

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

January 28, 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 Caplan called the meeting to order at 10:58 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said previously by Chair Caplan at the Southeast Regional Prosperity Institute Meeting.

Councilmember Patricia Asseff
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey (via phone)
Councilmember Margaret Bates
Chair Frank Caplan
Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava
Councilmember Corradino
Councilmember Tim Daubert
Councilmember José (Pepe) Diaz (absent-staff on CC)
Councilmember Beam Furr
Councilmember Steve Geller
Councilmember Cary Goldberg
Councilmember Nelson Hernandez (absent)
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman
Councilmember David Rice (absent)
Councilmember Greg Ross (absent)
Councilmember Michael Udine
Councilmember Sandra Walters (absent)

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

The following Ex-Officio Member was present:

Ken Jeffries, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI, for Dat Huynh

The following Ex-Officio Members were absent:

Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District

Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

II. Approval of Council Agenda

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

III. Presentation – None

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Daubert moved to approve the Agenda Item IV.A, Council Minutes. Councilmember Levine Cava seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

Manny Cela of Council staff, on behalf of Finance Director Rene Gonzalez, updated the Councilmembers on the Financial Report. There were no anomalies.

Councilmember Udine 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

- Broward County 18-6ESR
- Miami-Dade County 19-1ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 18-1ACSC
- City of Key West 18-4ACSC
- City of Marathon 18-2ACSC
- City of Miramar 18-3ESR
- City of Sweetwater 19-1ER

Adopted

- City of Coral Gables 18-1ESR
- City of Hialeah 18-2ESR
- City of Homestead 18-1ESR
- City of Plantation 18-1ESR
- City of Plantation 17-CIE1
- City of South Miami 18-2ESR
- Village of Virginia Gardens 17-2ER

Councilmember Bailey recused himself from voting on Miami-Dade County, 19-1ESR and the City of Homestead, 18-1ESR due to a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on these Agenda Items.

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

Public Hearing – None

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – none

E. Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers

Prior to the Council Meeting, the Nominating Committee met. Chair Caplan announced that the Nominating Committee consisted of Councilmembers Ross, Levine Cava and himself. The following Councilmembers were selected to be the Executive Committee:

Chair, Councilmember Ross

1st Vice Chair, Councilmember Levine Cava

2nd Vice Chair, Councilmember Geller

Treasurer, Councilmember Bailey

Secretary, Councilmember Kaufman

Immediate Past Chair, vacant

There was discussion at today's meeting and at the January FRCA meeting regarding Chair Caplan applying to become a Gubernatorial Appointee by Governor DeSantis, so he can continue on the SFRPC Board as well as the FRCA Policy Board.

Councilmember Geller motioned to defer the decision to leave open the Immediate Past Chair position until the Council's February Meeting when there is a decision on the Gubernatorial choice. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Caplan announced the following:

Chair, Councilmember Ross
1st Vice Chair, Councilmember Levine Cava
2nd Vice Chair, Councilmember Geller
Treasurer, Councilmember Bailey
Secretary, Councilmember Kaufman

Councilmember Asseff moved to approve the updated Agenda Item IV.E, Nominating Committee Report / Election of Officers. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

The gavel was handed to 1st Vice Chair Levine Cava since Chair Ross was not present at today's meeting. She thanked her colleagues for placing her in this position.

F. Appointment of Councilmember to FRCA Policy Board

Councilmember Geller motioned to defer this Agenda Item until next month to see if Immediate Past Chair Caplan will be assigned as a Gubernatorial Appointee. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

G. Executive Director's Contract

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, explained the updated Executive Director's Contract which included a travel reimbursement clarification.

Councilmember Asseff moved to approve the Agenda Item IV.G, Executive Director's Contract. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

H. Ratification of RLF Charge Off Accounts: Optex Corp. & Super Kids Christian Day Care

Mr. Goren introduced Jeffrey Tart, SFRPC Senior Loan Officer. Mr. Tart explained that during the end of year review of the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program the RLF Board is seeking ratification for two loans approved by past administration. Optex Corp. and Super Kids Christian Day Care were deemed uncollectable by the RLF Board. He described the businesses, the principle balance owed, bankruptcy information, etc. Legal Counsel is notified for assistance when accounts become delinquent.

Mr. Tart gave an update on the RLF Program. The Program lent out more than \$900K in 2018. The Council continues to strengthen the RLF's current portfolio and reduce the number of bad loans

with the help of Legal Counsel. There are two prospective clients seeking approximately \$600K in new loans in 2019. The RLF Program is moving forward in a positive direction with proper administration.

There was discussion on the write off percentages over the past few years, bad debt expense, the analysis procedures, percentage of the accounts in litigation (from past administration), etc. Mr. Tart expects the litigation percentage to be reduced in the future since the underwriting procedures and criteria have been improved.

Councilmember Udine requested more information on the Super Kids Christian Day Care. Mr. Tart and Mr. Goren explained the operating hardship, the negotiated settlement, and the write off information. Councilmember Udine is requesting to see the settlement agreement.

Councilmember Udine motioned to defer Super Kids Christian Day Care until the next Council Meeting with the backup. Councilmember Goldberg seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Cosio Carballo informed the Councilmembers that the RLF Program has an opportunity to expand its lending area to include Palm Beach County. The TCRPC Board has approved the expansion of the SFRPC RLF into Palm Beach. Some of the Councilmembers do not want to expand the lending area to Palm Beach County. Councilmember Udine respects the expansion opportunity but is not in support of including Palm Beach County. Ms. Cosio Carballo encouraged the Councilmembers to direct any businesses who need funding assistance to Mr. Tart. The Councilmembers requested RLF Brochures.

Discussion ensued on the principles of the RLF. Ms. Cosio Carballo explained that the Council was asked by EDA to manage a variety of Loan Fund Programs, including loan funds created for Hurricane Andrew and the Liberty City riots. These RLF Programs and their portfolios were in financial trouble when transferred to the SFRPC RLF Program. She explained the Federal Funds match and EDA's yearly review of RLF Programs. With the hiring of Mr. Tart, the professional administration of the program has improved including loan underwriting, review, and lending. In 2018, the SFRPC received a low rating in one measure because the RLF had too much money to lend. This is the reason SFRPC staff explored the possibility of increasing the target lending area. It was suggested the RLF Program wait a few months before lending funds to businesses in Palm Beach County. Ms. Cosio Carballo agreed and stated that the intent is to have the ability to lend, not necessarily lend. The priority lending area is, and has always been, Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties.

Councilmember Asseff, a long-time member and former Chair of the RLF, explained the history of the adopted, older loans and the loan process. She stated that the RLF Program had improved with Mr. Tart's involvement as Senior Loan Officer.

I. Council Meeting Schedule

Ms. Cosio Carballo reviewed draft Council Meeting dates, holidays, budget workshop, and the Joint Meetings with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. The Council adopted the meeting calendar.

Public Comments – None

Pictures and plaques were given to Chair Caplan and Councilmember Daubert in recognition for their years on the Board.

V. Discussion Items

A. Strategic Planning Workshop

Chair Caplan stated that he thought the workshop on December 7, 2018 was very substantive. He mentioned the historical perspective (why the crisis), shrinkage of growth management responsibility, eight years of gubernatorial vetoes in state appropriation, the perceived void of intergovernmental coordination, mission mandatory assumptions that were not verifiable, etc. Acting Chair Levine Cava thanked Immediate Past Chair Caplan, along with Ms. Cosio Carballo and Bob Cambric, for their time and effort on this Agenda Item. Councilmember Geller noted that regional convening could be a major role for the Council. He would like to see summary of specific next steps for implementation, cost estimates (how-to outline), and have this come to fruition. Councilmembers suggested that Council representatives attend local government meetings to present information about the Council.

Bob Cambric reminded the Council that as the Board prioritizes the issues via a Councilmember survey, they should choose the top two areas of concern, then create a plan on how to implement those choices. As an example, there was a convening around the Tri-Rail Coastal Link, and Council staff can use it as a template to outline the process and implementation steps, estimate costs, and then present the information to the Council for guidance.

Councilmembers also suggested the following as considerations for the Annual Workplan: create a survey geared toward the local government administrators and managers to determine their needs in asking them for their input on what services and activities the Council could provide; create an Annual Report; participate in funded projects, adopt a Resolution of Support for HB 61/SB 112 (2019) - the Small Business Road Construction Mitigation Program; support and facilitate marine research that is being conducted by the universities in the region; host joint meetings of the counties' economic development agencies including local governments; host an annual regional growth management summit with topic emphasis such as housing, etc. The Councilmembers would like to see an action plan. Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that there will be a follow up on this conversation with action steps. There should be discussions with the Councilmembers on the opportunities that they are aware of.

B. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that the Council has had a very challenging and frustrating three years. With the move from the previous office on Hollywood Boulevard, additional resources will be available moving forward. She stated, that at this point, our staff is the smallest it has ever been and the resources for rebuilding is limited. Additional staff is a top priority in trying to add a media position, website position, clean cities project manager, and/or an economic development position. Current staff has been very active and involved on many levels as depicted in the Summary of Programs located in the Strategic Planning Package. She thanked Council staff who have gone over and beyond to help this work happen and named staff individually for their support and work.

C. Legal Counsel Report

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, thanked Mr. Tart for his commitment to the Council. For the first time in two years his office has someone who communicates with them (David Tolces, Kerry Ezrol). There was no litigation to report. He thanked the Councilmembers for their support.

D. FRCA Policy Board Meeting Update

Immediate Past Chair Caplan gave a brief update on the FRCA Board Meeting, stating that everyone was optimistic with the new Governor's first two weeks in office. There is a Project that will include the RPCs in updating Emergency Evacuation Plans, and a decision was made to revisit the legislature for the appropriation taking into account the shrinkage of the growth management responsibility.

E. Ex Officio Reports - None

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report – None

Public Comments - None

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) February 25, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – (Murray E. Nelson Government Center)
- 2) March 25, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – (SFRPC, Hollywood)
- 3) April 22, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – (SFRPC, Hollywood)

VIII. Councilmember Comments

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 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 28, 2019 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 25th day of February 2019.

Samuel Kaufman, Secretary

Date