

# SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

## Minutes

December 5, 2016

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on this date at its corporate office at 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021. Chair Asseff called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Councilmember Walters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

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

Isabel Cosio Carballo, Executive Director, and Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, were present.

#### The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI  
The Honorable Roberto Martell, representing the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity /  
Mayor of the Town of Medley

#### The following Ex-Officio Members were not present:

Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District  
Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

### **II. Approval of Council Agenda**

Motion was carried by a unanimous consent.

### **III. Presentations / Guests**

**Presentation – Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Update.** Greg Stuart, Executive Director, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Honorable Bryan Caletka, Vice Chair

Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization; Councilmember, Town of Davie; and National Association of Regional Councils Regional Representative District V (GA, FL).

Chair Asseff introduced the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Executive Director Greg Stuart and the Honorable Bryan Caletka, Councilmember for the Town of Davie, and Vice Chair of the Broward MPO. She proceeded to share their background information, history, and accomplishments.

Councilmember Caletka stated that he was honored to represent Florida and Georgia as the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Regional Representative for District V.

Mr. Stuart announced that he was elected to the staff Board of NARC, which the SFRPC is a member. Working together with all the various local, state, and national agencies is very important. He explained that NARC plays a pivotal role in transportation human services, and land use. Mr. Stuart and Councilmember Caletka will be attending meetings with the legislative delegation and the national association's delegations in Washington, D.C. to discuss national policies to help regional councils and MPOs move forward with the national changes. Councilmember Caletka is looking forward to the MPO and Regional Councils working together.

Mr. Stuart explained in great detail the various projects and interests in which the MPO is involved: transportation, Complete Streets, corridor studies, Penny Tax, Regional Freight Plan, Quiet Zones, Climate Change, and many other projects. He mentioned the cities and entities that are included in these projects. He thanked the Council Board for their support regarding the TIGER Grant. This grant has five Complete Streets projects in the Broward County. Mr. Stuart talked about the involvement of Holland and Knight, the Broward MPO's lobbyists, in expanding the number of projects and funding amounts for the MPOs throughout the nation. Mr. Stuart would like to return and update the Council on these projects.

There were discussions on bicycle lanes, possible barriers, and maintenance (street cleaning and flooding prevention), Penny Tax analysis, autonomous vehicles, transit fees, and complete streets. Mr. Stuart informed the Board that the Urban Land Institute will be relocating to the MPO location and jointly plan to expand their roles on development and transportation working together.

Councilmember Goldberg described his involvement in the Uptown Fort Lauderdale Business Community (Cypress Creek Road and I-95 area) where it is home to approximately 70,000 employees. It was identified as prime area for redevelopment. Councilmember Goldberg reached out to the MPO on transportation issues and the MPO is now part of this discussion. This is a unique public/private relationship. Mr. Stuart stated there are many corporate businesses relocating to the Uptown Fort Lauderdale Business Community.

Mr. Stuart also explained in detail the MPO's involvement in Mobility Hubs located in various Broward County cities. Discussion followed on the bus connections and commuters between Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, and the I-95 managed lanes.

Chair Asseff announced the December 16, 2016 Tri-Rail Coastal Link Forum to which everyone is invited. She thanked Mr. Stuart and Commissioner Caletka for their participation.

**Conversation with EPA Region 4 Regional Administrator Heather McTeer Toney** - Regional Administrator Toney will meet with Council members following her arrival in Fort Lauderdale.

#### IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes. Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

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

C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

Councilmember Furr moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

**Proposed**

- Islamorada, Village of Islands 16-7ACSC
- City of Miami 16-1ER
- Town of Pembroke Park 16-1ER
- Town of Southwest Ranches 16-2ESR
- Village of Virginia Gardens 16-1ESR

**Adopted**

- City of Homestead 15-2ESR

Councilmember Bailey abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest regarding the cities of Homestead and Miami. Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.D, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed and Adopted. Councilmember Bates seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews – None

F. Proposed Meeting Locations – 2017

Executive Director, Isabel Cosio Carballo informed the Councilmembers that the proposed 2017 Meeting Dates is provided in their packet. There was discussion on reducing the number of meetings in other locations and changing the meeting date from the first Monday of the month to the fourth Monday of the month. It was suggested to have only one meeting in Monroe County and only one in Miami-Dade County. Discussion ensued on transportation, parking, cost and other concerns. It was decided to meet on January 9, 2017 as currently planned and present the Councilmembers with an updated meeting schedule for 2017.

G. Resolution 16-03 – Urging the Governor of Florida to apply for and administer funds in the Case of Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation

Christine Heshmati, Council staff and Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coordinator, explained the Volkswagen Liability Litigation Settlement in detail. The Resolution urges the Governor of Florida to apply for and administer funds associated with the litigation case. The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition is in support of the State selecting a lead agency to develop, and administer an Environmental Mitigation Plan. These funds will help to remedy the negative effects from Volkswagen vehicles sold in Florida that were legally not “clean”. Ms. Cosio Carballo informed the Council that this Resolution is a statement of support for this program and explained the timing for the funds administration. The Councilmembers will be updated accordingly and once the Resolution is signed, the Resolution will be sent to the Florida Legislative Delegation.

Councilmember Furr moved to approve Agenda Item IV.G, Resolution 16-03. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## **V. Discussion Items**

### **A. Executive Director’s Report**

Ms. Cosio Carballo informed the Councilmembers that the Agenda for the Tri-Rail Coastal Link Forum is at their seats and requested their attendance. Ms. Cosio Carballo thanked Mr. Goren, Mr. Tolces, and Ms. Peterson for their help and support for proposed legislation that would allow teleconferencing to achieve a quorum. She appreciates everyone’s time, effort, and attendance at the SFRPC meetings. The subject of excused/unexcused absences was explained and discussed. The Councilmembers supported the enforcement of this rule. The January Florida Regional Council Association (FRCA) Policy Board Meeting in Tallahassee was announced. Councilmembers Bailey, Caplan and Walters are the current SFRPC FRCA Policy Boardmembers. Ms. Cosio Carballo then explained in detail the specifics on the FRCA Policy Board and asked if any of the other Councilmembers would be interested in being a FRCA Policy Boardmember. Councilmembers Bailey, Caplan and Walters requested to remain as the FRCA Policy Boardmembers representing the SFRPC. Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that all the Councilmembers are welcome to attend any of these meetings.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Councilmembers Bailey, Caplan, and Walters to remain as the FRCA Policy Boardmembers for 2017, which carried by a unanimous vote.

The Councilmembers were informed on the update of the SFRPC office technology improvements.

Ms. Cosio Carballo recognized Nancy Davis and her 31 years of dedication to the SFRPC as she is retiring.

Ms. Cosio Carballo thanked the Councilmembers for giving her the opportunity to be the Executive Director.

### **B. Legal Counsel Report**

#### **1) Nominating Committee**

Mr. Goren, Legal Counsel explained the rules of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of the Immediate Past Chair and two additional Councilmembers appointed by the Chair. Each county in the region is represented on the Nominating Committee.

Councilmembers Caplan, Ross and Walters were selected for the Nominating Committee. This meeting will begin at 10 a.m. before the Council Meeting.

Mr. Goren reiterated the importance of the absentee rule that Ms. Cosio Carballo had referenced earlier.

Mr. Goren stated that as of November 23, 2016, the Fictitious Name Filing (SFRPC) was sent to Tallahassee.

Mr. Goren informed the Council that Barbara Peterson is the Director of the organization that writes the Sunshine Manual and she is in favor of the teleconferencing quorum item.

There is no litigation to report.

Chair Asseff voiced that physical attendance is much more important; a Councilmember's presence brings more to the table. Mr. Goren stated that there are five conditions to allow an excused absence: sickness, disability, temporary absence from the jurisdiction, an absence that is excused by the Chair or Executive Director, or required attendance at another public hearing or meeting.

Councilmember Daubert suggested the absentee information be sent to the Councilmembers as a reminder that this Rule will be enforced.

Ms. Cosio Carballo congratulated Councilmembers Ross and Bates on their reappointment to the Board by the Broward League of Cities.

C. Ex Officio Reports

Mr. Huynh, FDOT District VI Representative, stated that FDOT adopted the Complete Streets Implementation Plan. The draft guidelines will be available in January.

**VI. Program Reports and Activities**

A. Revolving Loan Fund Reports

1) SFRC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report

C. Southeast Florida Clean Cities Program Update

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

A. Attendance Form, Correspondence, and Articles

B. Upcoming Meetings

1) January 9, 2017, 10:30 a.m. (SFRC Offices, Hollywood)

2) February 6, 2017, 10:30 a.m. FDOT 6, Miami

3) March 6, 2017, 10:30 a.m. (SFRC Offices, Hollywood)

**VIII. Councilmember Comments - none**

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the December 5, 2016 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017.

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Greg Ross, Secretary

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Date