

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

July 22, 2019

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on this date at the Council's office, located at 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. and asked Battalion Chief Stephen Shaw to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Patricia Asseff
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey (via phone)
Councilmember Margaret Bates
Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava (absent)
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron (absent)
Councilmember Joseph Corradino
Councilmember José (Pepe) Diaz (absent)
Councilmember Beam Furr
Councilmember Steve Geller
Councilmember Cary Goldberg
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman
Councilmember Jordan Leonard
Councilmember Jean Monestime
Councilmember David Rice (absent)
Chair Greg Ross
Councilmember Michael Udine (absent)
Councilmember Sandra Walters (via phone)

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

The following Ex-Officio Member were present:

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

Chair Ross welcomed Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime to the SFRPC and announced the resignation of Councilmember Hernandez. On behalf of the SFRPC, he wished former Councilmember Frank Caplan good health after recently having a heart attack.

II. Approval of Council Agenda

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

Chair Ross asked the Councilmembers, Ex-Officio Members and Legal Counsel to introduce themselves.

III. Presentations:

Manny Cela, Deputy Director, LEPC Coordinator, and Stephen F. Shaw, Jr., MBA,
Battalion Chief – Training and Specials Ops, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue

- Emergency Preparedness Training

Mr. Cela gave a briefing of the Emergency Preparedness Program, which includes the South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (SoFlaLEPC). The SoFlaLEPC manages the Hazards Analyses in Monroe County, and activities related to the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF). The positive Fiscal Impact of these programs on the SFRPC FY1819 Budget was explained in detail. Mr. Cela,

then described the Program's initiatives as well as the meetings and the participating members/agencies. There are ten LEPC Districts in Florida. The South Florida District planning area consists of Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Council staff coordinates closely with Palm Beach County of the Treasure Coast LEPC in relation to Regional Domestic Security. The LEPC is a resource for contacts regarding Fire Departments, HazMat teams, and facility information that contain hazardous materials, as well as municipal and state agencies. HazMat and training exercises are provided at no cost along with presentations and public outreach. Examples of various training exercises and equipment were noted and described. Mr. Cela explained the requirements and regulations of Monroe County's Hazard Analyses Program. He introduced, Chief Steven Shaw, the Vice Chair of the South Florida LEPC, Battalion Chief of Training and Special Ops for Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue, Hazmat Team Coordinator, and other designations.

Battalion Chief Shaw stated that he is proud to work with Mr. Cela along with the support of the SFRPC. His viewpoint changed from when he was working on the streets (with the public) then becoming an administrator. Between the classes, training, props, and opportunities, the LEPC Program provided by the SFRPC is a well appreciated resource for all involved. On behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue, HazMat teams, etc. he thanked the SFRPC for their continuing support.

Mr. Cela described the SFRPC's involvement with the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force, Region 7 (SERDSTF). There are seven Regional Domestic Security Task Forces in Florida. Members include law enforcement, fire rescue, emergency management, environmental agencies, hospitals, education and private sectors within Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. He explained the activities related to the SERDSTF in detail. The PowerPoint demonstrated the various exercises (Forensics Response, Operation Render Safe, Operation HeatShield, etc.) held throughout the four counties, that were coordinated, planned and/or directed by the SFRPC Program throughout the years. Councilmember Goldberg stated that developers and general contractors often offer old buildings for demolition training and would like to coordinate with the SFRPC for future exercises.

Miami-Dade Commissioner Jean Monestime entered the Board Room. Chair Ross introduced and welcomed Miami-Dade Commissioner Jean Monestime to the SFRPC Board and gave a description of his biography.

Christina Miskis, Regional Planner

- Overview of Council Initiatives on Transit-Oriented Development;
2019 National Association of Regional Councils Award

Christina Miskis, of Council staff gave a brief overview of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Initiatives. The TOD involves integrating urban places designed to bring people, activities, buildings and public space together with easy walking and cycling connections between them, along with premium transit service to the rest of the municipality. Regionally this is considered a high priority and a goal in the Seven/50 process. The TOD discussions are about Station Areas and Design Users (transit-friendly areas) which Ms. Miskis described in detail. The (South Florida TOD) SFTOD Federal Transportation Agency (FTA) Grant/Tri-Rail Coastal Link, (the regional passenger rail service planned along the FEC railway) will accelerate economic development around the stations, including the creation of new jobs and enhanced regional mobility. The SFRPC tasks include opportunities for bicycle/pedestrian transit access, water and wastewater infrastructure, affordable housing and the TOD Fund Business Plan. The SFRTA TOD Outreach Program Phases were described. Ms. Miskis announced that the SFRPC, along with the TCRPC and SFRTA, was awarded a National Association

of Regional Councils Award for this process, which encourages the development of TOD along the South Florida rail corridor. Included in the Council Package was the SFRTA TOD Policy explaining the challenges of funding, ridership, agency involvement, the benefits to residents, businesses and local governates, etc. The SFRPC is also involved in the Modal Split Analysis for Miami-Dade County for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). This analysis supports planning for TOD along the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan corridors regarding the various modes of transportation (walking, bicycling, public transportation, carpooling, etc.) This Analysis was a national and local comparison on how people travel to work.

Discussion ensued about the need for focus on connections between the Tri-Rail Coastal Link (FEC line) and the Tri-Rail (CSX line) – an east/west connector (bus, rail), potential sites for Tri-Rail ridership connections, site selection/ownership, etc. The Council would like to be more involved in the site selections. It was mentioned that there are tremendous opportunities in Broward County's publicly owned properties along the Tri-Rail. A meeting was suggested for those property owners along the rail. It was proposed that a recurring agenda Item be created for this transit concern. Land use/zoning changes along the FEC Corridor, high density challenges, parking availability, water and wastewater support, east – west traffic, and Broward / Miami-Dade counties' University Drive / NW 27th Avenue connection were discussed. The Council should work together with all the transportation planning organizations. It was suggested that a regional transit development group be established. The need for municipalities to have an agreement to share a transit plan using a system of transportation was mentioned.

Ms. Miskis stated that Miami-Dade County funds the SMART Plan Project and provides local circulators. The station locations have not yet been decided, but that the City of Aventura would be the expected choice for northeast Miami-Dade County. Brightline would have the first choice of station locations.

Discussion ensued regarding the Council's leadership on transportation, and recommendations were made to convene a meeting, similar to Tri-Rail Coastal Link regional meeting in 2016, involving the three or possible four counties with the transportation and rail entities involved. Chair Ross asked the Executive Director to arrange a more precise meeting agenda.

Councilmember Geller motioned that the SFRPC Councilmembers authorize and instruct the Executive Director to investigate and get back to the Councilmembers on the convening of a meeting for the purpose of studying transit and transit solutions, to include Monroe, Miami-Dade and Broward and possibly Palm Beach Counties. Councilmember Goldberg amended the motion to include transit and transit-oriented development. Councilmember Bates seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Ross thanked Ms. Miskis for the presentation.

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion was carried by a unanimous consent.

B. Financial Report

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

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Miami-Dade County 19-2ESR
- City of Deerfield Beach 19-1ESR
- City of Hialeah 19-1ESR
- City of Key West 19-2ACSC
- City of Layton 19-1ACSC
- City of Marathon 19-3ACSC
- City of Marathon 19-2ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 19-1ESR
- City of Miami Beach 19-2ESR
- City of Wilton Manors 19-2ESR

Adopted

- Broward County 19-1ESR
- City of Doral 19-1ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 17-1ER
- City of Key West 19-1ACSC
- City of Marathon 18-2ACSC
- City of Marathon 19-1ACSC
- City of North Miami 19-1ESR

Councilmember Bates moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews Proposed and Adopted. Councilmember Furr seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Corey Aitken, SFRPC staff, informed the Councilmembers of the SFRPC's participation in the Peril of Flood amendment update for the City of Marathon and the Village of Islamorada on this Agenda.

Public Hearing – None

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review - None

E. FY 2019-20 Membership Fees

Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo stated that the counties' Membership Fees will remain the same as it has been for the past 24 years. She will be scheduling meetings with county leaders and providing information on how the Council assists the counties and region in anticipation of requesting an increased membership rate for the upcoming year. She thanked Councilmembers Furr and Geller, and in absentia Councilmember Udine, for their support for a dues increase during the Broward County Commission meeting should Miami-Dade also support a dues increase. It was suggested that this information be provided to the counties at an earlier timeframe so it can be added to the counties' budget plans.

Councilmember Furr moved to approve Agenda Item IV.E, FY 2019-20 Membership Fees. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

F. Revised FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget

Rene Gonzalez, Director of Finance and Budget, presented the Councilmembers the Revised 2018-19 Operating Budget for approval.

Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F, Revised FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget. Councilmember Furr seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

G. Approval of Expenditure – Air Conditioning System

Councilmember Goldberg suggested a network compatible thermostat. Ms. Cosio Carballo thanked the Chair for approving this expenditure.

Councilmember Furr moved to approve Agenda Item IV.G, Approval of Expenditure – Air Conditioning System. Councilmember Geller seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments – None

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo thanked the Councilmembers for their support of the SFRPC. FDOT Ex-Officio Member Dat Huynh was thanked for his assistance in securing a new recurring contract with FDOT, District VI, of \$50K per year for five years to support planning services for FDOT. The SFRPC’s work with the Post Disaster Recovery Strategy in Monroe County and the selection committee/meetings for the South Dade Economic Development Strategy is continuing and on schedule. The bid for funding on the Regional Evacuation Statewide Study was vetoed but the Council hopes the bid will be successful next year. Mrs. Cosio Carballo announced that Arlene Davis-Walcott, who has worked for various agencies, will begin August 19, 2019 as the Director of Regional Planning and Economic Development.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel stated there was no formal report this morning. He stated that the proposed bill regarding the exemption on Chapter 120, which would allow a lesser degree of membership to be physically present to achieve quorum was vetoed. He suggested this bill be reintroduced next year. There is no litigation to report. He thanked the Councilmembers for their support.

C. Ex Officio Reports

Mr. Huynh announced that FDOT is working on a recurring agreement to fund projects with the SFRPC. Stacy Miller, the previous Director of Transportation of Development, District IV, is now the Assistant Secretary of Finance in Tallahassee. Steve Braun was promoted to FDOT District IV, Director of Transportation Development.

Councilmember Furr inquired about the SFWMD rate rollback. Ex-Officio Laura Corry explained that the SFWMD received additional money from the State Legislature and why the rates were rolled back. Most of the SFWMD budget funding is directed toward construction and restoration with continuing discussions with the new SFWMD Board.

Councilmember Furr inquired about the updating of the Central and South Florida Project Flood Control Restudy. This would be a good venue for the SFRPC to coordinate with the four counties, and consider a 50/50 share with the SFWMD. He would like this idea to be investigated and go on record. There was discussion on the counties’ support/nonsupport on the mileage rate.

Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that in the Agenda package is a support letter on behalf of the Council for the Central and South Florida Project Flood Control Restudy.

Ms. Corry stated that the highest priorities for the 50/50 share are CERP Projects, which would take precedence, along with modeling and projections, East Coast Water Supply Plan, etc. Discussion ensued that the SFRPC would be in support of a shared funding with the SFWMD for the Federal Central and South Florida Flood Control Restudy. This could be a subject to bring to the October 25, 2019, Joint Meeting with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and invite the Executive Director and Chair of the SFWMD.

Ms. Corry announced that Lieutenant Jennifer Reynolds will be moving on and a new Lieutenant Colonel will be appointed.

VII. Councilmember Comments

Chair Ross moved Agenda Item VIII, Councilmember Comments up in the Agenda. Councilmember Geller explained the *2018 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment* by the Metropolitan Center at FIU and HB7103, the cost per square foot for commercial and residential construction, impact fees, etc.

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer and Manager of the Revolving Loan Fund and the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. (SFCDFI) gave a brief narrative on these two Programs. He shared the total assets of the RLF Program, booked loans, available lending amount, and a new loan that has been processed, as well as the daily functions of the RLF staff. The existing RLF 5-Year Plan for the Economic Development Loan Administration (EDA) is being updated. Additional funding is being requested from EDA since the SFRPC RLF Program performance and EDA rating has increased to allow for additional loans to small- and medium-sized minority businesses. He explained the EDA requirements of matching funds. Mr. Tart mentioned the Broward County's Office of Economic and Small Business Development bid solicitation for a commercial lending institution to operate a commercial loan program for small businesses in the Broward Municipal Services District. Councilmembers Geller nor Furr were aware of this bid and will research this matter.

B. Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. (SFCDFI) Report

Mr. Tart explained the history and purpose of the SFCDFI which was created in partnership with the Urban League of Broward County, and is an independent 501(c)3. Councilmember Asseff is the Chair and the Board is comprised of elected officials, business leaders and community housing advocates. He spoke about the affordable housing crisis in Broward County and referenced the ALICE Report.

C. SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Committee on the Southeast Florida Reef Tract

Councilmember Furr updated the Council on the latest meeting co-chaired by himself and TCRPC Councilmember Doug Smith which was held at the SFRPC office to update the SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Committee on the Florida Reef Tract on progress and challenges facing the reefs. There has been success, thanks in part to the two RPCs, in establishing the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area and securing funding for research, monitoring, and staff. Information on Florida Department of Environmental Protection's participation was updated. Funding requests

from various agencies were described. Outfall and ballast water from shipping lines was also part of the Joint Meeting discussion as it appears to be part of the reef disease.

D. Development of Regional Impact Status Report - None

VIII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) August 2019 – No Meeting Scheduled
- 2) September 23, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – (SFRPC, Hollywood)
- 3) October 25, 2019 Joint Meeting (Palm Beach County)

IX. Councilmember Comments

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 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 July 22, 2019 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 23rd day of September 2019.

Samuel Kaufman, Secretary

Date