

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

September 9, 2015

South Florida Regional Council met on this date at the South Florida Regional Council, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021. Chair Walters called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. and asked Councilmember Asseff to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Councilmember Patricia Asseff
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey (absent)
Councilmember Margaret Bates
Councilmember Mark Bogen (absent)
Councilmember Frank Caplan (absent)
Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava (via phone)
Councilmember Tim Daubert
Councilmember Cary Goldberg
Councilmember Nelson Hernandez
Councilmember Martin Kiar (via phone)
Councilmember George Neugent (absent)
Councilmember David Rice (via phone)
Councilmember Stacy Ritter
Councilmember Greg Ross
Councilmember Xavier Suarez (absent)
Councilmember Paul Wallace
Chair Sandra Walters
Councilmember Jimmy Weekley (absent)

Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel was present.

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Ms. Aileen Boucle, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

Ms. Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District

The following Ex-Officio Member was absent:

Ms. Jill Creech, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

II. Approval of Council Agenda

Chair Walters requested the Council Agenda be amended for the introduction of State Representative Gwyndolen "Gwen" Clarke-Reed, President Germain Smith Baugh of the Urban League of Broward County and Agenda Item V.A. Regional Convening 1) American Dream Miami to begin directly after the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the amended Council Agenda. Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Walters introduced State Representative Gwyndolen “Gwen” Clarke-Reed, representing District 92, and the recently elected Chair of the Broward County Legislative Delegation. Representative Clarke-Reed explained in detail her responsibilities as a State Representative and the Chair of the Broward Delegation including the Committees and Bills in which she is involved. She explained the Special Sessions regarding the State Senate and Congressional District Map changes along with other Session discussions. Representative Clarke-Reed stated that she is here to serve and listen to agencies on public issues and offered her support; this is the time to bring your appropriations to the Delegation offices now before Session begins. She stated they will be working very diligently so that Broward County will get their fair share of the dollars coming out of Tallahassee. Representative Clarke-Reed stated that she is looking forward to having discussions with Chair Walters on issues she is concerned with.

Executive Director, James F. Murley thanked Representative Clarke-Reed and suggested to the Council that when the Council Meetings are located in the other counties their County Delegation Chair will be invited.

Mr. Murley introduced Dr. Germaine Smith-Baugh, President and CEO of the Urban League of Broward County (ULBC). He stated that she is now a partner and with Southeast Florida Community Development Fund. Mr. Murley introduced the Fund Boardmembers: Councilmember Asseff, Mr. Norman Taylor, Chair of the Fund, Mr. Barrington Wright, and Gabino Cuevas (who was not present). He stated that they also serve on the Council’s Revolving Loan Board.

Dr. Smith-Baugh thanked Representative Clark-Reed, the other Representatives, Senators and the Governor for their leadership and willingness to invest in the ULBC. She explained in detail the creation of the ULBC 40 years ago and that it serves the urban areas throughout Broward County in four areas: education, job creation, health, and housing. There was a handout explaining the ULBC / Central County Community Development Corporation Entrepreneurship Center & Business Loan Fund and its collaboration with the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund (SFDCF) in partnership with the SFRC. The handout showed the loan amounts, terms, and outcomes. She explained the loan loss reserve fund, which was signed off by the Governor. She informed the Council that there are seven Urban League affiliates in the State of Florida. She stated that this gave the ULBC the opportunity to have a revolving loan fund in Broward County and gives the ULBC the opportunity to approach private lenders to match the Department of Economic Opportunity’s funding. Dr. Smith-Baugh explained the functions of the ULBC and how the SFDCF fulfills the qualifications needed to make this funding successful. She stated there is a million dollar investor, Bank United, based in Miami Lakes and there are about 20 other interested investors. She stated this is an opportunity to invest in the urban league and small businesses. She explained the investment process, loan terms, and the outcomes of job creation and success of under-resourced and minority-owned small businesses. She explained in detail the proposed Entrepreneurship Center provideing access to Money, Market, and Management.

Dr. Smith-Baugh introduced the Vice President of Finance Alwayne Burke to help answer any questions. He answered questions on loan security and the return on the investment inquiries.

Mr. Norman Taylor, Chair of the SFCDF, stated that he has served on the Loan Administration Board since its inception. He explained how the SFCDF is an independent body and stated that this Fund is possible because of the SFRC Board. He commended Dr. Smith-Baugh for her explanation of the Fund and how it will work. He asked for the Board's patience and support during this long process and thanked them.

Councilmember Asseff suggested Dr. Smith-Baugh present to the Mayors and Commissioners of the League of Cities.

There was discussion on the CRA credits, bank investments, capital, private company investment, and tax credits. Mr. Burke stated that Bank United's investment is structured like a loan at 1%. It was clarified that investment would be a donation or lender based. There was also discussion on targeted businesses and their requirements.

Mr. Murley stated that he would keep the Council updated.

Chair Walters stated Board is welcome to attend any of the Loan Advisory Board Meetings.

Mr. Murley introduced Robert Gorlow, head of operations, representing the Triple Five Worldwide, on the American Dream Miami.

Mr. Gorlow had a presentation on the American Dream Miami. He explained that Triple Five Worldwide is the developer of the Mall of America in Minnesota. He explained the history of the family who started the Triple Five Worldwide. He stated the Project is located in Miami-Dade County on approximately 225 acres on the corner I-75 and the Florida's Turnpike. Mr. Gorlow described the various ideas that will be part of the American Dream Miami: the retail, entertainment, hotel, theme park, the world's largest ski slope, water park a submarine lake with marine life, performance halls and a 3000 seat movie theater, ice skating rink and many more amenities. He mentioned that DreamWorks may have an on-site film/TV production studio.

Mr. Gorlow stated that they are working with the Florida Department of Transportation to improve the interchange between I-75 and the Turnpike, along with a proposed Turnpike Exit at NW 170th Street. He stated that Triple Five is extremely interested in solving any traffic problems that may occur and is in discussion with the municipalities and counties located near the Project.

Mr. Gorlow stated the water used for the ski slope and water park will be recycled and the retail area will not require much water usage. He stated that they are in discussion with the City of Hialeah regarding their reverse osmosis water treatment plant and the South Florida Water Management District about water consumption and waste water.

Mr. Gorlow stated that the American Dream Miami would be developed all at once and the financing has not been completed. He stated that in November, 2015 they will file a

Comprehensive Plan Amendment in Miami-Dade County. He stated the Project would be completed in about four years.

Councilmember Daubert suggested the Council staff reach out to each municipality in Miami-Dade and Broward County and the Counties for their concerns on the Project; put the concerns together for each entity. Chair Walters reminded the Board that the SFRC does not have a mechanism to charge an application fee.

Mr. Murley stated that this Project will have all the studies required for a Development of Regional Impact. He stated that Council staff is in conversation with Miami-Dade County and the municipalities for any assistance needed. He stated an application has not been submitted at this time and that the Project will have to go through the proposed and adopted amendment process. Mr. Murley stated that the Council will be updated on this Project since it will impact the region and as the applications are presented the Council will have more discussion and Mr. Gorlow will be back for updates on the American Dream Miami.

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, stated for the record that Mr. Gorlow would provide the Powerpoint presentation to the Council. Mr. Gorlow agreed.

III. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Ritter moved to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

Councilmember Asseff moved to approve Agenda Item III.B, Financial Report. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item III.C, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

- Broward County 15-4ESR
- Miami-Dade County 15-2ESR
- Monroe County 15-1ACSC
- Monroe County 15-4ACSC
- Town of Cutler Bay 15-2ER
- Town of Cutler Bay 15-3ESR
- City of Dania Beach 15-1ESR

- Town of Davie 15-4ESR
- City of Deerfield Beach 15-1ER
- City of Doral 15-3ESR
- Town of Golden Beach 15-1ESR
- City of Margate 15-1ESR
- City of Marathon 15-1ACSC
- City of Marathon 15-
- City of Miami 15-2ESR
- City of Miami 15-4ESR
- City of Miami Beach 15-1ESR
- City of North Miami Beach 15-3ESR

Councilmember Asseff moved to approve Agenda Item III.D, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Legal Counsel Annual Review and Proposed Contract Extension

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item III.E, Legal Counsel Annual Review and Proposed Contract Extension. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

F. Executive Director Annual Review

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item III.F, Executive Director Annual Review. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

G. FY 2014-15 Operating Budget Amendment

There were questions regarding the EPA Malibu Apartments loan restructure being located in the operating budget section and Ed McGann of Council staff and Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, explained the restructured payment in detail.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item III.G, FY 2014-15 Operating Budget Amendment. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

H. FY 2015-16 Operating Budget

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item III.H, FY 2015-16 Operating Budget. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Walters temporarily adjourned the SFRC Meeting at 11:59 a.m. to begin the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute and reconvened the SFRC Meeting at 12:02 p.m.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Executive Committee Report

B. Executive Director's Report

1) Downtown Miami Development of Regional Impact Increment III

Mr. Murley stated Council staff has the Response to Information Request from the Downtown Miami DRI and is being reviewed.

C. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren stated there was no litigation to report.

D. Ex Officio Reports

Mr. Murley stated that Ms. Boucle, who recently left the meeting, has committed to moderating a panel at the Florida American Planners Association Conference located at the Hollywood Diplomat Hotel. She is moderating a Women in Planning Session and she is recognized as one of the top women in transportation planning.

V. Program Reports and Activities

A. Regional Convening - Topics

1) American Dream Miami – Bob Gorlow

B. Revolving Loan Fund Reports

1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

C. Southeast Florida Clean Cities Program Update

D. Florida Regional Councils Association

1) FRCA Monthly Accomplishments

2) FRCA Legislative Update

VI. Announcements and Attachments

A. Correspondence and Attendance Form

B. Upcoming Meetings

1) October 5th, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC Offices, Hollywood) – **Executive Committee**

2) November 2nd, 10:30 a.m. (MENC, Key Largo)

3) December 7th, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC Offices, Hollywood) – **Executive Committee**

4) January 4th 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC Offices, Hollywood)

VII. Councilmember Comments

Councilmember Wallace announced that his term will be ending in October or November 2015 and he will not ask to be reappointed. Chair Walters requested he attend the meetings until there is a replacement.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the September 9, 2015 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL adopted the 5th day of October, 2015.

Patricia T. Asseff, Secretary

Date