

MEMORANDUM

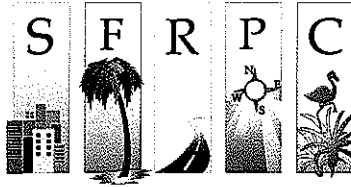
AGENDA ITEM #11

DATE: MARCH 1, 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 February 1, 2010 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



Highlights of Council Activities

March 2010

South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund Marketing Update

The National Football League (NFL), Sprint, and the South Florida Regional Planning Council hosted The 9th *Annual Super Bowl XLIV's Business Leadership Forum* on February 4, 2010, at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business & Entrepreneurship and the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. The event was well received by the small businesses community in our Region and also included businesses located in Palm Beach County.

Since 1963, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the economic well-being of America. This year, National Small Business Week will be celebrated May 23-30, 2010. The City of Hollywood has partnered with other cities, chambers and organizations in Broward County including the South Florida Regional Planning Council to host a Small Business Conference and Expo during small business week at a location to be determined in Hollywood. The purpose of the event is to assist small businesses with identifying financial and other resources to help sustain and grow their business.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 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.

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 is negotiating with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to manage and administer an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant. Beginning later this year, grant funds will be used to assess Critical Infrastructure/Key Resource facilities (CI/KR) in the Region.

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, perform outreach functions to increase awareness and understanding of hazardous substances and provide 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>.

Florida Governor Charlie Crist recently signed a proclamation designating February 14-20, 2010 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. The theme this year was "Chemistry Education," with an emphasis on Safety in School Chemistry Labs. LEPCs around the State conducted outreach activities to educate students about the importance of taking Chemistry classes and the potential dangers associated with chemicals found in school laboratories. These activities included distribution of flyers at various events, public service announcements, educational materials for public schools and others.

The SoFlaLEPC prepared an informative two-page flyer, "Safety in School Chemistry Labs," for distribution at local area schools. The colorful flyer has sections depicting common science lab safety signs, Safety Do's and Don'ts for students and links to additional information and resources. For more information and to obtain a free copy of the flyer, please visit www.sfrpc.com/lepc/hazmatweek10.htm.

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).

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Update

South Florida was allocated over \$35 million through the Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program funded through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Council staff is working with local governments that received direct allocations as well as smaller communities to access funding through the State of Florida's allocation. To date, over \$29 million has been obligated to local governments in the Region with approved Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategies (EECS), or funding to prepare them.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Allocated</u>
Coconut Creek	\$452,400	\$452,400
Coral Gables	\$212,700	\$212,700
Coral Springs	\$1,148,200	\$1,148,200
Davie, Town of	\$5,000	\$841,200
Deerfield Beach	\$715,500	\$715,500
Delray Beach	\$638,500	\$638,500
Fort Lauderdale	\$100,000	\$2,036,400
Hallandale Beach	\$164,800	\$164,800
Hollywood	\$1,354,400	\$1,354,400
Homestead	\$30,000	\$541,700
Lauderhill	\$595,200	\$595,200
Margate	\$498,200	\$498,200
Miami	\$4,742,300	\$4,742,300
Miami Beach	\$102,959	\$839,000
Miami Gardens	\$197,840	\$989,200
Miami-Dade	\$12,523,700	\$12,523,700
Miramar	\$145,000	\$959,200
North Lauderdale	\$161,800	\$161,800
North Miami	\$500,300	\$500,300
North Miami Beach	\$156,600	\$156,600
Oakland Park	\$180,800	\$180,800
Pembroke Pines	\$1,321,700	\$1,321,700
Plantation	\$804,300	\$804,300
Pompano Beach	\$1,038,200	\$1,038,200
Sunrise	\$840,700	\$840,700
Tamarac	\$544,900	\$544,900
Weston	\$594,600	\$594,600
TOTAL	\$29,770,599	\$35,396,500

For additional information, please contact Brian Traylor, btraylor@sfrpc.com of Council staff.

State Road 7 Collaborative, 10 Years Down the Road

The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative Steering Committee is working with Council staff to commemorate ten years of economic development and revitalization along the Corridor. In 1999-2000 several elected officials of the municipalities sharing the Corridor took action to restore it to its former prominence and coordinate a common vision for the future of the roadway. Beginning as an informal meeting of governments called the U.S. 441/State Road 7 Economic and Aesthetic Redevelopment Committee, this ad hoc group rapidly evolved into the formal organization known as the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative. Council staff will be working with each community along the Corridor to highlight successes from the past decade and outline opportunities for future economic development in a publication that will be available later this year. Please contact Brian Traylor, btraylor@sfrpc.com, of Council staff for more information.

Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee

Council staff attended the February 12, 2010 Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee (PTC) meeting, which was held at the City of Miami Gardens City Hall. Staff gave an update of recent development activity. The Miami Gardens Planning Director discussed the City's census campaign, "Stand Up and Be Counted". Miami Gardens was incorporated in 2003, so 2010 will be the first time the City is included in the Census. The City is also adopting a new zoning code in March to implement planned corridor development districts.

A brief discussion of Water Supply Plan issues ensued. A summary of MPO activities was shared. Council staff apprised members of potential grant opportunities, the upcoming Clean Cities Coalition Alternative Fuels and Vehicles Survey, and the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study. Updates were also given on local Gold Coast APA activities.
