by the Management Team. The SOQ was posted on the SFRPC and TCRPC websites on June 24th and is also being given a wide distribution to other venues.
4. **Management Team:** This group consists of the Executive Committee Chair Ferreri, RPCs Executive Directors Osterholt and Busha, Isabel Cosio Carballo, designated representative to US HUD, Project Director Jim Murley, Project Manager Marcela Cambor and Dr. Kim Delaney from TCRPC. We meet bi-weekly with conference calls as needed. Agendas, meetings, grant management, information sharing with Partnership and coordination with other interested regional players is the focus of our activity. Recent HUD deliverables include an update on the status of final Consortium Agreements currently under consideration for approval by Consortium members.
5. **Related regional activities:** The Regional Business Alliance held their annual luncheon and heard inspiring presentations from Jacob Stuart, President and CEO of the Central Florida Partnership and Stuart Rogel, President and CEO of the Tampa Bay Partnership. Both emphasized the importance of business leaders working with public and non-profit leaders to organize regionally to compete globally and influence state and federal policy. The Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition, working with partners, submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy to create electric vehicle charging and infrastructure for the seven-county area.

Agendas and other material mentioned above are available on the Council's website under Southeast Florida Regional Partnership (www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership.htm).