

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

May 20, 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 10:09 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

The following Ex-Officio Members were absent:

Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District

Mr. Goren stated that the Council will proceed as an expanded Executive Committee until other Councilmembers arrive.

II. Approval of Council Agenda

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

III. Presentations:

Tanya I. Davis, CPA, Partner - S. Davis and Associates

- Audit Presentation

Mrs. Davis informed the Councilmembers that a copy of the Audit is at their places and proceeded to explain the Audit Results and Financial Overview. The Scope of Examination, the Significant Audit Results, Net Position, Overview of Operations (revenues and expenses), and Management Discussion Items were described in detail. The Scope of the Examination included an audit of financial statements pursuant to generally accepted auditing standards and government auditing standards, a review of internal controls

governing financial operations tests of compliance for major federal programs, etc. The Audit was performed in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. There were no matters of noncompliance noted pursuant to Federal Uniform Guidance, no significant deficiencies noted in the internal control system, or any issues with the reported financial statements (Pension Liability, Loan Program, Net Position) as of September 30, 2018. Ms. Davis introduced Joy Chambers Nicholas, the Senior Manager in charge of the Audit.

Chair Ross welcomed new Councilmembers Jordan Leonard, Town of Bay Harbor Islands Council Member, and Michelle Coldiron, Monroe County Commissioner.

Ronald R. Fieldstone, Partner - Saul Ewing Arnstein and Lehr

- Opportunity Zones

Mr. Fieldstone distributed a package supplied with information and articles regarding Opportunity Zones (OZ). His presentation focused on social policy issues and the governments' role in opportunity zone development. He explained the law Congress passed regarding capital gains investments in OZ designated areas, the tax benefits, the intention of the Program to improve the eligible areas, each State Governor's decision to choose their OZ areas (the State of Florida has over 400 designated OZs, choosing at least one OZ for each county), etc. He explained the significance of the investments, the Program, and government regulations. Mr. Fieldstone mentioned the factors that should be considered in improving the neighborhood's quality of life in an OZ: good jobs/job training, affordable housing, transportation and health care improvements, healthy food, educational services, engaging local residents, local officials and Community Redevelopment Agencies, various incentives, and the need to monitor the results. There was discussion on affordable housing lending, tax benefits, role of local governments, gentrification/regentrification, property values, municipalities' knowledge of the OZ, timelines (expediting the permitting process), etc. The Department of Economic Opportunity has a website locating the Opportunity Zones. The Council has been communicating with the counties and local governments regarding information on the OZ since inception and has provided OZ location maps of Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Council staff is available for any inquiries.

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Executive Director of the Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB), stated that the CCB had facilitated a conversation with the OZs in Broward and all of the municipalities were represented. There was a consensus that the majority of the municipalities lacked either the sophistication, staff, manpower, or the direction to understand how to best leverage their OZs. She asked if there was a specific policy recommendation on a county or municipal level that can be shared with the SFRPC, who in turn can share these recommendations with the municipalities and how to leverage the OZs. Mr. Fieldstone suggested that the Opportunity Zone Investment Prospectus, Tamarac Florida be reviewed as a reference.

Councilmember Geller updated the Councilmembers on the Legislative Sessions' discussion on the Sadowski Trust Fund and its allocations. He gave a detailed update on HB 7103. Councilmember Bailey suggested the Council include an update on affordable housing at one of the upcoming Council Meetings.

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

B. Financial Report

Rene Gonzalez, Director of Finance and Budget explained the Balance Sheet, revenues and expenses, the receipt of \$144,552.00 tenant improvement allowance from the landlord, grant funding, etc. Discussion ensued on the Revolving Loan Fund status, lending activity, default rate, etc. in which Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer and Manager, answered questions on the RLF related inquiries. Mrs. Cosio Carballo invited the Councilmembers to attend an RLF Meeting, in which Councilmembers Asseff and Bates are Board members.

Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.B, Financial Report for February and March 2019. Councilmember Bates seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Broward County 19-2ESR
- Broward County 19-3ESR
- City of Hollywood 19-1ESR
- City of Marathon 19-2ACSC
- City of Miami 19-2ESR
- Village of Palmetto Bay 19-1ESR

Adopted

- Broward County 18-5ESR
- City of Miramar 18-2ESR

Councilmember Bailey recused himself from voting on the City of Miami, 19-2ESR proposed amendment due to a conflict of interest.

Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews Proposed and Adopted without the City of Miami 19-2ESR. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews Proposed, City of Miami 19-2ESR. Councilmember Geller seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Hearing – None

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – none

E. Audit Presentation

Approval carried by a unanimous consent.

Public Comments – None

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo updated the Councilmembers that the Quorum Legislation did not pass despite the efforts of those involved, Representative Geller and Senator Rodriguez. Allyson Williams, University of Central Florida intern, was introduced. She graduated

Magna Cum Laude from Florida State University and is studying for Master in Urban and Regional Planning.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel stated there was no formal report this morning and thanked Councilmembers for their support.

C. Ex Officio Reports – None

Councilmember Geller, Chair of the Water Advisory Board, announced that the Water Advisory Board will be presenting at the Broward County Commission regarding the sewer/septic issues. He explained in detail the proposed mandate of sewer connections, low-cost loans, etc. The other mandate he explained is the newly required height of sea walls located on the ocean, intracoastal, or other intertidal waterways.

Discussion then ensued regarding waste water, sewers, water plant (new and old), relocation/addition of water facilities now located in the east, municipal/county funding (CDBG), joint effort with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, include the TCRPC in the appropriation policies to have a stronger sponsorship, desalinization, reuse, drip irrigation, etc.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo mentioned that the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board still needs another SFRPC representative, a municipal or county official, to join Councilmembers Walters and Bailey.

Chair Ross stated that the Broward League of Cities had their installation dinner in which the Sam Goren Presidential Award was given to Councilmember Furr.

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Mr. Tart, Senior Loan Officer and Manager recapped the RLF Program, total assets, and available cash to lend. He mentioned that the Program's credit strength has improved and there is a reduction in nonperforming loans. He thanked Sam Goren's office with their expertise regarding legal action on a nonperforming loan and the outcome. At the July meeting, Mr. Tart will have information on the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund (SFCDFI). It is a separate and distinct 501(C)3 with its own Board and currently chaired by Councilmember Asseff. As a small revolving loan fund, it supports the development of affordable homes currently in Broward County. It has financed four new single-family homes in the Broward Municipal Services District. The SFCDFI is in the process of seeking its full CDFI certification, which will allow us to access additional funding through the U.S. Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institution Fund. He introduced Sandra Veszi Einhorn, representing the Coordinating Council of Broward, who has been instrumental in our affordable housing advocacy effort.

B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report - None

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) June 2019 – No Meeting Scheduled

- 2) July 22, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – (SFRPC, Hollywood)
- 3) August 2019 No Meeting Scheduled

VIII. Councilmember Comments

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.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 May 20, 2019 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 22nd day of July 2019.



Samuel Kaufman, Secretary

7-22-19

Date

