

## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

November 23, 2020

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in person on this date. Chair Geller welcomed those in attendance, virtually, and on the phone. He called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and asked Councilmember Ross to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Geller welcomed new Councilmember Ana Ziade, Mayor of North Lauderdale, to the Board. Councilmember Ziade was appointed by the Broward League of Cities and replaces former Councilmember Bates as their representative along with Councilmember Ross. Mayor Geller congratulated Councilmember Coldiron in becoming the Monroe County Mayor, Councilmember Udine (Vice Mayor, Broward County), and Councilmember José “Pepe” Díaz (Chair, Miami-Dade Commission) and Mayor Greg Ross on his re-election. He mentioned that he is now the Broward County Mayor, and past Chair Daniella Levine Cava is the newly elected Miami-Dade County Mayor.

Councilmember Patricia Asseff (absent)  
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey (in person)  
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron (virtually present)  
Councilmember Joseph Corradino (virtually present)  
Councilmember José (Pepe) Diaz (absent)  
Councilmember Beam Furr (in person)  
Councilmember Steve Geller (virtually present)  
Councilmember Cary Goldberg (virtually present)  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman (virtually present)  
Councilmember Jordan Leonard (virtually present)  
Councilmember Jean Monestime (absent)  
Councilmember David Rice (absent)  
Councilmember Greg Ross (in person)  
Councilmember Michael Udine (virtually present)  
Councilmember Ana M. Ziade (in person)

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

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

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

The following Ex-Officio Member was not present:

Jason Andreotta, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel updated the Councilmembers on the requirements for having a quorum and the Senate Bills. He stated that the meeting will be conducted as an Executive Committee Meeting. Councilmembers Bailey, Furr, Ross and Ziade were present. Chair Geller asked Councilmember Ziade to be a temporary Executive Committee Member so the meeting would have a quorum. She agreed.

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

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

**III. Presentation (Time Certain: 11:45 a.m.)**

Report on EDA CEDS Annual Report and Update – Opportunity Zones

Mark Cassidy, MRP, SFRPC, Economic Development and GIS – Data Coordinator

**IV. Action Items**

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

*Councilmember Udine moved to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

B. Financial Report

Finance Manager, Leo Braslavsky Soldi explained the Financial Report in detail.

*Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.B Financial Report. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Broward County 20-06ESR
- Town of Davie 20-02ESR
- Village of El Portal 20-01ESR
- City of Hallandale Beach 20-01ESR
- City of Homestead 20-02ESR
- City of Lauderdale Lakes 20-01ESR
- City of North Miami Beach 20-02ESR
- City of Oakland Park 20-02ESR
- City of Pembroke Pines 20-02ESR
- Town of Southwest Ranches 20-01ESR
- Town of Southwest Ranches 20-02ESR
- Town of Southwest Ranches 20-03ESR
- Town of Southwest Ranches 20-04ESR
- City of Sweetwater 20-01ESR
- City of Tamarac 20-01ESR

Adopted

- Broward County 20-03ESR
- Monroe County 20-04ACSC
- City of Doral 20-01ESR
- City of Doral 20-02ESR
- City of Hollywood 20-01ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 20-02ACSC
- City of Margate 20-01ESR
- Village of Pinecrest 20-01ESR

**Public Hearing**

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

*Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

*Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Adopted. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review - None

**Public Hearing**

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually

E. EDA CEDS Annual Report and Update (Time Certain: 11:45)

F. SFRPC Resolution 20-01 (2045 Regional Transportation Plan)

Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained Resolution 20-01 which supports the SEFTC 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. This is an acknowledgment that the Council, among other regional stakeholders, supports the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Goren read the Resolution title for the record. Councilmember Furr, as a member of SEFTC, provided details on the 2045 Transportation Plan including that it is a collaborative effort of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties; the Northeast Corridor, interoperability issues, regionalism, Brightline, and express buses.

*Councilmember Furr moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F SFRPC Resolution 20-01 (2045 Regional Transportation Plan). Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Public Comments – None**

G. TCSF Resolution 20-04 (Affordable Housing Trust Fund)

Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained that at the virtual Joint Meeting with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council on October 16, 2020, Resolution 20-04, related to funding for affordable housing, was amended with a conceptual amendment that encouraged amending long-standing housing formulas. Pursuant to staff research and consultation with subject matter experts, TCRPC Councilmember Peter O'Bryan, the sponsor of the proposed amendment, and TCRPC Executive Director Tom Lanahan, request to withdraw the amendment in favor of the original resolution until the policy recommendation can be studied further and perhaps reconsidered in the future.

She stated that before the Councilmembers is the original TCSF Resolution 20-04 amendment. Chair Geller stated that the Council will now be in compliance with the other groups involved in this Resolution. Mr. Goren read the for the record the title of the TCSF Resolution 20-04. Councilmember Bailey thanked the Executive Director and staff for their due diligence.

*Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.G TCSF Resolution 20-04 (Affordable Housing Trust Fund). Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Public Comments – None**

H. Nominating Committee

Chair Geller nominated Councilmember Coldiron and Councilmember Leonard to the Nominating Committee. They both agreed to serve in this capacity. As Chair, he will also be in attendance. Chair Geller noted that the Nominating Committee Meeting will be set in advance of the January 2021 Council Meeting to choose the Executive Committee vacancy. Chair Geller explained the current Executive Committee situation. Because he is the Mayor of Broward County, he cannot be Chair of the SFRPC in 2021. His intention is to revert back to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Councilmember Bailey skip ahead, and the others follow in succession.

I. FRCA Policy Board Appointments

Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the requirements for the Policy Board Appointments. Councilmember Bailey was previously appointed as a Miami-Dade County Appointee. Councilmember Geller nominated Councilmember Udine as a Broward County Appointee, and Councilmember Leonard as the Municipal Appointee. Both agreed and thanked Chair Geller. Councilmember Bailey agreed that he would be attending the January 8, 2021 Policy Board Meeting. Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the Policy Board Meetings, social distancing attendance requirements, etc. Councilmember Bailey stated he enjoys the meetings because you can see what other RPCs around the State are involved in along with fresh ideas. He stated that the SFRPC is one of the top regions in the State due to our Council staffs' work. Councilmember Ross agreed to continue as an alternate Policy Board Member.

J. 2021 Proposed Meeting Dates

Mrs. Cosio Carballo presented the 2021 SFRPC Proposed Meeting dates and the new procedures regarding physical / virtual meetings. She is working with Tom Lanahan, TCRPC Executive Director, on Joint Meeting dates for 2021. Chair Geller stated that hopefully in 2022, the Council can move forward with larger, regional meetings.

**Public Comments – None**

**V. Discussion Items**

A. Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that November is very busy reporting month. She announced that Miss Alisha Lopez, has become the Clean Cities Coordinator along with serving as the RLF Coordinator. The Council has made a lot of progress in 2020. Chair Geller stated that Mrs. Cosio Carballo has done a great job considering the extremely difficult circumstances. She thanked him.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren thanked everyone for their support during the last session to support the passage of SB 1398 which was adopted by the Florida Legislature. The Governor signed the Bill during the COVID 19 pandemic. There is nothing else to report. The RLF Status Report contains litigation information and there are no additional updates on litigations to report.

C. Councilmembers Report

Councilmember Bailey commented on the Council's social media presence, which has increased, and he commended Council staff. He suggested that the Councilmembers follow the SFRPC on Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram. There is a lot of great information that is being shared. Mrs. Cosio Carballo commended Mrs. Jennie Sullivan, the Council's Communications & Social Media Coordinator, and Council staff for their efforts.

D. Ex-Officio Reports

Shereen Yee Fong, FDOT, District 6, updated the Council on the future meetings for the FDOT 2020 Work Program, location and times. She noted that the Draft Florida Transportation Plan Policy Element is posted for public comment located at [Floridatransportationplan.com](http://Floridatransportationplan.com).

Laura Corry, South Florida Water Management District, stated that the SFWMD Governing Board will be meeting in December and the public is welcome via Zoom. She noted that there is more public participation with the Zoom meetings.

**VI. Program Reports and Activities**

A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Program Manager, presented the Revolving Loan Funds Status Report. He stated that the traditional RLF Program maintains approximately 28 existing loans totaling \$4.3 million with \$900,000 to lend to existing businesses not impacted by COVID. He thanked Miss Alisha Lopez for her hard work in promoting the RLF Program and her assistance of existing clients with any problems they may have due to COVID. The RLF Program has submitted the EDA Reports that are required.

B. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report

Mr. Tart explained the funding award (\$5.3 million) in which more than \$2.7 million has already been approved for loans. This represents approximately 50% of the awarded grant monies, with over 130 prospects. EDA is very pleased with the Council's performance and that the CARES Act RLF Program is ahead of schedule. He reminded the Councilmembers that the monies need to be deployed within two years.

**III. Guest Presentations:**

**Presentation (Time Certain: 11:45 a.m.)**

Report on EDA CEDS Annual Report and Update – Opportunity Zones  
Mark Cassidy, MRP, SFRPC, Economic Development and GIS – Data Coordinator

Mark Cassidy, MRP, SFRPC, Economic Development and GIS / Data Coordinator gave a presentation on the South Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2017-2022 (CEDS) Annual Report. He explained the four EDA programs operated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). These are the Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Grant / CEDS; SFRPC Revolving Loan Fund (RLF); EDA RLF CARES Act Program; and EDD CARES Economic Disaster Recovery Coordination. The South Florida Economic Development activities and agencies involved were mentioned. Mr. Cassidy explained the Annual Report and Update that incorporated the most recent data available for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) households, unemployment rates, job loss, key economic indicators, poverty, educational attainment, and transportation modes. The Annual Update includes the 2019 Sea-Level Rise Unified Projections of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, and compared the economic progress achieved related to the CEDS before and after the ongoing economic impact of COVID-19. The Report also provided a preliminary analysis of the region's designated Opportunity Zones and surrounding major economic development assets. The preliminary analysis was presented to the SFRPC Council at the October 19, 2020 Council Meeting and posted for public comment for a 30-day period beginning October 27, 2020. The document for the 2020 CEDS Annual Report and Update can be found on the SFRPC website at <https://sfrregionalcouncil.org/portfolio-items/other-meeting-docs/> or <https://sfrregionalcouncil.org/portfolio-items/economic-dev-district-edd/>

There was discussion on new information/resources given by the Councilmembers. Mr. Cassidy stated that he would include this information to the Report. Mrs. Cosio Carballo suggested that the Councilmembers should be part of the CEDS Committee. The Council will be updated on the Report's progress. Mayor Ziade suggested other agencies that can be used as a resource. Mr. Cassidy stated that they could discuss this after the meeting.

*Councilmember Furr moved to approve Agenda Item IV.E EDA CEDS Annual Report and Update. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Public Comments – None**

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

- A. Attendance Form
- B. Correspondence and Articles
- C. Upcoming Meetings
  - 1) October 16, 2020, 10:00 a.m., TBD – (TCRPC/SFRPC Joint Meeting)
  - 2) November 23, 2020, 10:30 a.m. TBD – (SFRPC, Hollywood)
  - 3) December (No Meeting – Winter Recess)

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

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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 November 23, 2020 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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Quentin "Beam" Furr, Secretary

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Date