

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

November 14, 2016

The South Florida Regional 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 10:35 a.m. Councilmember Kiar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District
Ken Jeffries, SIS Coordinator, was in attendance for Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

The following Ex-Officio Members were not present:

The Honorable Roberto Martell, representing the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity / Mayor of the Town of Medley
Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

II. Approval of Council Agenda

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

III. Presentations

Building Coastal Flood Hazard Resiliency Using Sea Level Rise Tools and Case Studies, by Dr. Keren Prize Bolter, SFRPC Climate, Policy & Geospatial Analyst

Chair Asseff introduced Dr. Bolter and shared her academic background, accomplishments, and biography. Some of the projects Dr. Bolter continues to be involved in include Adaptation Action Area planning, augmenting the capacity of the regional planning councils and local communities to address Coastal Flood Hazard Resiliency across Florida, and spearheading the development and implementation of the Southeast Florida DataCommons.

Dr. Bolter provided a Powerpoint overview of various coastal flood hazard assessment tools used in regional trainings and vulnerability assessments. The tools explained were: NOAA's *Sea Level Rise Viewer*, *Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper*, *CanVis*, and FDOT/UF's *Geoplan Sketch Planning Tool*. These free online tools provide a platform for exploring maps of vulnerable areas around Florida. Dr. Bolter concentrated her presentation specifically on the Project "Tools: Building Coastal Flood Hazard Resiliency in Florida's Regional Planning Council Communities" in which these tools were implemented. This coordinated effort at the state and regional level educates local users and promotes the use of coastal flood hazard assessment tools via regional trainings and vulnerability assessments. This statewide Project is funded by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Dr. Bolter explained the Project, the training with the RPCs and planning areas, and the "Tools" in great detail. Information was provided on current and projected future impacts of sea level rise including tidal flooding; saltwater intrusion; failing drainage infrastructure; malfunctioning of canals; beach erosion; habitat loss; and reduced groundwater storage. She then addressed how to apply the tools in different situations. Solutions include adaptation strategies such as land-use regulations and building codes; limits on insurance subsidies; redesign and retrofitting of structures; enhanced drainage, flood control, and water supply infrastructure; increased coastal protection from storm surge and flooding, and co-benefits arising from these strategies. Dr. Bolter explained the Community Rating System (CRS). Using these tools and creating maps will provide credits for the National Flood Insurance Program to lower flood insurance rates for the community. It was requested that Dr. Bolter forward the presentation and URL for the Tools information and to organize "Train the Trainers" workshops in Monroe, Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. There was discussion on flood insurance rates, the assigning of flood zones, coastal elevations, and commercial building elevation requirements. It was suggested the Council become involved with communities in regard to elevation standards/flood levels. Dr. Bolter mentioned a project with Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer (WASD) Deputy Director Hardeep Anand in which he organized a coalition "Resilient Utilities Coalition." This is a regional coalition whose main objective is to create a regional scorecard and put a dollar value on resilience when it comes to utilities. The Council is leading the development of a proposal to evaluate the levels of improvement needed for the region's aging infrastructure for water utilities. It is also aligned with the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact's recommendations for water and infrastructure, as well as the 100 Resilient Cities initiative being spearheaded in Miami-Dade County. Dr. Bolter was thanked for her work and presentation.

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the September 12th minutes. Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

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

D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Broward County 16-8ESR
- Town of Cutler Bay 16-2ESR
- City of Margate 16-1ESR
- Town of Southwest Ranches 16-1ESR
- City of Tamarac 16-1ESR
- City of West Miami 16-1ESR
- City of Weston 16-1ER

Adopted

- Broward County 16-6ESR
- Broward County 16-7ESR
- Monroe County 16-3ACSC
- Town of Cutler Bay 16-1ER
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 16-5ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 16-1ESR
- City of Miramar 16-1ESR
- City of Pembroke Pines 16-2ESR
- City of Sweetwater 16-1ESR

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

E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews – None

F. Proposed Return to Doing Business as “South Florida Regional Planning Council”

Motion was carried by a unanimous consent.

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, explained the backup material regarding the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) in detail. There was discussion on changing the Council’s name back officially through an ILA at a later date. The Council can return to doing business as the South Florida Regional Planning Council without updating the ILA at this time. Councilmember Walters suggested when the Council approaches the Counties about an increase in dues later this year, the ILA update should be presented.

G. Ratify Charge Off(s): SuperKids Christian Day Care, Inc. and Broadway Place, Inc.

Ed McGann, Director of Finance and Loans, explained the approval of the charge off from Chair Asseff and the reason for the Council Board's ratification. The Council was updated on the client's business history and the financial impact to the RLF fund as a result of the one actual settlement, and the one proposed settlement. Ms. Cosio Carballo suggested that it would be helpful to be able to consult with a Councilmember, such as Councilmember Ross, as future time sensitive RLF negotiations may arise in the future without an opportunity to take the matter to the Council. Council Ross agreed to consult on these issues.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.G, Ratify Charge Off(s). Councilmember Walters seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Cosio Carballo announced that Dr. Keren Prize Bolter and Christina Miskis have become full time SFRPC employees. Dr. Bolter's presence will assist our local and county governments, and stakeholders with various complex issues regarding sea-level-rise, climate change and geospatial information. Ms. Cosio Carballo shared Ms. Miskis' education and previous employment, including working with the RPC in the past. Ms. Miskis, the SFRPC's transportation expert, is the Council's lead on the project with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority around Transit-Oriented Development on the Tri-Rail Coastal Link Corridor.

The October 6th Coastal Link Forum, postponed due to Hurricane Matthew, has been rescheduled to Friday, December 16, 2016 at the Broward County Convention Center. Ms. Cosio Carballo is working with Councilmember and Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr, additional members of the Broward County Commission, Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry, and local, regional, and state partners.

Councilmember Furr informed the Council that there will be representatives from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, All Aboard Florida, counties, cities and other agencies at the December 16th Forum. At this Forum there will be conversation on issues in bringing this project together. There was discussion on the funding and project management regarding the Coastal Link in Miami-Dade County and how they were able to reach their goals. It was suggested that the Council had a vital role to play in gathering together stakeholder agencies and organizations to regionally connect the counties through transportation.

Councilmember Kiar thanked everyone and stated that he felt privileged to have served on the Council's Board over the past years. It was announced that Councilmember Kiar is Broward County's newly elected Property Appraiser and will be resigning from the Council. He commended Ms. Cosio Carballo, Chair Asseff, Mr. Goren, and the SFRPC staff for their great work.

Councilmember Walters gave a synopsis of a meeting she attended at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council regarding Complete Streets. She suggested the possibility of the SFRPC bringing this workshop to the east coast.

Ms. Cosio Carballo updated the Council on the roles of South Florida's elected leaders in the new administrations of Senate President Negron and House Speaker Corcoran. She suggested that the region is well positioned with its elected leadership in the Florida Legislature. The Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting is on January 12-13, 2017. EPA Region 4 Regional Administrator Heather McTeer Toney will be attending the December 5, 2016 Council Meeting to speak with Councilmembers before and after the meeting. Ms. Cosio Carballo explained the handouts in the Councilmembers' packets.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Sam Goren and David Tolces, Legal Counsel, had conversations with Barbara Peterson who is the Director of the First Amendment Foundation which publishes the Annual Sunshine Public Records Manual. She and her legislative committee recommended and would support amending Chapter 120 of the Statutes which includes a reference to regional councils and/or agencies that effect three or more counties to be able to validate a member's presence via conference call participation. He stated that progress is being made. Councilmember Bailey recommended that Representative José Félix Díaz and Senator Anitere Flores be contacted for support on this item.

Ms. Cosio Carballo introduced Manny Cela of Council staff to inform the Councilmembers on the office technology upgrade. Mr. Cela updated the Councilmembers on the technology upgrade and progress in detail. He announced that the new PCs will be ordered in the upcoming weeks and described the programs that will be installed, the storing of user files, as well as the email upgrades.

C. Ex Officio Reports

Ms. Corry, representing the SFWMD stated the District is very engaged with all the counties regarding sea-level-rise, and the modeling structure.

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. Emergency Preparedness Program Status Report

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Correspondence and Attendance Form

B. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) December 5, 10:30 a.m. (SFRC Offices, Hollywood) followed by a roundtable conversation with U.S. EPA Region 4 Administrator Heather McTeer Toney from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- 2) January 9, 2017, 10:30 a.m. (SFRC Offices, Hollywood)
- 3) February 6, 2017, 10:30 a.m. FDOT 6, Miami

VIII. Councilmember Comments - none

IX. 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 November 14, 2016 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL adopted the 5th day of December, 2016.

Greg Ross, Secretary

Date