

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

June 25, 2018

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on this date at the Hollywood Branch Library's Multi-Purpose Room, 2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Caplan called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Patricia Asseff
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey
Councilmember Margaret Bates
Chair Frank Caplan
Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava
Councilmember Tim Daubert (absent)
Councilmember José (Pepe) Diaz (absent)
Councilmember Beam Furr
Councilmember Steve Geller
Councilmember Cary Goldberg
Councilmember Nelson Hernandez (absent)
Councilmember George Neugent (absent)
Councilmember David Rice (absent)
Councilmember Greg Ross
Councilmember Michael Udine
Councilmember Sandra Walters

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

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Shereen Yee Fong, for Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District

The following Ex-Officio Member was absent:

Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

It was mentioned that Councilmember Furr is the only elected Librarian in the nation. When Councilmember Furr was a City of Hollywood Commissioner, he was involved in the design of the Hollywood Branch Library.

Members of the audience introduced themselves. Attending the meeting was Kevin Adderley - S. Davis and Associates, Bob Cambric - SFRPC consultant, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission staff, Norm Taylor - Norm Taylor and Associates, and members of the SFRPC staff.

II. Approval of Council Agenda

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

III. Presentation – FY 16-17 Annual Audit (IV.E)

Kevin Adderley, Senior Manager of S. Davis and Associates presented a PowerPoint for the FY 2016-17 Annual Audit. The Audit was reviewed by the Executive Committee on May 21, 2018 and the request for some definitive modifications were incorporated. The PowerPoint included the scope of the examination, audit results, financial statements, 2016-2017 comparison on the overview of the operations (revenue /expenses), etc. The Audit results had no significant deficiencies noted in the internal control system, and no matters of noncompliance were noted pursuant to Federal Uniform Guidance. He explained the pension liability, and the restricted net position for the Loan Program. The footnote added to the Overview of Operations – Expenses page regarding the Loan Loss Reserve was requested by the Executive Committee. It states “*Loan Loss Reserve is an expense of the Revolving Loan Fund which is funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration.” Mr. Adderley explained this detail. Discussion then followed regarding the pension liability with input from Chair Caplan, Councilmembers Ross and Furr, and Mr. Adderley.

Councilmember Geller moved to approve the FY 2016-17 Audit. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was motioned to amend the minutes from May 21, 2018. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

For the record, Councilmember Geller requested that his comment “last longer to” (in referring to regional planning discussions, page 5 of 7) be deleted. Council staff will make that modification.

B. Financial Report

To be presented later in the Agenda.

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Broward County 18-4ESR
- City of Miramar 18-1ESR
- North Bay Village 18-1ESR
- City of Oakland Park 18-1ESR
- City of Tamarac 18-1ESR
- City of Tamarac 18-2ESR

Adopted

- City of Miami Gardens 18-2ER
- City of West Park 18-1ESR

Public Comments - None

Councilmember Bailey recused himself from voting on the City of Miami Gardens 18-2ER, and the City of West Park 18-1ESR amendments due to a conflict of interest.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews as amended for the City of Miami Gardens 17-2ER, and the City of West Park 18-1ESR amendments. Councilmember Bates seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews adopted and proposed, *except* for the City of Miami Gardens 17-2ER, and the City of West Park 18-1ESR amendments. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments - None

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

E. FY 16-17 Annual Audit

Presented earlier on the Agenda.

B. Financial Report

Rene Gonzalez, Finance Director, updated the Councilmembers on the Financial Report comparing the months of March through May 2018. He explained the accounts receivables, Liabilities and fund balance, the Revenue and Expense Reports, and pass-through expenses in detail.

Councilmember Goldberg requested another column next to the % of the Budget showing the remaining budget. Mr. Gonzalez stated he would do so.

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

F. FY 2017 – 18 Operating Budget Amendment

Ms. Cosio Carballo explained that Agenda Item C and D are informational items for discussion. A final budget amendment for these Amendments will be presented at the September Council Meeting.

Mr. Gonzalez explained the Revenues, Expenditures, Operating Surplus, and the relocation cost. Ms. Cosio Carballo reviewed the Leasehold Improvement - soft costs, and hard costs regarding the landlord's reimbursement in detail. She explained the options of the build-out to the new office space to stay within our budget. The Fringe Benefit fluctuations, employee changes, the new lease contracts, and legal services modifications (August 2017) were discussed. Appreciation for Sam Goren's, Legal Counsel, time spent on the SFRPC was mentioned. Mr. Goren stated that he is happy with the current terms.

Councilmember Geller requested the Councilmembers to skim the May Minutes' Councilmember Comments since the same issues will be similar to the Councilmembers' comments today.

There was some discussion on the Consultant regarding the buildout. Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that she is satisfied with architect and explained the draft architectural drawing.

Sharing the new Conference Room was discussed.

G. FY 2018 – 19 Draft Operating Budget

Mr. Gonzalez explained the draft Operating Budget, the additional/decrease in contracts and grants, the decrease in occupancy cost, pass-through project expenses, and the new build out, etc. Discussion ensued on the cost of the janitorial services.

Councilmember Levine Cava announced that she has another pending grant through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). It is not listed on Page 2 of the Proposed Budget. She was very pleased to work with Ms. Cosio Carballo on the proposal that addresses economic development opportunities in South Dade County. There is an initial approval to move forward with the proposal in which the SFRPC is the fiscal sponsor. Alyssa Joneswood has been a major contributor to the proposal. Ms. Joneswood provided the funding amount and explained the percentage given to the Council. As the region's Economic Development District, the SFRPC is the official South Florida liaison to the EDA, Atlanta Regional Office. This is an eight-month planning grant that will potentially lead to a larger implementation grant.

Public Comment - none

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Cosio Carballo announced the various meetings: Regional Council, Florida Association of Counties, and League of Cities, as well as updated the Councilmembers on the meetings she attended and plans to attend. She announced that the Florida Regional Council Association would be considering the reduction of dues at their upcoming meeting. In speaking with Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Valenstein, the Secretary may participate at the Policy Board Meeting. The Florida Reef Tract Meeting will be held at the Broward Convention Visitors Bureau in which FDEP, NOAA, Treasure Coast and South Florida RPCs will participate. The quotes for the buildout should be received soon.

The July Meeting may include the American Dream Miami (ADM) / Graham Properties adopted amendments. Once the Council staff receives more information, it will be forwarded to the Councilmembers. Council staff will review the amendments to make sure the Councilmembers and other agencies concerns are addressed. The proposed amendment regarding the 836 Extension was mentioned briefly.

City of Key West Commissioner Samuel Kaufman has shown interest in joining the Council. Ruth Reyes, Council staff was introduced. She replaces Andrea Piccardo and will update the Council's website and social media while on summer break from Emory University.

Councilmember Levine Cava commented on the County Commission Meeting regarding Miami-Dade County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan on the 836 Extension and the ADM amendment; they have similar issues. Her view on these items is "short term vs. long term". Areas of input would be: water, transit, and the impact on the Everglades. This will all be part of the permitting process. She is curious as to what the level of review will be when transmitted to the State. At the last Council Meeting, it was helpful to hear from FDOT's involvement on the intersections and to understand that this issue is not finalized (funding, completion information,

etc.). It was requested that someone representing the State come and respond at our meeting on the 836. The ADM review would be to determine if the conditions of compliance were fulfilled, and elucidate issues on the interchanges for public input, since the ADM was finalized.

The viewpoint of the Governor candidates on the Regional Planning Councils was discussed. It was suggested that all candidates be briefed on the resources of the RPCs. The Gubernatorial candidates will be at the Florida League of Cities August 16-18, 2018.

Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), stated that the 836 Extension has not been received at the District. There are other agencies involved including the Department of the Interior. As far as the ADM, SFWMD staff has not received the last amendment. SFWMD staff has made comments and are waiting to see if those comments have been addressed in the adoption amendment.

Shereen Yee Fong, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI, informed the Council that there have been some improvements on the interchanges on I75 and Miramar Parkway but the Department has not seen any plans, also nothing on the 836 Expansion.

Councilmember Cava invited everyone to a meeting on July 16, 2018 in Palmetto Bay. This meeting is in partnership with the SFWMD. The meeting will be about the canal, storm, and infrastructure issues in the area.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Nothing to report.

C. Ex Officio Reports

Addressed earlier in the meeting.

Public Comments - none

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. Revolving Loan Fund Reports

Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that Council staff will be triaging the RLF portfolio. She will be working with David Tolces and Lisa Mooney from Bank United. Once the files are reviewed the Council's options will be discussed. She explained the changes that came about due to the various Program Managers that have been involved that are no longer with the SFRPC. There is an option of possibly subcontracting the RLF Program. Ms. Cosio Carballo informed the Councilmembers that she received a proposal from Neighborhood Lending Partners, a national company. She would like to find someone who can run this Program. Chair Caplan stated he knows a retired banker that may want to help. There was discussion on the operating costs, assets, and the revenue provided to the Council. Apalachee RPC has a RLF Program. It is small in comparison and run by the Executive Director, Chris Rietow. Councilmember Asseff reminded the Councilmembers that this Program took over quite a few bad loans in the past, plus EDA changed the rules. This Program is very beneficial to small businesses. Ms. Cosio Carballo reminded the Council that the Program expenses come from the RLF funding. She reiterated that once the portfolio is triaged, an update will be prepared for the Council.

1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report-None

C. Islamorada, Village of Islands Resiliency Workshop Funded by GOMA

Alyssa Joneswood, Council staff, reported on the Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) Resiliency Workshop in Islamorada, funded by NOAA. She explained the timeline, and funding of the Program. On March 7, 2018 SFRPC staff facilitated a Community Resilience Workshop in Islamorada. Monroe County Mayor and Councilmember David Rice introduced the discussion by connecting future risks with risks overcome by early settlers. She identified the presenters and their affiliations and described the panel discussion relating to Islamorada's resiliency to sea-level rise and storm surge. There were approximately 50 individuals in attendance that included community leaders, elected officials, municipal staff, non-profit professional and the general public. She also engaged with filmmakers from the University of Mississippi who were producing a short film highlighting the project. Ms. Joneswood also presented the preliminary results at a Gulf of Mexico Community of Practice meeting in Port Aransas, Texas.

D. Strategic Plan for South Dade Economic Development

Ms. Joneswood explained South Miami-Dade County's history of disaster, and hardships in detail. Through the leadership of Councilmember and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Miami-Dade Commissioner Dennis Moss, the Council, in its role with EDA, along with Miami-Dade County staff and key stakeholders the development of a South Miami-Dade County Economic Development Strategy. Council staff has prepared an EDA Disaster Supplemental grant proposal to secure funding for this initiative. She then explained the funding, timeline, cash match from the community, and the activities to further this initiative. Greg Vaday of EDA was notified of the grant proposal as well.

E. Emergency Preparedness Program Update – Palm Beach Fullscale Exercise

Manny Cela of Council staff gave a brief overview of the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) and the Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF). The FDEM program involves assisting local facilities on hazardous materials, and training for first responders. RDSTF prepares the region for emergency preparedness and domestic security. This program encompasses Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Since 2014, the SFRPC has facilitated three major fullscale exercises for the Region. Mr. Cela presented a PowerPoint and video on the 2018 HeatShield2 exercise in Palm Beach County. He explained in detail the various locations where different exercises evolved (mall, movie theater, courthouse), volunteers, agencies, law enforcement, nine SWAT teams, from three counties, fire rescue, a Blackhawk helicopter, first responders, etc.

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) July 23, 2018, 10:30 a.m. (Hollywood Branch Library)
- 2) August 2018 – No Meeting Scheduled
- 3) September 24, 2018 10:30 a.m. (Hollywood Branch Library)

VIII. Councilmember Comments

Councilmember Geller questioned the relevance of the SFRPC since the legislature changed our role. He commented that it seems the main purpose is to come to meetings and listen/watch reports and that this is not the best use of Councilmembers' time. His primary mission is job creation and creating higher paying jobs (higher paying jobs could help in the affordable housing crisis). He suggests the SFRPC work with the Broward Alliance and Beacon Council on a regional level. Another suggestion is to have a joint meeting with the TCRPC once a year to discuss regional issues.

There was general consensus that the Councilmembers would like to have a greater role in the ADM and 836 Extension, but under the Statute this is not possible.

The SFRPC should focus on a coordinating role between Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties on areas of regional transit and Marine Research (Broward and Palm Beach counties have the largest concentration in the United States). There is no real format to unite the research group; this could be an area the SFRPC can create. Councilmember Geller would like to have Palm Beach County involved in the regional planning effort.

Councilmember Goldberg stated he now understands the importance of the development review process. That decisions being made at a local level are impacting the region. There should be a greater lobbying effort.

Councilmember Walters announced that she is the second Vice-President of FRCA Policy Committee this year and will be Chair next year. These are issues that the Policy Committee has been discussing. She urges the Councilmembers to attend the next FRCA meeting August 17, 2018 in Hollywood. Every Council has their own unique functions.

Councilmember Cava agreed that instead of / or in addition to a kind of restoration of full capacity, there should be a new approach. Instead of focusing on the current development restrictions, the Council should present the benefits of bringing communities together collectively. Maybe the chambers and economic development councils are not resourced to regional thinking; this where the Council can assist. If there is a change in the legislative arena hopefully the opportunities will be bigger. Councilmember Asseff expressed that she felt that FRCA could provide additional value.

Councilmember Geller suggested that the SFRPC Executive Director and Chair have a discussion and make a recommendation to the Councilmembers as to what they think is the best way to have a real discussion on this – whether it's a special meeting or a three-hour meeting where we reserve an hour and half time certain for this discussion.

Chair Caplan noted that the Councilmembers are frustrated about the information that was sent to the Council and quoted "If not you, who? If not now, when?" in response to the ADM. Because of the Council's current jurisdiction, the Council didn't really touch on the ADM's extra jurisdictional impacts, assuming the truth of the traffic studies.

Councilmember Geller reminded the Councilmembers that Broward County will get a small amount of money from the developer to help pay for traffic impact in the City of Miramar only. It doesn't deal with the general extra jurisdictional impacts. He reminded the Councilmembers that the

Councilwoman from Miami Springs stated that her city will be devastated by the ADM; any city along I75 in Broward County is going to have major impacts. The Council used to have a say and we no longer do. His other concern is the possible ramifications in negatively commenting to the Miami-Dade County Commission.

Councilmember Walters suggested creating MOUs or partnering with the counties/local governments to initiate a regional study as well as information on the Council's resources. This way there will be funding for staff and the work being performed. She reminded the Councilmembers the SFRPC was the first Council in the State of Florida long before the legislature in Tallahassee gave us powers because these local governments saw the need was there. Palm Beach was part the Council at that time.

Ms. Cosio Carballo announced that TCRPC Executive Director, Michael Busha is retiring. Deputy Director Thomas Lanahan will be the new Executive Director.

Ms. Cosio Carballo, with respect to the region's economic development organizations, stated that they believe that they are doing a fairly good job of coordinating themselves. Every RPC is different in membership and funding in which she detailed. She described the history of the SFRPC, the original six counties, and the reason for Palm Beach County's leaving to start the TCRPC. A few years ago, Palm Beach County was considering leaving the TCRPC but they received push back from the cities in their county. The TCRPC is similar to a consulting company and urban visioning is their niche. They have an urban designs studio, facilitate charrettes, etc. Ms. Cosio Carballo then detailed the SR 7 Project that was coordinated with the TCRPC a while ago.

Chair Caplan and Ms. Cosio Carballo agreed to have a discussion to set a date that is convenient for the Councilmembers to discuss the SFRPC.

IX. Publix Comments

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 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 June 25, 2018 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 23rd day of July 2018.

Mario J. Bailey, Secretary

Date