

# SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

## Minutes

January 23, 2017

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 11:07 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said at the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute Meeting earlier in the morning.

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

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

\*Staff note: On January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Council received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Suarez's office.

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  
Lisa Colmenares was in attendance for 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 Member was not present:

Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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

Motion was carried by a unanimous consent.

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

Recognition of former Councilmembers Martin David Kiar, Stacy Ritter, and Paul Wallace

Chair Asseff presented former Councilmember Marty Kiar with a plaque, thanking him for his support of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. Mr. Kiar thanked the Council for this recognition. Past Councilmembers Ritter and Wallace were not present.

Jessica A. Josselyn, Associate Planner, Kittelson & Associates, Inc. – Presentation on 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Josselyn presented information on the 2040 Long Range Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Plan via a PowerPoint and handout. This Plan includes Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. Chair Asseff described Ms. Josselyn's career history and accomplishments. Ms. Josselyn is the Project Manager for the Regional Transportation Plan for the Year 2040. She explained the Federal Highway Administration has proposed the merger of multiple Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) located within one Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) throughout the county. South Florida's MPOs are a national model for coordination and it is expected that a merger of the Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach MPOs will not be necessary. She expressed her desire to use the DataCommon Tool for future modeling as part of the three counties' regional planning update. The Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) membership and history was explained. Ms. Josselyn explained in detail the population, employment, and transportation increase that should occur by 2040. The presentation identified the involved partners and their shared vision. She explained the goals for sustainability and quality of life, the regional corridor network (along with statistics), accessibility, regional destinations, hubs, protection of the environment, the Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, and the Transit Vision. The Department of Transportation will administer some funding for eligible facilities included in this network. She explained the Regional Needs Plan, (a transportation wish list of projects via the MPOs, and the three counties) that will be compatible with the Transit Vision and funding investments as a region. Some of the projects are: Tri-Rail Coastal Link, Miami-Dade County Beach Corridor, South Florida Express Lanes Network, Palm Beach Tri-Rail Extension, All Aboard Florida, and the Wave, to name few. It is hoped that implementation of the Plan will increase transit usage, decrease highway congestion, reduce the severity and frequency of accidents, emphasize pedestrian and bicycle use, protect the environment, etc. She reiterated that South Florida is becoming the model throughout the Country. The afore mentioned documents and information can be found at SEFTEC.org.

There was a discussion on Uber's map usage within the cities and how Uber's data could be used by the MPOs. Ms. Josselyn informed the Councilmembers that the new Long-Range Transportation Plan is underway and there are plans to use new data sources and innovative travel methods such as Uber. The issue of dedicated bike lanes and bike/pedestrian safety education was raised. Ride share, connected and autonomous vehicles were mentioned and will be part of the discussion for the 2045 Transportation Plan. It was questioned if large, future developments are included in the population and employment projections. Ms. Josselyn stated she will connect Ms. Cosio Carballo with entities responsible for the population / employment statistics for more detailed information. Research on biking destinations and accommodations for private and employer usage was discussed. Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plans are being prepared throughout each county which will identify bicyclist/pedestrian emphasis areas. Ms. Cosio Carballo thanked Ms. Josselyn for her presentation.

Chair Asseff introduced the Ex-Officio Members: Lisa Colmenares, Florida Department of Transportation, District 6; Mayor Martell, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; and Laura Corry, South Florida Water Management District. Mayor Martell stated that he will be meeting with the Governor. The MPO is reaching out to the three counties for transportation coordination and researching federal funding for road improvements. Chair Asseff thanked them for their continued participation and support.

**IV. Action Items**

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Walters moved to approve the December 5, 2016 minutes. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

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

C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

Motion was carried by a unanimous consent.

D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

**Proposed**

- Broward County 16-9ESR
- Monroe County 16-5ACSC
- City of Deerfield Beach 16-1ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 16-8ACSC
- City of Margate 16-2ESR
- City of Miami Beach 16-2ESR
- City of West Miami 16-2ESR
- City of Weston 16-2ESR

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

**Adopted**

- Miami-Dade County 16-1ESR
- Village of Palmetto Bay 16-4ESR
- City of Tamarac 16-1ESR

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

E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews – None

F. Proposed Meeting Schedule – 2017

Ms. Cosio Carballo explained the proposed meeting dates and locations for 2017 and the issues with meeting on the first Monday of the month.

Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F, Proposed Meeting Schedule amending that there will not be a meeting in December. Councilmember Geller seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

G. Election of Officers

Councilmember Walters mentioned the idea of changing the By-Laws to include another Executive Committee position. Mr. Goren explained the SFRPC By-Laws, the nominating process, balanced representation, and the Executive Committees' roles.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following for the 2017 Executive Committee:  
Chair Asseff will become Immediate Past Chair, a Governor's appointee from Broward County  
Councilmember Daubert will become Chair, a Miami-Dade County elected municipal official  
Councilmember Caplan will become Vice Chair, a Miami-Dade County elected municipal official  
Councilmember Ross will become Treasurer, a Broward County elected municipal official  
Councilmember Weekley will become Secretary, a Monroe County elected municipal official

Mr. Goren stated that Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava showed interest on being part of the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee discussed expanding the Executive Committee to a six-member Committee, by motion today selecting a first Vice-President and a second Vice-President.

Councilmember Udine moved to approve the Nominating Committee's suggestion for Executive Committee Members. Councilmember Goldberg seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

It was discussed that the expansion of the membership of the Executive Committee will facilitate greater participation from around the region and a greater number of county, municipal, and gubernatorial appointees.

Councilmember Udine motioned to amend the SFRPC By-Laws to include a sixth member to the Executive Committee. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion.

Mr. Goren explained the Rules would have to be revised before the February Meeting, which would amend the SFRPC By-Laws for approval at that meeting.

Councilmember Walters clarified that the current slate of five Executive Committee Members is approved. The By-Laws will then be amended for a sixth seat on the Executive Committee with that election to be part of the next meeting.

Councilmember Udine motioned to extend the present Nominating Committee for the February Nominating Committee. Motioned passed with unanimous consent.

Mr. Goren clarified the direction of the Nominating Committee was to create a first and second Vice-Chair.

H. Appointments to the Revolving Loan Administration Board

Ms. Cosio Carballo explained in detail the funding history and significance of the SFRPC Revolving Loan Fund. It is recommended that the Council increase the number of members on the RLF Committee from five to seven. She explained there are four candidates who have expressed interest to be on the Committee, three of which are Councilmembers.

This item was deferred to the February meeting.

I. Resolution 17-01 Urging the Florida Legislature to Support South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Indemnification Legislation to allow for the Downtown Miami Link and Coastal Link Projects to move forward

Ms. Cosio Carballo introduced Loraine Cargill, Planning Manager with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). Ms. Cargill explained the legislation that supports the Downtown Miami Link and Coastal Link Projects.

Councilmember Daubert moved to approve Resolution 17-01 Urging the Florida Legislature to Support the Downtown Miami Link and Coastal Link Projects. Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## **V. Discussion Items**

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

Ms. Cosio Carballo explained the upgrade of the new computer system and the future upgrade of the phone system. She provided an update on the status of the proposed quorum legislation. This legislation would lower the number of Councilmembers who need to be physically present to achieve quorum and provide added flexibility for Councilmembers with travel issues. Ms. Cosio Carballo informed the Councilmembers of staff transitions as some retire and new employees are hired. Chris Heshmati, Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition Coordinator, will be retiring in March. She stated that a new employee will become part of the SFRPC team in February and then described her education and accomplishments.

There will be a public hearing on the American Dream Miami on January 25, 2017 at the Miami-Dade County Commission Meeting.

Chair Asseff invited the Councilmembers to the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition Meeting February 10, 2017 at the Council's Office.

### **B. Legal Counsel Report - none**

### **C. Ex Officio Reports - none**

## **VI. Program Reports and Activities**

### **A. Revolving Loan Fund Reports**

- 1) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report Information only.

### **B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report**

Karen Hamilton of Council staff gave a brief summary of the American Dream Miami and the Graham Properties proposed development applications. The summary included the explanation of the legislative changes to Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Process, the size and usages of the two projects and potential impacts to transportation, the environment, education, housing, employment and the economy. Miami-Dade County is the lead for this Project's development since there no longer is a DRI process for new large scale development applications. Miami-Dade County's planning staff included some Application for Development Approval questions in the application for the two projects. Ms. Hamilton outlined the development approval timeline, opportunities for community engagement and the Council's role. Both applications will be on the January 25, 2017 Miami-Dade County Commission Meeting agenda for approval of transmittal to the Department of the Economic Opportunity. The application is expected to be processed under the State Coordinated Plan Review. Tracey Slavens, who represents the Applicant for the Graham Properties, was present to answer any questions as well.

The Board mentioned that the DRI process is scheduled to be discussed at an upcoming Senate Community Affairs Committee meeting. The SFRPC and other Councils have sent DRI information to the Senate Committee for their meeting, in which the large development impacts will be discussed.

C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan Update

Karen Hamilton of Council staff gave a brief description of the background, development, and the process of updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan (CEDS). The update will be completed by September 2017. The CEDS Report will be developed as an online format (using the DataCommon platform) along with a brief supplemental document. The underlying focus of the CEDS is economic resiliency. The 2017 update will identify programs and strategies to manage short and long-term disruptions. Regional attributes and dynamics, innovation and entrepreneurship, will also be highlighted. Ms. Hamilton announced there have been and will be Committee meetings in all three counties.

D. Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform Final Rule - deferred

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

A. Attendance Form, Correspondence, and Articles

B. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) February 27, 2017, 10:30 a.m. FDOT 6, Miami

**VIII. Councilmember Comments**

Councilmember Furr stated the TriRail Coastal Link had a great turnout and would like to have an update at the next meeting to discuss continuing this discussion into the future with a small group.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 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 January 27, 2017 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Greg Ross, Secretary

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Date