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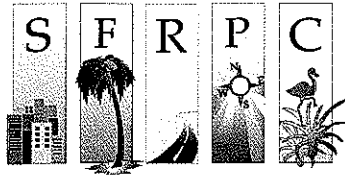
AGENDA ITEM #11

DATE: JUNE 2, 2008
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Attached are brief descriptions of activities in which the Council has been involved since May 5, 2008 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



Highlights of Council Activities

June 2008

South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund Marketing Update

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund Program has been named as one of four national finalists in the Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) competition for the nation's Best Revolving Loan Fund Program. Staff presented the RLF video at CDFA Annual Summit held on April 30, 2008 in St. Louis, MO.

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.

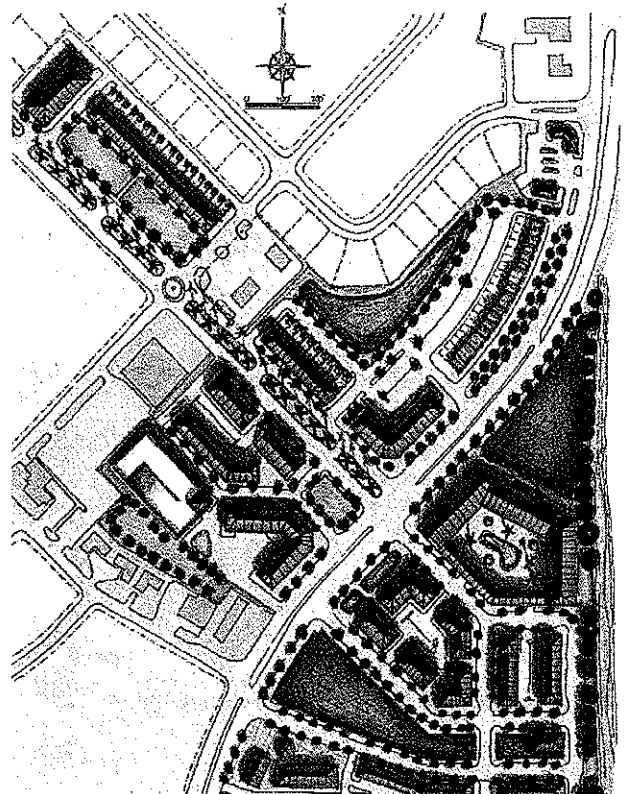
The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2008.

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.

Margate City Center Site Design

Since acquiring over thirty acres in the center of Margate, the city's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has been working with Council staff to update and refine a site design and program for the development of a City Center at the intersection of Margate Boulevard and State Road 7. Working with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Economic Research Associates and Gibbs Planning Group, Council staff presented a conceptual master plan and development scheme to the CRA Board at its May 12th meeting. Unique site elements that were developed in previous City Center Workshops and incorporated by the TCRPC design team include a large urban waterfront feature, wide pedestrian oriented sidewalks with outdoor dining and on-street parking, a village green for event or market space and a strong emphasis on families by providing the opportunity for a carousel to be a feature on the site.

Council staff is now working with CRA staff to develop a request for qualifications (RFQ) to develop the City's conceptual plan. Once the CRA board approves the RFQ, interested teams will be selected to respond to a request for proposals (RFP) and follow through with the community's vision for their City Center. For more information on the project, visit www.margatecra.org. The TCRPC presentation, plan and report are available at www.tcrpc.org and David Dahlstrom (ddahlstrom@sfrpc.com) and Brian Traylor (btraylor@sfrpc.com) of Council staff are available for more information.



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.

As part of the Council's Regional Domestic Security Program, staff worked with the SERDSTF to stage a workshop for command-level staff on April 18, 2008 at the Miami Regional Operations Center of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). Local law enforcement agency principals were invited to participate, as well as those from many State and federal agencies. Attendance topped 70, including the directors of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) South Florida offices. The law enforcement-only workshop featured presentations from each of the counties in the Region, the SERDSTF and Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

As a follow-up to the workshop, staff is now working on a Table Top Exercise (TTX). The TTX will take place June 9, 2008 at Barry University in Miami-Dade.

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

Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition

Council staff facilitated a Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at Council offices. Tom Stender of Florida CleanFUELS gave an overview of his company's efforts in increasing alternative fuel infrastructure in South Florida. Mr. Stender is also affiliated with Citrix Energy which has a working agreement with FPL Energy to produce ethanol fuel from agricultural waste products like orange peels, sugar cane, and sugar beet byproducts. Council staff will assist Florida CleanFuels in the siting of alternative fuel stations within the region. Cindy Corbett-Elder of Broward County Transit discussed Broward County Transit's (BCT) alternative fuel vehicle projects. BCT will add 12 hybrid buses to their fleet and implement Biofuel (B-20) as a fuel source for their new vehicles. Sean Hill of Electric Tech, a startup company located in the City of Hollywood, highlighted a prototype electric/solar vehicle and ancillary recharging systems. The car and ancillary unit will be built and sold locally, providing needed jobs to the region. For additional information contact Larry Allen (LAllen@sfrpc.com) or Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee

The most recent meeting of the Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee (PTC) was May 2, 2008 at the City of Doral Community Center. Sergio Purrinos, Doral City Manager, gave an overview of past, present and future developments within the city. A brief presentation on "Green" building in South Florida was given by Paul C. Savage of Greenberg Traurig. The Water Supply Plan template was completed and the committee members are receiving comments.

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. The next meeting will be held on Friday June 6, 2008. The location is to be determined. Council staff provides support for the PTC. For more information about the PTC and upcoming meetings, please visit the Local Government Planners' Meetings Section of the Council's website at www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm or contact Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities

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

As part of the Council's Emergency Management Hazardous Materials Program, the LEPC will host several exercise-related events this year. First on the agenda will be a Table Top Exercise (TTX), scheduled for June 12, 2008 at the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department Training Facility in Miami. The TTX will feature a scale model to assist participants in demonstrating

their HazMat response plans. The TTX is open to public and private agencies involved in hazardous materials in South Florida. Additional information on upcoming exercise meetings is available from www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm.

Training is available from the LEPC free of charge. The Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness course will be offered on May 28, 2008 in Miami-Dade County. This class is intended for law enforcement, fire/rescue, utilities and many other inspectors who routinely enter residences and work areas where such clandestine labs operate. The 8-hour course will enable such public sector personnel to recognize the common household chemicals and methods that are used to manufacture illegal drugs. Additional details and registration information is available at www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm.

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

Florida Department of Transportation

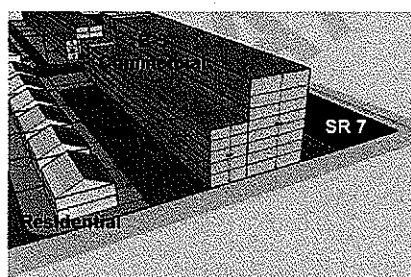
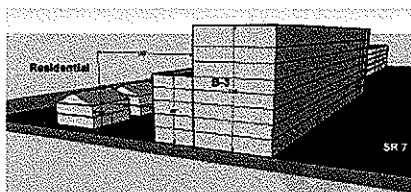
Council staff attended FDOT's workshop on "Transportation Impact and its Relation to Growth Management in Florida." This two and a half day session informed staff of the recent changes to Growth Management laws and how those changes will impact the Council's transportation review efforts. Some of the subjects discussed included concurrency, traffic review of DRIs and Comp Plan amendments, and Level of Service procedures. For additional information contact Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) or Larry Allen (LAllen@sfrpc.com) of Council staff. <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/systems/sm/siteimp/default.htm#training>.

Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership

Staff continues to work with local governments in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties on brownfields redevelopment efforts. Recent activities include providing technical assistance to the staff of the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for a Brownfields Revolving Loan, the West Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils, private developers, and the Cities of Opa-Locka, Doral and Lauderhill. The next meeting of the Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership is scheduled for July 23, 2008 at the Council's offices.

For additional information on brownfields, please visit the Brownfields Section of the Council's website, at www.sfrpc.com/brwnflds.htm, or contact Cheryl Cook (cherylc@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

Form Based Code Workshops

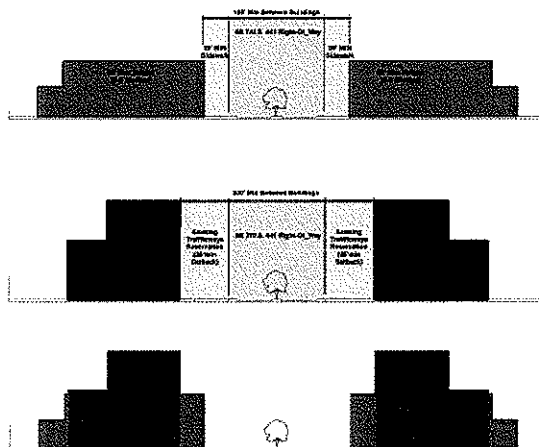


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(Current Conditions)

Council staff continues to work closely with the City of Margate and its Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to implement redevelopment initiatives throughout the City's segment of the State Road 7 corridor. Members of the CRA Board and staff, as well as several interested community members attended a preliminary open house workshop on April 28th to encourage public input regarding the development of the city's new form based code. The evening meeting included presentations by Council staff that outlined the zoning updates necessary to accommodate redevelopment that is consistent with the City's newly adopted Transit Oriented Corridor (TOC) land use category.

Graphic support and building volume studies compared the existing commercial zoning districts with the proposed mix of uses allowed in the new zoning categories. Community members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide input

regarding the changes and their properties. A second open house is scheduled before the city's staff proceeds with the necessary board reviews and public hearings prior to adoption. For more information, visit www.margatecra.org or contact David Dahlstrom ddahlstrom@sfrpc.com or Brian Traylor btraylor@sfrpc.com of Council staff.



Miami-Dade Expressway Authority

The Council recently accepted an invitation from Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) to become a participating Agency for the SR835 SW Extension Project. Council staff will be an involved in the development of Concept Study documentation for this project. For additional information contact Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) or Larry Allen (LAllen@sfrpc.com) of Council staff. <http://www.mdxway.com/>.
