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AGENDA ITEM #11

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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

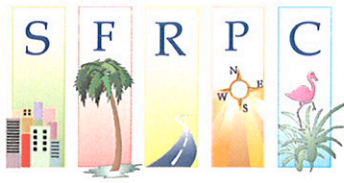
FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Attached are brief descriptions of activities in which the Council has been involved since the October 6, 2008 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



Highlights of Council Activities

November 2008

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.

This fiscal year Council staff will again be working with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to stage a Table Top Exercise (TTX) for the Region.

In addition, staff will assist FDEM in evaluating and selecting Logistical Staging Areas (LSAs) for the Region. LSAs are used to pre-stage supplies to be distributed to county and municipal Points of Distribution (PODs) post-disaster.

For additional information, contact Manny Cela (celam@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.

Training is available from the LEPC free of charge. In closing out the fiscal year, two Proper Use of Emergency Response Guides (ERGs) Classes, postponed due to Tropical Storm Fay, are scheduled for October 15 and 16 in Miami. The Chemical Compatibility and Storage Class will be offered again, this time in Key West on October 30. Additional training details and registration information is available at www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm.

Meeting dates and agendas for upcoming meetings as well as minutes from previous meetings are always available from www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm.

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

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 presented the Revolving Loan Funds program at the Miami-Dade Minority Chamber of Commerce Business Contract Expo and the Minority Enterprise Development (MED Week) Matchmaker Conference and Expo. These events provide small and minority firms with exposure to corporate and government buyers in a range of industries, including

transportation, medical, construction, hospitality, retail, and housing/economic development as well as venture capital financing and how to go Green.

The South Florida Regional Planning Council, Accion USA, and MetroBroward Capital Corporation have partnered together to create a one-stop shop for emerging companies seeking financing. These three organizations have formed the Broward Comprehensive Capital Resource Alliance. The BCCRA will hold its fourth Free Small Business Alternative Financing Seminar on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the City of Lauderdale Lakes Multi-Purpose Building.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for November 17, 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.

Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team (BBRRCT)

The BBRRCT exists to coordinate implementation of recommendations of the Biscayne Bay Partnership Initiative for the restoration and enhancement of the Bay.

The October 10, 2008 BBRRCT meeting was held in Virginia Key at the NOAA Southeast Fisheries Sciences Center. The majority of the meeting focused on the threat of global warming to our oceans, particularly Biscayne Bay. The team further discussed how forecasted sea level rise will impact the urban environment and how local governments plan to react. The remainder of the meeting focused on reviewing revisions to the team's Action Plan for the upcoming year and the possibility of forming a grant review group within the BBRRCT.

The next BBRRCT meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2008 at the NOAA Southeast Fisheries Sciences Center located at 75 Virginia Beach Drive in Virginia Key. For additional information, please visit <http://www.sfrestore.org/rrect/bbay/index.htm> or contact Rachel Kalin, rkalin@sfrpc.com, of Council staff.

Broward Planners' Technical Committee Meeting

Broward Planners' Technical Committee (PTC) held its monthly meeting at the Council offices on October 17, 2008. Representatives from municipalities and the County participated in the meeting, discussing current required comprehensive plan amendments that are due this Fall, including water supply planning and the Capital Improvement Element annual updates. The highlight of the meeting was a brainstorming session for desired planning issues and topics for future PTC meetings.

The next Broward PTC meeting will be held on December 12, 2008. For further information please visit www.sfrpc.com/ptc.htm or contact Keven Klopp, kklopp@sfrpc.com, or Rachel Kalin, rkalin@sfrpc.com.

Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee

Council staff attended the October 3, 2008 Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee (PTC) meeting at the Miami-Dade County Government Center. County staff presented current and ongoing small area plans in the Westchester, Model City/ Brownsville, and North central areas of the County. County staff has also been involved with the uprate and expansion of FPL's Turkey Point Power Plant and finding private development for long term lease agreements at the County's four airports. The County recently received a Technical Assistance "Grant" from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess the Urban Development Boundary (UDB). An update of the school concurrency implementation and Interlocal Agreement (ILA) was given. A discussion about House Bill 697 (Climate Change Legislation) ensued as planners expressed their concerns about incorporating the new requirements into their respective comprehensive plans. The Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (FAPA) is hosting a Miami-Dade Elected Officials Meeting on October 24, 2008. Carolyn Dekle will participate in a moderated panel discussion.

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. 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.

Hollywood Public Forum on State Road 7

Council staff has been working with the City of Hollywood as part of the South Florida Regional Planning Council's continued involvement with the SR 7 redevelopment process. Staff had the opportunity to serve on a panel with representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County Planning Council as well as the City's Public Works Department in order to discuss current and future redevelopment opportunities along the corridor. Planning staff from the City moderated the forum that was well attended by the community and several elected officials. Along with the other panelists, staff was able to provide insight and advice for potential land uses and other redevelopment implementation techniques that other cities along the corridor have found successful. Staff looks forward to working with the City of Hollywood and other State Road 7 Collaborative communities as they move forward with their redevelopment plans. For more information about the City of Hollywood's plans, visit www.hollywoodfl.org/cwmp. For more information about the State Road 7 Collaborative, visit www.sfrpc.com/sr7 or contact Brian Traylor at BTraylor@sfrpc.com of Council staff.

Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Staff is working with Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop a Scope of Work for a transportation/transit/land use corridor plan for the SW 10th Street Corridor in Deerfield Beach. For additional information, please contact Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff. <http://www.broward.org/mpo/tpi01507.pdf>.

South Florida Regional Transportation Workshop Phase I

Staff participated in Transportation Workshop hosted by SFTRA at Florida Atlantic University on September 25, 2008. The workshop focused on the Regional transportation needs, priority and funding. The meeting was attended by members of the general public, elected officials, transportation industry professionals, local government administrators, students and community activists who were concerned mobility and sustainability within Palm Beach County. SFRPC, as part of a panel discussion, presented an overview of Southeast FL 2060, a visioning process in its initial stages. Workshops are planned in Miami-Dade and Broward County in November, 2008 and culminating in a Regional Transportation Summit which will be held in early 2009. For additional information, please contact or Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) of Council staff. http://www.tri-rail.com/promo/Transit-Workshop_PBC/invite.html.

Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition

Staff hosted the quarterly Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition meeting on September 25, 2008. The meeting focused on the use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as an alternative fuel. Jeff Green of Gaswise, a company that provides CNG equipment for alternative fuel vehicles for personal and commercial uses, gave a presentation. For additional information, please contact Larry Allen (lallen@sfrpc.com) or Karen Hamilton (khamilton@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

Business Plan for the Gospel Complex for Education and Preservation

Council staff has completed preparation of a Business Plan for the Gospel Complex for Education and Preservation (previously known as Gospel Hall of Fame). This state-of-the-art facility is proposed to be built at the corner of State Road 7 and Sunrise Boulevard in the City of Lauderdale. It features a museum exhibition area and store, a 1,500-seat Performing Arts Center with video/audio recording capacity, a 2-room audio recording studio, a conference center with banquet hall, and an arts education facility including classrooms, studios and rehearsal spaces. For more information regarding the Gospel Complex itself, please see the website at <http://www.gospelcomplex.org>.

The Broward County Office of Economic Development (OED) commissioned the Business Plan in May 2008. The Plan is structured in five sections: the organizational plan, the marketing plan, the leveraging analysis, the financial plan, and supporting documents. During the development of the Business Plan, Council staff received valuable support from the OED, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the staff of the Gospel Complex, Inc., in addition to specialized consulting services from industry experts.

For additional information regarding the Business Plan, please contact Z. Jeanne Tan (Ztan@sfrpc.com) or Richard Ogburn (rogburn@sfrpc.com) of Council staff.

Council welcomes new Assistant Director Keven R. Klopp, AICP

The Council is pleased to announce that Keven Klopp has recently joined Council staff as Assistant Director. Keven earned a Masters of Urban Planning and Bachelor of Arts in International Studies through the University of Wisconsin System. He brings to his new position at the Council extensive experience in the fields of management and planning, particularly in the areas of administration, budgeting, policy analysis, strategic and comprehensive planning and land development regulation. Prior to joining the Council he served as City Manager for the City of North Miami Beach from June 2006 – 2008, the city where he began his career in South Florida in 1993 as a city planner. He worked as the Planning Director for Richard Rubin and Associates, a private consulting firm, before accepting the position of Deputy City Manager with the City of North Miami Beach in 1998 and his subsequent promotion to City Manager. Keven has lived in Southeast Florida for 15 years and currently resides in the City of Hollywood with his wife and three children. A long time friend of the Council and its staff, we are pleased to welcome him to our team.