



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #V.E

DATE: MAY 2, 2011

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: REGIONAL VISION AND BLUEPRINT FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM)

Southeast Florida Regional Partnership (Partnership) Executive Committee - The Partnership's Executive Committee held their first meeting on March 25th. Narrative related to the initial Executive Committee composition can be found in this document:

http://www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership/Sustainable%20Communities%20Application_1.pdf

Members of the Executive Committee include the Chairs and Vice Chairs of both regional councils; the Executive Directors of both regional planning councils; DOT Secretaries, Districts 4 and 6; four appointments by the regional councils in areas of housing and economic development (2 each); a member of the Urban Land Institute; a member appointed by the SFRPC Executive Director; a member appointed by the TCRPC Executive Director; and a member knowledgeable about water issues in Southeast Florida. Lacking an established Partnership and Executive Committee at the time of the application, the idea was to present a "quick start" Executive Committee that could be expanded over time to more fully reflect the geography and diversity of interests of the region.

On the Partnership webpage <http://www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership.htm> you will find the March 25th meeting agenda and minutes, the meeting presentations and a video file of the meeting. The meeting minutes highlight the decisions that were made and the presentations on our website provide greater detail. At the meeting the Executive Committee agreed, among other things, to create two subcommittees: an Organizational and Equity Committee, and an Operational Subcommittee. Additional detail regarding the initial roles of these committees can be found in the minutes.

- The Operations Subcommittee is initially tasked with recommending selection of a Project Director/Program Manager and consultants to the Executive Committee; recommending other legal/administrative issues as needed to the Executive Committee; and monitoring grant administration and resolving issues as needed.
- The Organization and Equity Subcommittee is initially tasked with recommending additional Executive Committee members; recommending structure and leadership for the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership work groups; and recommending committee rules and processes.

Based on the sign-up sheet that was circulated at the meeting for the two subcommittees, and understanding that there is an opportunity to modify the membership of the subcommittees as needed, a listing of the current membership of the subcommittees follows below.

Operational Subcommittee

Gus Pego, FDOT 6
James Wolfe, FDOT 4
Norman Taylor, SFRPC Ex Officio Member – Appointed by the SFRPC Board
Ramon Trias, TCRPC Chair
Sue Gunzburger, SFRPC Chair

Organizational & Equity Subcommittee

Carla Coleman, ULI Appointment
Heather Carruthers, SFRPC Vice Chair
Jim Murley, SFRPC Executive Director Appointment
Kevin Foley, TCRPC Vice Chair
Peter O'Bryan, TCRPC Member - TCRPC Appointment
Sam Ferreri, TCRPC Member – TCRPC Appointment
Tom Gustafson, TCRPC Executive Director Appointment

Key activities currently underway:

- The workplan and budget is due to HUD April 22nd.
- We are working on a draft Consortium Agreement for review and ratification by the Consortium Partners within the next 60 days.
- We are also completing required (and desired) outreach to the Region's Housing Authorities to request their involvement in the development of the HUD required Housing Strategy and Plan.
- We have received inquiries from other federal partners on opportunities to partner with them on projects. We share these opportunities with our Partners through a general work group of people who have expressed an interest in receiving more frequent updates on the activities and progress of the Partnership.
- The job descriptions for the Project Director (based at the SFRPC) and Program Manager (based at the TCRPC) have been posted at various internet sites including NARC (National Association of Regional Councils), NADO (National Association of Development Organizations), FAPA (American Planning Association - Florida), CNU (Congress for New Urbanism), Planetizen, ULI Southeast Florida / Caribbean Chapter and APA National (American Planning Association). The descriptions are also on both the TCRPC and SFRPC (www.sfrpc.com) websites and are being distributed through local planning networks.

Preferred Sustainability Status - As a Sustainable Communities Grant recipient, the Southeast Florida region qualifies for 2 extra points on HUD Grant applications once HUD's "designated point of contact" (Isabel Cosio Carballo of Council staff) certifies that the applicant is furthering the HUD Livability Principles and the work of the Partnership through their proposed scope of work. At this time only HUD is offering the extra 2 points for proposals from Sustainable Communities Grant target areas. They are hoping that other agencies will follow their lead.

Recommendation

Information only.