

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**January 23, 2023**

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 33020. Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. and reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures. Chair Geller welcomed the Councilmembers as well as those attending virtually. Chair Geller asked Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, 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 Joseph Corradino  
Councilmember Beam Furr  
Councilmember René García\*\*  
Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, III\*\*  
Councilmember Cary Goldberg  
Councilmember Denise Horland\*  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman\*  
Councilmember Michelle Lincoln  
Councilmember Kionne McGhee\*\*  
Councilmember Greg Ross\*\*  
Councilmember Michael Udine\*

\* Virtually Present

\*\* Absent

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

The following Ex-Officio Member was present:

Lorraine Mayers representing the South Florida Water Management District

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

Jon Moore for Jason Andreotta representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (SE District) and Dat Huynh representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren confirmed the presence of a legal quorum. Chair Geller welcomed new Councilmember Denise Horland, City of Plantation Councilmember, appointed by the Broward League of Cities to the Council. He then asked everyone present and virtually present to introduce themselves.

**II. Approval Council Agenda**

*Council Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.*

**III. Council Board Planning Session (Time Certain @ 11:30 a.m.)**

**IV. Action Items**

**A. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- November 21, 2022 Minutes

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2022. Councilmember Caplan moved the motion and Councilmember Furr seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

**B. Financial Report**

Director of Finance and IT, Leo Braslavsky Soldi, presented the Financial Report in detail.

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the Financial Report. Councilmember Lincoln moved the motion and Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

**C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews (\*Property Rights)**

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed.

Proposed:

- Broward County 22-06ESR
- City of Doral 22-02ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 22-03ACSC
- City of Key West 22-06ACSC
- City of Key West 22-07ACSC
- City of Layton 22-01ER
- City of Miami 22-01ESR
- North Bay Village 22-01ER
- City of Sunny Isles Beach 22-03ESR
- City of Sunrise 22-01ESR \*
- City of Sunrise 22-02ESR

**Public Hearing**

Chair Geller opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any comments or questions.

**Public Comment**

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

Discussion ensued on the Islamorada, Village of Islands proposed amendment 22-03ACSC in which Councilmember Lincoln clarified that the amendment was about the evaluation criteria ordinance.

*Chair Geller motioned to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed. Councilmember Furr moved the motion, and Councilmember Cates seconded the motion. Roll was called and the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews: Adopted.

**Adopted**

- Broward County 22-04ESR
- Monroe County 22-05ACSC
- Monroe County 22-07ER
- City of Coconut Creek 21-01ESR
- City of Cooper City 22-01ESR \*
- City of Deerfield Beach 22-01ER \*
- City of Hallandale Beach 22-02ESR
- City of Marathon 22-08ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 22-05ESR
- City of Miami Springs 22-01ER
- Town of Pembroke Park 22-02ESR \*
- City of Sweetwater 22-01ESR

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**Public Comment**

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

*Chair Geller motioned to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Adopted. Councilmember Caplan moved the motion, and Councilmember Cates seconded the motion. Roll was called and the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

**D. Regional Issues**

Chair Geller stated that the SFRPC received a document regarding Miami-Dade County's 21-02ESR amendment, the Trade and Logistic Center, on December 22, 2022, at 8:29 p.m. Normally the Council would have 30 days to respond and/or comment. The issue is that there was no room to account for the holidays during this transmission. The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) acknowledged receipt of the document on December 27, 2022. Customarily, the SFRPC would review comments from other agencies during this timeframe, no comments were received from other agencies. The document received was 1,966 pages. No comments were received from other agencies as many agencies do not comment at the approved phase of a comprehensive plan amendment. Chair Geller suggested reviewing the item during the February 27, 2023, SFRPC Council Meeting if needed. Mrs. Carballo stated that she would follow up with the appropriate State Agencies.

Mr. Goren stated for the record that Chair Geller, through his actions and acknowledging the issue, the SFRPC was in the legal process. If nothing were done, this would have been a non-option. Therefore, the opportunity was legally bookmarked for comment in the future.

*Chair Geller motioned to postpone the topic of the Miami-Dade County amendment 21-02ESR, Logistic Center. Councilmember Furr moved the motion, and Councilmember Lincoln seconded the motion. Roll was called and the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

E. Nominating Committee Report / Election of Officers

Councilmember Udine, Chair of the Nominating Committee provided an update on the meeting held on January 6, 2022. He stated that due to the Executive Director retiring in October 2023, the Nominating Committee recommends keeping the current Executive Committee in place for an additional year to facilitate the transition between directors.

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the decision of the Nominating Committee. Councilmember Udine moved the motion, and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Public Comment**

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

V. **Discussion Items**

A. Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Isabel Cosio Carballo, Executive Director introduced Ms. Charlene Burke, SFRPC's new Senior Planner / LEPC Coordinator. She announced that intern Hailey Lazzaroni has accepted a full-time position as a Resiliency Planner. Ms. Christina Miskis, of Council staff, gave an update on the upcoming First-Last Mile Conference that will be held on March 17, 2023, at the Broward MPO. Ms. Miskis introduced Ms. Eralda Agolli, who has been integral in working with the CEDS group and will be coordinating the conference. If the Councilmembers have specific issues that they would like to be addressed at the conference, please forward them to the SFRPC staff. Mrs. Cosio Carballo mentioned that there would be an update on the MIRR Project.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, stated that Rule 29J was approved on December 20, 2022, by the Department of State. Mr. Goren stated that the SFRPC serves as a mediation arm for the areas it represents.

Chair Geller asked Mr. Goren and Ms. Cosio Carballo to jointly prepare a letter to the local governments within the SFRPC jurisdiction to remind each of their statutory duties to serve as the regional mediator between local governments.

C. Councilmembers Report

Chair Geller asked Ms. Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Councilmember Garcia's Chief of Staff, to provide a brief overview of Senator Garcia's Resolution on Solid Waste Recycling of Garbage unanimously adopted by the County Commission. In summary, the Resolution directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to collaborate with the SFRPC on strategies and plans related to solid waste management including identifying: 1) the challenges and opportunities to the regional approach to prevent the ever-growing supply of solid waste; 2) new technologies and best practice approaches; and 3) strategies to increase recycling to achieve a goal of 100%, but at a minimum, the State of Florida required rate of 75%. Additional provisions include: 4) development of a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan; 5) identification of recycling goals using both sustainable materials management and a waste diversion concept; 6) proposing recycling materials, market development, recycling education, and outreach; 7)

providing local government recycling and assistance; 8) identification of avenues and options to repurpose the recycled materials; and 9) ensuring the ability to offset the cost of energy at county facilities and identify any state or federal legislation that would be needed in order to make this come to fruition.

D. Ex-Officio Report

Mr. Dat Huynh, FDOT, District 6, announced that the regional information sessions regarding the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act as well as the Strategic and System Intermodal Update will be held in Miami on Feb. 15, 2023, and in Fort Lauderdale on February 16, 2023. He will provide a link.

Ms. Lorraine Mayers stated the upcoming SFWMD Governing Board Meeting will be on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**VI. Program Reports and Activities**

- A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report
- B. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report

Mr. Tart provided an update on the RLF and CARES RLF Programs. He conveyed that the DEO is seeking assistance from prospective lending partners to help the State of Florida deploy \$70 M to help minority-owned small businesses throughout the state. Separately, the SFRPC CARES Act RLF Program received an "A" rating from the Economic Development Administration and will continue to assist new businesses with future loans as existing borrowers repay their obligations. The Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc's affordable housing program completed new construction financing on eight new single-family homes in the Lauderhill CRA and currently is financing two additional single-family homes in Hollywood, FL, and a new duplex renovation in the Dania Beach CRA. Chair Geller complimented Mr. Tart on his extensive work with the RLF Programs.

Mr. Goren stated that there is a litigation hearing on January 2023, regarding the Angela Dawson case. He then noted that the discussion on this case is private and cannot be updated further.

C. Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition

Ms. Alisha Lopez provided an update on the Council's upcoming re-designation appointment with the Department of Energy. She advised the Councilmembers that DOE asked her to host the Southeast Regional Clean Cities Meeting on February 27-28, 2023. It will be held at the Anne Kolb Center, starting at 9:00 a.m. on both days.

D. SFRPC / TCRPC Joint Council Meeting – Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Chair Geller discussed the upcoming meeting that will take place at the Long Key Natural Area and Conference Center in Davie, Florida beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Proposed topics are US 27 Rail Corridor, Restoring Reefs Act and a Coral Reef update, the Marine Research Hub, a lunch break with a speaker, statewide water infrastructure, legislative update, and open comments with each Council.

E. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting

Councilmember Caplan summarized the FRCA Policy Board meeting that was held in Tallahassee on January 11-13, 2023. He stated that there was a lot of continuity among the regional planning councils statewide and that FRCA is a worthwhile initiative.

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) Friday, February 17, 2023, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC/TCRPC Joint Meeting, TBD)
- 2) Monday, February 27, 2023, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC, Hollywood)
- 3) Friday, March 17, 2023, TBD, (SFRPC First-Last Mile Connectivity Conference, TBD)
- 4) Monday, April 17, 2023, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC, Monroe County)

Chair Geller reviewed the upcoming SFRPC meeting schedule. He stated that the February 27, 2023 meeting may move to an evening meeting if comments for the Miami-Dade amendment issue are necessary.

**Council Board Planning Session (11:55 a.m.)**

Chair Geller stated that a search to replace Mrs. Cosio Carballo should begin immediately. A national search is costly, and the initiative is to search locally within the State of Florida with a replacement that knows the area very well. He mentioned that her last day is October 31, 2023, and hopes to resolve the search by no later than May of this year.

Chair Geller reviewed the topics for the SFRPC/TCRPC Joint Meeting being held on February 27, 2023. He reminded the Councilmembers of the past meetings/conferences the SFRPC organized such as the Mayors' Affordable Housing Summit, the CEDS Strategic Plan, South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review, Solid Waste Management Conference, and the upcoming First-Last Mile Conference. He asked the Councilmembers to provide ideas for other topics and what they would like the SFRPC to work on in the next year or two.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chair Geller adjourned the meeting at 12:01 pm.

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 23, 2023, meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.



Michelle Lincoln, Secretary  
Monroe County Commissioner, District 2



Date