

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

May 21, 2018

The South Florida Regional Planning Council's Executive Committee met on this date at its corporate office at One Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 221, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Caplan called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Councilmember Mario J. Bailey
Chair Frank Caplan
Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava
Immediate Past Chair Tim Daubert
Councilmember Steve Geller
Councilmember Greg Ross

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

The following Ex-Officio Member was present:

Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

Also present were Maria Mitchell, Councilwoman from the City of Miami Springs, and Ken Jeffries, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI.

II. Approval of Council Agenda

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

III. Presentation – None

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Geller moved to approve the minutes from February 26, 2018. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

This Agenda Item was reviewed later in the meeting.

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews
Proposed

- Broward County 18-2ESR
- Broward County 18-3ESR
- City of Deerfield Beach 18-1ESR
- City of Hialeah 18-1ESR
- Town of Hillsboro Beach 18-1ER
- City of Key West 18-1ACSC

- City of Key West 18-2ACSC
- City of Key West 18-3ACSC
- City of Lauderdale Lakes 18-1ESR
- City of Miami Beach 18-1ESR
- City of Plantation 18-1ESR
- City of South Miami 18-1ER
- City of South Miami 18-2ESR
- City of Sunrise 18-2ER
- City of Sweetwater 18-1ESR

Adopted

- Broward County 18-1ESR
- Broward County 17-7ESR
- Broward County 17-8ESR
- Miami-Dade County 17-4ESR
- City of Homestead 17-1ESR
- City of Key West 17-1ACSC
- City of Miami 16-1ER
- City of Sunrise 18-1ESR
- City of Weston 17-1ESR

Public Comments - None

Councilmember Bailey recused himself from voting on the Miami-Dade County, 17-4ESR, the City of Homestead 17-1ESR, the City of Lauderdale Lakes 18-1ESR, and the City of Miami 16-1ER amendments due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Huynh, FDOT, VI, commented that in this Agenda Item, the City of South Miami 18-1ER comments contained the verbiage “City of Pompano Beach” in error. The error will be corrected by Council staff. There was discussion regarding the City of South Miami’s amendment 18-2ESR proposing a change in the future land use category “Parks and Open Space” and the land below Miami’s Metrorail known as the Underline. This land is being transformed into a linear park, urban trail, and living art destination. Mr. Huynh observed that changing the land use designation of a functioning transit route to a “Parks and Open Space” designation may result in the loss of federal funds for transit. It was decided that Council staff will amend its recommendation to include FDOT VI’s concerns which were received after the agenda item was completed.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews as amended *except* for Miami-Dade County, 17-4ESR, the City of Homestead 17-1ESR, the City of Lauderdale Lakes 18-1ESR, and the City of Miami 16-1ER. Councilmember Geller seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews adopted and proposed, Miami-Dade County, 17-4ESR, the City of Homestead 17-1ESR, the City of Lauderdale Lakes 18-1ESR, and the City of Miami 16-1ER. Councilmember Levine Cava seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments - None

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

E. FY 16-17 Audit

Shaun Davis, Managing Partner, along with Kevin Adderley, Senior Manager of S. Davis and Associates presented a PowerPoint for the FY 2016-17 Annual Audit. They will return for a more detailed presentation for the full Board in June or July. Shaun Davis and Associates have been auditing the SFRPC throughout the years. Mr. Adderley outlined the highlights of the FY 16-17 Audit. The PowerPoint included the scope of the examination, audit results, financial statements, overview of the operations (revenue /expenses), etc. The Audit results had no significant deficiencies noted in the internal control system, no matters of noncompliance were noted pursuant to Federal Uniform Guidance, and the fund balance and financial statements report was included.

Ms. Cosio Carballo explained the funding of the grants, the requirements (cost covers, fee for services, etc.) and how those requirements have changed over the past years. The question was asked if the grants do not include administrative overhead, should the Council continue with these types of grants?

Mr. Adderley explained the numbers regarding the Florida Retirement Systems' pension liability along with the Revolving Loan Fund and why they are included in the SFRPC Audit. It was requested that, for the PowerPoint, a footnote be added to clarify that the RLF maintains its own funding under the SFRPC. Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, stated that the SFRPC is a pass-through organization for the RLF. The RLF funds are contracted through the Economic Development Administration.

Rene Gonzalez, Finance Director, mentioned that the overhead expenses decreased this audit. Discussions continued on the FRS, RLF, grant reimbursement, Budget Comparison, and Management Response.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.E, FY 16-17 Audit, Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments – none

IV. Action Items

C. Financial Report

Rene Gonzalez, Finance Director, explained the Comparative Balance Sheet, Revenue, Expense Report and the moving costs. Discussion ensued regarding the office relocation cost, current and future costs, and the future savings. The Council did receive the deposit money from the previous landlord, Venture Corporation, for approximately \$7,300. There was a cleaning fee associated with the amount. It was requested that there be a breakdown of the hard and soft moving costs, including explanations.

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

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that Council staff has kept up-to-date on the American Dream Miami (ADM) and Graham Properties. The amendments, regarding this project, should be received by the Council in July 2018. Councilmember Geller thanked Ms. Cosio Carballo, Chair Caplan, and the Councilmembers for their input regarding the ADM correspondence. Ms. Cosio Carballo has requested documentation related to the ADM and Graham Properties amendments, from Miami-Dade County, for Council's review. Councilmember Levine Cava was commended for raising issues, (infrastructure, charging stations, water reuse etc.) at the Miami-Dade County Commission Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Council's involvement, facilitation, recommendations, authority, and relevance. City of Miami Springs Councilwoman, Maria Mitchell (previously the Manager of Risk Management and Safety for Miami-Dade County for 30 years) stated that the SFRPC and similar organizations are the guiding force and conscience of the region. She commended Councilmember Levine Cava for raising important issues at the Miami-Dade County Commission Meeting. Councilmember Daubert suggested Councilwoman Mitchell contact Richard Kuper from the League of Cities to be his replacement when he retires from the Council.

The ADM / Graham Properties amendments were adopted by the Miami-Dade County Commission on May 17th. Once received by Council staff, staff will review the original staff reports prepared by Miami-Dade County and the Council's recommendations from the March 10, 2017 Council meeting. The issues and recommendations from these documents will be compared to the adopted amendment and other information received from Miami-Dade County to ensure that the regional issues have been addressed. The Council's review of consistency or inconsistency is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)* and 2) extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the Region. Council staff will offer suggestions as to how the projects can be improved.

Discussion continued on infrastructure, various improvements, transportation, interchanges, funding, etc. Will FDOT funding go towards this project instead of other growth opportunities/needs in the county? Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI, stated that when FDOT reviewed the impacts to the developments, they stipulated that there should be 3 interchanges built by the time the ADM is open (2023). He explained where those interchanges would be located. These interchanges will still have go through the interchange access request, through the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) for approval. Mr. Huynh summarized the FDOT's review, requests for methodology, his discussions with FHA on the interchange access, requests for system interchange analysis, interchange locations, a local sponsor to facilitate the funding, etc. It was suggested that the Council have a special meeting/workshop regarding this project. Chair Caplan agreed. Councilmember Levine Cava remarked that there is no entity within Miami-Dade County responsible for the future vision of how this project will play out.

Councilmember Mitchell reminded the Councilmembers that the City of Miami Springs, south of Hialeah, will be strangled in traffic. There is a responsibility to look out for the growth of the County. Councilmember Bailey requested the ADM/Graham Properties' information be sent out before the special meeting/workshop so the Councilmembers can review everything. Councilmember Levine Cava would like to have a Miami-Dade County Planner present for the special meeting/workshop. Councilwoman Mitchell was invited to join the Councilmembers for the workshop.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren stated that the Council's mediation role is recognized in Miami-Dade County's comprehensive plan. As such, the Council, by designation is part of the intergovernmental coordination conversation with respect to this, or any other project, if requested.

With respect to the office relocation, Mr. Goren explained the lease process in detail. He thanked David Tolces, Legal Counsel, Ms. Cosio Carballo and staff for their time and assistance on the leasing process. There is no mitigation to report.

C. Ex Officio Reports

Mr. Huynh, FDOT, VI gave an overview of the Golden Glades Park and Ride improvements. There will be construction of a parking garage that will have a connector to the Tri-Rail Station.

Public Comments - none

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. Revolving Loan Fund Reports

Councilmember Bailey requested the RLF Reports be reviewed at the June Meeting.

- 1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report
- 2) 5-Year EDA Revolving Loan Fund Administrative Expense Detail

B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report-None

C. Constitution Revision Commission / Proposed Constitutional Amendments

D. Legislative Summaries – Florida League of Cities / Florida Association of Counties

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) June 25, 2018, 10:30 a.m. (Hollywood Branch Library)
- 2) July 23, 2018, 10:30 a.m. (Hollywood Branch Library)

VIII. Councilmember Comments

There was discussion on the previous and present authorities the SFRPC maintains. Councilmember Geller suggested the Councilmembers meet to discuss regional planning. Another suggestion was to have more Joint Meetings. He would like to see the SFRPC be the facilitator for a joint vision with the

other counties on Sea Level Rise, marine research – to generate economic job creation that could provide public/private partnerships between the universities and private sectors, research, transportation, etc. There is a need to create more high-paying jobs. The income in our counties are low compared to our housing cost. These are regional issues that he would like to see the RPC be the coordinator and be the new role of the SFRPC. He also suggested the Council work with the Broward Alliance and the Beacon Council.

Councilmember Daubert commended Andrea Piccardo of Council staff for her work on the Council's Facebook page. Ms. Cosio Carballo gave a brief timeline of Ms. Piccardo's work history. Ms. Piccardo has taken a position with Councilmember Levine Cava's office.

There was discussion on the Councilmembers' consensus/debate of the ADM/Graham Properties amendments from the last meeting and how the Council was constrained in their reply. Chair Caplan observed that some of the Councilmembers wanted to do more than what was generated. There could have been more issues that could have been explored. The problem was that there was not enough time to research the issues and construct proper input. Ms. Cosio Carballo reminded the Councilmembers that the SFRPC role is to remain neutral, stick to the facts, and analyze the issues on the basis of facts. The SFRPC does not have the same staff capacity as in the past. Council staff will be contacting FDOT to understand more on the transportation issues. Councilmember Geller stated that the Council did what they could without jeopardizing the Council's role.

Councilmember Levine Cava stated, "to get to common ground you must go to higher ground." We need to have a set of principles and then those principles can be utilized. We should take the higher ground so we are in a higher position. Councilmember Geller suggested Ms. Cosio Carballo reach out to the Beacon Council/Broward Alliance, and universities to discuss regionalism with the SFRPC coordinating the regional planning.

It was suggested that Chair Caplan, Councilmember Ross, and Ms. Cosio Carballo have a conversation followed by a workshop. Councilwoman Mitchell remarked that this is the group that has the opportunity to look at the overall welfare of South Florida as a whole. The residents depend on it. The Council is in a unique position to provide the guidance.

Mr. Goren reminded the Councilmembers about Chapter 163. There is a reason why Miami-Dade County came to the RPC for the review - because it is required by law. It is a legal obligation the Council has to fulfill. It's not just a passing fancy for the applicants to come here. Chair Caplan observed that this is an unfunded mandate.

Councilmember Bailey suggested the Council meet with Representatives. Now would be the time to work with staff and review policies moving forward instead of waiting a few months down the road. Ms. Cosio Carballo would like to speak with incoming Speaker Oliva. She requested that the Councilmembers reach out to the electoral candidates to better understand their areas of interest and concern on important issues. This information would help the SFRPC better prepare to respond to these issues and provide opportunity for broader planning initiatives. Councilmember Ross announced that, through the Florida League of Cities, there will be a gathering of the Gubernatorial Candidates in Orlando in June.

The RLF Program history and transition was explained. Ms. Cosio Carballo is working with the Neighborhood Lending Partners, a state-wide non-profit organization, that works in loan programs servicing and management. She is exploring alternatives and will come back to the Council with a recommendation.

Councilmember Bailey requested a fully comprehensive report on where the RLF started and where it is now, what the Program has lost, etc. Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that Mr. Gonzalez should be part of this conversation.

Chair Caplan acknowledged that Councilmember Ross presented to Sam Goren the **Broward League of Cities Samuel S. Goren Presidential Award**. This award is the Broward League of Cities highest ranking leadership award. (Staff note: According to the Broward County League of Cities' website, Sam was the first lawyer from Broward County to achieve the Florida Bar's award for outstanding practice in local government. He has served as general counsel to the Broward League of Cities for more than 30 years.)

Councilmember Ross motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 a.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 May 21, 2018 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL Executive Committee adopted the 25th day of June 2018.

Mario J. Bailey, Secretary

Date