

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**October 17, 2022**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in person on this date at the Council's office located at 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 3302. Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures. The meeting began earlier than usual because of the full agenda. Chair Geller welcomed the Council as well as those attending virtually and asked Councilmember Ross to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Steve Geller  
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey\*  
Councilmember Frank Caplan  
Councilmember Craig Cates\*  
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron\*  
Councilmember Joseph Corradino\*  
Councilmember Beam Furr  
Councilmember René García\*  
Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, III\*\*  
Councilmember Cary Goldberg  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman\*\*  
Councilmember Kionne McGhee\*  
Councilmember Greg Ross  
Councilmember Michael Udine\*  
Councilmember Ana M. Ziade

\* Virtually Present

\*\* Absent

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

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

Jon Moore, for Jason Andreotta, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (SE District)

Dat Huynh representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

Lorraine Mayers representing the South Florida Water Management District were virtually present.

A quorum was not present. Mr. Goren stated the meeting could begin as an Executive Committee Meeting with the temporary appointment of Councilmembers physically present to the Executive Committee until a physical quorum is present. Chair Geller appointed Councilmembers Ross and Caplan to participate as Executive Committee Members until Councilmember Ziade arrived. Upon her arrival, the Council will become a regular Council Meeting.

The Chair postponed Agenda Item Miami-Dade County CDMP 22-06ESR (proposed) until such time that a physical quorum was present and commenced with a review of the CEDS. Executive Director Mrs. Isabel Cosio Carballo confirmed that the CEDS must be submitted at the end of October 2022. Chair Geller, with

Mr. Goren's approval, suggested that the Council adopt the CEDS at today's meeting and authorize the SFRPC staff and the Chair to make minor changes. Chair Geller extended to Council Members a deadline of Thursday, September 22, 2022, for changes that the Councilmembers may have following their closer review.

Mr. Goren stated that so long as the changes are not material or substantive, the CEDS can be adopted during the meeting. Chair Geller read the names of the extensive CEDS membership groups (businesses, agencies, academia, etc.). Mrs. Cosio Carballo commented on the CEDS process, the key stakeholders involved, and their involvement throughout the process. This CEDS report is different from the 2017-2022 CEDS because it contains specific projects identified by the CEDS membership for funding and implementation.

Councilmember Ziade arrived and a physical quorum was attained. Chair Geller postponed further conversation on the CEDS and commenced with the regular Council Meeting.

## **II. Approval Council Agenda**

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Caplan moved the motion, Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous consent.*

Chair Geller requested modification of the Council Agenda to move the Miami-Dade County CDMP 22-06ESR Agenda Item forward so that those present for the discussion will not need to stay for the full Council Meeting.

*Approval of the Agenda modification was approved by unanimous consent.*

## **III. Action Items**

### **B. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review**

- Miami-Dade County CDMP 22-06ESR (proposed)

Chair Geller introduced Christina Miskis, Principal Planner. She summarized the staff analysis based on the information provided. The current staff recommendation was to find the amendment generally inconsistent. She explained the details of the property location, the intent of the amendment, the effect on the Biscayne Bay and Southeastern Everglades Restoration (BBSEER), and the property being located outside the Urban Development Boundary (UDB). Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the Comprehensive Plan Review process, the choice of "consistent" or "inconsistent", and the reason this amendment is before the Councilmembers today. Miami-Dade County voted 11-1 to transmit the amendment. Councilmember Garcia stated that at the Miami-Dade County Commission Meeting this was approved because of information provided by their staff and the need for truck parking facilities. Discussion ensued on the information given at the Miami-Dade County Commission Meeting and transmission, and the lack of other agencies' comments. Chair Geller stated that Council staff has determined this amendment is inconsistent due to the lack of information from other agencies.

Chair Geller introduced Joe Goldstein, Attorney, to present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Goldstein explained the issues of truck parking vs. truck parking and supplementary truck services, the amendment process for the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Plan, etc. Chair Geller reiterated that the SFRPC

cannot offer a finding of consistency due to a lack of comments from participating agencies whose comment is not due until later in the month. Lorraine Mayers, SFWMD Regional Representative, stated that the SFWMD staff is still reviewing this amendment and does not know when that review would be available.

Joe Goldstein introduced Ed Swakon, P.E., President of EAS Engineering Inc, and the environmental consultant for the applicant. He detailed the information provided at the Miami-Dade County Commission Meeting on the applicants' land acquisition outside the UDB. His presentation depicted specifics on the property, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project (CERP), the BBSEER, and surrounding wetlands/properties. He went into detail on BBSEER and its alternatives, along with the plans and surveys that have been conducted by the applicant. Mr. Swakon does not believe this project will impact the BBSEER.

### Public Hearing

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the staff's recommendation of inconsistency due to the lack of information. Councilmember Furr moved the motion to follow staff recommendation of inconsistency due to the lack of information from the SFWMD and other agencies and that the SFRPC will revisit this amendment after adoption at the Miami-Dade County Commission Meeting. Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion and roll was called.*

The Council voted 9 - 3 to find Proposed Amendment 22-06ESR to Miami-Dade County CDMP **generally inconsistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan** due to a lack of information on the potential impacts of the proposed amendment on Natural Resources of Regional Significance, specifically the Biscayne Bay Southeastern Everglades Restoration (BBSEER) project managed by South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

The Council recognizes the regional need for truck parking and does not offer any judgment or legal decision on the merits of the proposed project proffered by the Applicant. The Council looks forward to receiving additional information from the commenting agencies prior to any potential future review of the amendment.

### SFRPC Council Vote: 9 YEA 3 NAY

Bailey	YES	Furr	YES	Kaufman	----
Caplan	YES	García	NO	McGhee	NO
Cates	----	Geller	YES	Ross	YES
Coldiron	YES	Gilbert, III	----	Udine	YES
Corradino	YES	Goldberg	NO	Ziade	YES

\*Councilmember Garcia voted no because due to a lack of information.

### III. Action Items

#### A. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Mr. Goren read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed and Adopted.

##### Proposed

- Broward County 22-04ESR
- Broward County 22-05ESR
- City of Cooper City 22-01ESR\*
- City of North Miami 22-02ESR\*
- City of North Miami 22-03ESR
- City of North Miami Beach 22-01ESR\*
- City of Sunny Isles Beach 22-02ER
- City of Sweetwater 22-01ESR

##### Public Hearing

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

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed. Councilmember Ross moved the motion, and Councilmember Caplan seconded, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

##### Adopted

- Broward County 22-02ESR
- Monroe County 22-06ER
- City of Coral Gables 22-02ESR
- Town of Cutler Bay 22-02ER
- City of Key West 22-03ACSC
- City of Sunny Isles Beach 22-01ESR\*
- City of Tamarac 21-02ESR

##### Public Hearing

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

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Adopted. Councilmember Ross moved the motion, and Councilmember Caplan seconded, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

Mrs. Cosio Carballo announced that on October 21, 2022, at 10:00 .am. the SFRPC / TCRPC will be hosting a seven-county Solid Waste Management Conference at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Those invited and presenting are elected officials and waste management professionals. She explained the agenda and subject matter that will be discussed. Additional information will follow. She hopes that the SFRPC Councilmembers will be in attendance. Chair Geller congratulated Mrs. Cosio Carballo for succeeding in having regional meetings this year, such as the Affordable Housing Meeting, the Solid Waste Conference, the upcoming first/last mile discussion, and Coral Reef discussions. He stated that the SFRPC is now planning for the region.

C. Review of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Chair Geller led an extensive review of over 100+ pages of the CEDS report. He indicated that this report is due every five (5) years and this one is due October 28, 2022. He praised the SFRPC Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo and her staff for the enormous amount of time and effort that was put into this report. Several questions and comments were made on double-checking certain data for accuracy. Suggestions were made to implement various cosmetic changes. There were also suggestions to invite others to participate in the membership going forward in the future. Councilmember Furr praised the CEDS report and all those who worked on the report, as it was very well done, and he knew there was a lot of effort placed toward its completion.

*Chair Geller motioned to approve and adopt the CEDS Report subject to technical, non-substantial, and non-material changes that must be sent, in writing, to the SFRPC staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022. Councilmember Furr moved the motion, Councilmember Ross seconded the motion which was carried by unanimous consent.*

IV. Announcements and Attachments

A. Upcoming Meetings

1. Friday, October 21, 2022, SFRPC/TCRPC Solid Waste Conference (FAU, Boca Raton)
2. Monday, November 21, 2022, 10:30 a.m. (TBD)
3. December – No Meeting (Winter Recess)

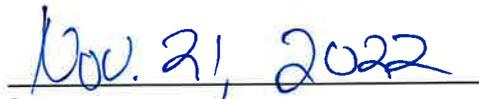
VIII. Adjournment

Chair Geller adjourned the meeting at 12:42 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 October 17, 2022 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted on the 21st day of November 2022.



Michelle Lincoln, Secretary  
Monroe County Commissioner, District 2



Date