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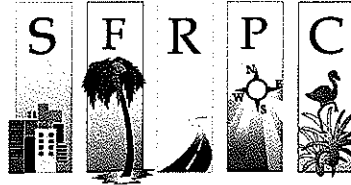
AGENDA ITEM #11

DATE: JUNE 7, 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 May 3, 2010 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



Highlights of Council Activities

June 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 as well as designated communities within Miami-Dade County. 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 is working with NADO Economic Development Finance Service (EDFS) to plan their 2010 Annual Training Conference. Staff is also working with the City of Hollywood to plan their annual Small Business Conference.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for June 28, 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

Council staff convened a Working Group with the Miami-Dade Office of Sustainability to identify the targeted industries that would benefit from the availability of low-interest loans for retrofits, renovations, automations, or equipment upgrades. A second meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2010, to determine guidelines of the Loan Administration Plan and subsequently start making loans.

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

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.

DHS, through the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), is providing funding from its Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) for Regional Planning Councils to offer specialized communications training courses in their Regions.

The first of the courses, Communications Unit Leader (COM-L), was offered May 17-19 at the Council office in Hollywood. In attendance were representatives from several Miami-Dade departments, as well as Fort Lauderdale, Aventura, Tequesta, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Homestead Air Reserve Base and the Florida Division of Forestry.

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>.

Planning continues for the 2010 SoFlaLEPC Biennial Tabletop Exercise on June 4 at the City of Sunrise Civic Center. Several Hazardous Materials teams from the District are expected to attend the event, as well as representatives from local fire departments, emergency management and health groups. The exercise is intended to bring together groups from different jurisdictions and disciplines to demonstrate that they can work well together.

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).

State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative Presented to the 18th Congress for the New Urbanism

The work of the State Road 7 Collaborative was recognized in Atlanta at the 18th Annual Congress for the New Urbanism in a session titled "Retrofitting Suburban Commercial Strip, Mall and Village Toward Healthy Urbanism in a New Economy." The discussion focused on what will become of deteriorating commercial areas in the suburbs. The Strategic Master Plan for the State Road 7 Corridor was studied as a precedent for how underutilized commercial corridors can be surgically retrofitted by new urbanism to promote a healthier life style in a new economy. In this session SFRPC staff highlighted the economic and health challenges with conventional suburban commercial development. For more information, visit www.sfrpc.com/sr7 or contact Brian Traylor (btraylor@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

Monroe County EAR Scoping Meeting

Council staff attended the Monroe County Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Scoping Meeting on May 13, 2010, at the Marathon Government Center in the Florida Keys. The Scoping Meeting represents the beginning of the public participation outreach of the County's current EAR process. The intent of the meeting was to provide an overview of the County's preliminary-identified issues and receive input from participating review agencies and partners.

Some of the preliminary issues include resource protection, land acquisition, financial feasibility, housing, land use and mobility, and working waterfronts. Representatives from each municipality within the Keys, Miami-Dade County, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, South Florida Water Management District, and the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority attended the meeting. The County is on track to adopt the EAR in July of 2011. Keith and Schnars, P.A., the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) and the County will be working together throughout the EAR process. The SFRPC is providing assistance in the area of demographics.

For more information on the current EAR Schedule for Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe County, please visit the Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review section of the Council's website at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lgcpr.htm>, or contact Rachel M. Kalin of Council staff at rkalin@sfrpc.com.
