

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
April 25, 2022

The South Florida Regional Planning Council's Executive Committee met on this date at the Council's office, located at 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Councilmember Mario J. Bailey *
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron (present)
Councilmember Beam Furr (present)
Councilmember René Garcia *
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman *
Chair Steve Geller (present)

* Virtually Present

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

II. Approval of Council Agenda

Councilmember Furr moved to approve the Executive Committee Agenda. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

III. SFRPC Convening and SFRPC/ TCRPC Regional Convening

Chair Geller noted that there will be two discussions on regional convening. One convening will be hosted by the SFRPC and the other will be a TCRPC/SFRPC Joint Meeting. He acknowledged those SFRPC Councilmembers that attended the Joint Meeting in Palm Beach County. It was decided that there would be only one topic at each meeting due to time constraints. It had already been decided that the subject to be discussed at the TCRPC/SFRPC Joint Meeting will be on Waste Management. For the SFRPC regional convening meeting, there are four topics of interest: 1) Condominium legislation/structure issues affecting condominiums and/or co-ops and the impact of potential redevelopment regionwide including considerations such as higher density in the coastal high hazard area; 2) Transit Oriented Development and the associated issues of affordable housing, First/Last Mile access, commercial hubs, etc.; 3) Insurance Crisis, which will be discussed today at the Council Meeting, so may not part of the choices for the regional convening; 4) Rail development (the possibility of rail in Miami-Dade County on U.S. 27 to Broward County on University Drive). This discussion could include Coastal Link and First/Last Mile. Chair Geller's focus is on topics number 1, 2, and 4. The Councilmembers elaborated on the various choices and how it pertains to their communities and jurisdictions as well as regionally. Councilmember Kaufman added that vacation rentals could be a topic to be discussed.

IV. Discussion of Council Dues

Chair Geller summarized the Council Dues' Agenda Item, that the dues have been at 17.5 cents per capita for 28 years, the projected resident population, and the dues paid to the other RPCs (the SFRPC is the lowest). The goal is to receive 25 cents per capita over the next few years. His suggestion was to adopt the six-year plan where the SFRPC dues would go from 17.5 cents to 19 cents immediately and then raise it 1 penny per year until the dues reach 25 cents per capita. Chair Geller believes Broward County would accept this and hopes that Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties would agree with the increase noting the regional convenings that have taken place and will continue to take place. Chair Geller requested Mrs. Cosio Carballo initiate a meeting with the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Mayor Levine Cava, who was a Chair and member of the SFRPC. At this meeting, the SFRPC should have some dates and topics for the regional convening meetings for Mayor Levine Cava. Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained that the increase would help the SFRPC with staffing and salary increases and noted that the SFRPC cannot compete with other agencies regarding employee salaries. Councilmember Coldiron stated that Monroe County should not have an issue with the increase and would not mind it being raised to 20 cents per capita in the first year. Councilmember Furr suggested to start with 20 cents per capita the first year and 1.25 pennies per year until the dues reach 25 cents per capita.

Councilmember Furr moved to approve the increase of the SFRPC County Dues to 20 cents per capita the first year and 1.25 pennies per year until the dues reach 25 cents per capita. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

At 10:33a.m., Chair Geller suggested the Executive Committee Meeting be recessed and reconvene at the conclusion of the SFRPC Council Meeting. There were no objections.

The Executive Committee Meeting resumed at 12:10 p.m.

Those still in attendance were Councilmembers Bailey, Coldiron, Furr, Kaufman, Goldberg, Ziade, and Chair Geller.

Chair Geller reiterated that the TCRPC/SFRPC Joint Meeting will be on Solid Waste Management. The discussion ensued on the topic of the SFRPC regional convening meeting. He summarized the earlier discussion and would like to invite every elected official from the three counties to this meeting. He requested that Councilmembers Goldberg and Ziade state their opinions on this discussion. The topics are: 1) Condominium /co-ops, rebuilding, structure issues and the effect it would have on affordable housing and redevelopment, and local governments' building codes; 2) Transit Oriented Development, including affordable housing, commercial hubs, First/Last mile access; and 3) Regional Transit such as the Coastal Link, rail development (heavy rail) including the rail development in Miami-Dade County on U.S. 27 to possibly continue on University Drive in Broward County. Discussion ensued and Councilmember Coldiron was interested in First/Last mile access to transit from the Monroe County perspective for long term planning and management of U.S. 1. Monroe County is not involved in the SFRTA and is grappling with joining SEFTC. Monroe County has completed studies, identified challenges, and would like to engage with the professionals to help them with the solutions. TOD discussion, particularly strategies to improve First/Last mile access, would bring Monroe County attendees to the regional meeting. Chair Geller asked

those present for their comments: Councilmember Bailey - deferred, Councilmember Furr – supported a TOD convening, Councilmember Goldberg – supported a TOD convening, Councilmember Ziade – supported a TOD convening, and Councilmember Kaufman – also supported a TOD convening. Chair Geller noted that there is a unanimous consensus that the next SFRPC regional convening will be on TOD inclusive of the First/Last mile access issue. The TCRPC/SFRPC Joint Meeting will be on solid waste. Chair Geller stated that the SFRPC is serving as a convening authority on regional issues that extend beyond one county.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo reached out the Councilmembers to volunteer to create a committee to help with the topic of solid waste for the next Joint Meeting. Chair Geller volunteered Councilmembers Ross and Furr.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 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 April 25, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 16th day of May 2022.

Michelle Coldiron, Secretary
Monroe County Commissioner, District 2

Date