

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

**November 13, 2023**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in person on this date at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Geller welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. He reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures and asked Councilmember Lincoln to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. The recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://sfrationalcouncil.org/meeting-materials/>

**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 Jacob Horowitz were present.

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

Jon Moore for Sirena Davila representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (SE District)  
Shereen Yee Fong for Dat Huynh representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District 6  
Armando L. Vilaboy representing the South Florida Water Management District

Mr. Horowitz stated for the record there is a quorum.

**II. Approval of Council Agenda**

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Caplan moved the motion and Councilmember Lincoln seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

**III. Presentation (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.)**

South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review Update  
Christina Miskis, MURP, Planning Manager

**IV. Action Items**

A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

B. Financial Report

The Director of Finance and IT Leo Braslavsky Soldi presented the Financial Report in detail virtually from Argentina.

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

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Legal Counsel, Jacob Horowitz, read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed.

Proposed

- Broward County 23-02ESR
- Broward County 23-03ESR
- Miami-Dade County 23-01ESR
- City of Coral Springs 23-01ESR\*
- City of Dania Beach 23-01ESR
- City of Hallandale Beach 23-02ESR
- City of Hallandale Beach 23-03ESR
- City of Hollywood 23-02ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 23-01ACSC
- City of Miami 23-05ESR

**Public Hearing**

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

**Public Comments**

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

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Councilmember Horland moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

Legal Counsel, Jacob Horowitz, read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Adopted.

#### Adopted

- Monroe County 23-03ACSC
- Village of Biscayne Park 23-02ER
- City of Doral 23-02ESR
- City of Hollywood 23-01ESR\*
- City of Homestead 23-01ESR
- Village of Key Biscayne 23-01ER
- City of Marathon 23-01ACSC
- City of Marathon 23-02ACSC
- Miami Shores Village 23-02ER
- City of Sweetwater 23-01ESR

\* Property Rights Element

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#### Public Comments

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

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Councilmember Caplan moved the motion and Councilmember Lincoln seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

E. SFRPC 2024 Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Cosio Carballo shared the SFRPC 2024 Meeting and Holiday Schedule, explaining any changes to the meeting schedule due to the holidays conflicting with the Council's normal monthly meeting date.. In the case that the monthly meeting conflicts with a public holiday, the Council Meeting is moved to the following Monday. She mentioned various topics to be discussed at the future TCRPC /SFRPC Joint Meeting and the SFRPC Conference. Some of the topics suggested were mental health, affordability, apprenticeship programs/job development, rail transportation instead of truck transportation, home insurance affordability, quality of life, etc.

*Approval was carried by unanimous consent.*

F. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Annual Report

Randy Deshazo, Deputy Director, Chief of Staff, and Director of Economic Development and Research presented the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) 2023 CEDs Annual Progress Report for South Florida for Council approval. He explained the requirement for an annual update by EDA, and the Report's economic information gathered, calculated, and reported; noting the changes from one year to the next nationally, regionally, and locally. Mr. Deshazo presented year-over-year changes in

regional job openings/unemployment, job preferences, population, domestic and international migration, income, etc., and the economic challenges and opportunities that face South Florida. Mr. Deshazo noted the four Goals of the CEDS. The CEDS information and documentation can be located on the SFRPC website: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/portfolio-items/economic-dev-district-edd/>. Chair Geller explained the process of creating the Report and noted the CEDS committee approval and now requires the Councilmembers to adopt the Annual Progress Report for transmission to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. Councilmember Goldberg would like to break out the industry classes regarding employment change, such as marine and aviation. The information is in the original CEDS Report. Mr. Deshazo stated that he would try and get those numbers to Councilmember Goldberg at a future meeting. Discussion ensued on Monroe County's wages and cost of living, and South Florida's population growth and housing. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked Mr. Deshazo and Ms. Agolli for their work on the project. The Council voted unanimously to accept the Report and authorized the Executive Director to transmit the Report to the EDA.

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the CEDS Annual Progress Report. Councilmember Caplan moved the motion and Councilmember Horland seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.*

G. Appointment for the Broward County Water Advisory Board (WAB)

Councilmember Mayor Ross has served as the Council's representative on the Broward County Water Advisory Board since June 2016. Due to growing time constraints, especially as President of the Florida League of Cities, Councilmember Ross has requested to resign from the Water Advisory Board. Chair Geller thanked Councilmember Ross for his dedication to the Broward Water Advisory Board and the SFRPC. Councilmember Ross appreciated his time on the WAB representing the SFRPC.

*Chair Geller appointed Councilmember Horland to the Water Advisory Board as the Council's representative, replacing Councilmember Ross.*

**III. Presentation (Time Certain 11:15 a.m.)**

South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review Update  
Christina Miskis, MURP, Planning Manager

Chair Geller stated that the MIRR was specifically limited to environmental resiliency, primarily around the surrounding base areas. Present at today's meeting was Rick Miller, Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret); Executive Director, South Florida Defense Alliance; Founder & CEO, PHAROS Mission Critical Solutions, and Sara Marrs, PLA, the lead consultant for Jacobs. Mr. Van Houton Senior Project Manager, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, U.S. Department of Defense participated virtually.

Christina Miskis, Principal Planner announced that the MIRR Report has been published and is online. <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/south-florida-military-installation-resilience-review/> She gave an updated summary that included the process of the MIRR Report; Project Objectives: the increase of public awareness of the military missions through closer communications and interventions integrated with ongoing community resilience; leveraging local efforts: identifying and aligning projects to optimize funding; stakeholder engagement and regional cooperation; determining vulnerability and risk; planning and implementation; and the adaptation projects that were identified. Ms. Marrs thanked Ms. Miskis,

Mrs. Cosio Carballo, and the SFRPC for managing this project and for their support. She explained the specific projects and details of the individual installations: Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB), Miami-Dade County; SOUTHCOM / United States Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-Miami), Miami-Dade County; US Naval Surface War Center South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility (SFOMF), Broward County; and, United States Naval Air Station Key West (NASKW), Monroe County. She detailed the unique vulnerabilities, collaborations, and recommendations for each installation. Ms. Marrs stated that even though the Coast Guard was not included in the Military Installation Resilience Review her team did reach out to get their perspective on their concerns. She described how they used a unified approach for each installation. Rick Miller, Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret); Executive Director, South Florida Defense Alliance thanked the SFRPC for sponsoring and facilitating this assessment in South Florida and for being the leading edge for the installation reviews. The partnership between the MIRR study, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, and the RPCs has now multiplied around the State of Florida. The SFRPC was the first to initiate the study. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has undertaken a study with MacDill Airforce Base, the Emerald Coast Regional Council's study encompasses five counties and six installations in the Panhandle, and the East Central RPC is also beginning a study in Orlando. In the next year or so Florida will be the first state to have a significant defense footprint with all the major installations covered. He addressed the implementation process and the benefits of the MIRR study providing enhanced resiliency for the community, the bases (by default), and support of national security. There is state and DOD funding set aside for defense-related activities that can be applied for these projects. Ms. Miskis stated that there will be continued implementation of the project and there is an outreach plan in the process. Bill Van Houten from OLDCC stated that the SFRPC has been wonderful to work with and the statewide process has started with this Council. With the information Jacobs has provided, OLDCC would like to explore future planning studies, possible design studies, and/or construction programs. While continuing to work with the SFRPC, the OLDCC would like to expand its outreach directly to the cities and counties. They already have a planning study with the City of Key West to upgrade the sewage treatment plant for energy efficiency and plan to continue this work with other governments. Ms. Miskis closed her presentation noting the Council staff will be reaching out to Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe county commissions to offer a presentation. Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Chair Geller thanked Bill Van Houten, Rick Miller, Sara Marrs, and the SFRPC staff for their work.

#### H. Appointment of Nominating Committee

*Not reviewed.*

### **Public Comments**

#### **V. Program Reports and Activities**

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

Mr. Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer and Manager of the Revolving Loan Fund Programs announced that he was invited and participated in a roundtable and listening session with the U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and Ms. Marie Gill, CEO of M. Gill & Associates. M. Gill & Associates is the operator of the

MBDA Miami Business Center, Export Center, and Capital Readiness Program which partners and collaborates with the SFRPC's RLF programs where she serves as an RLF Board Member. Roundtable guests discussed collaborations and partnerships and shared how their businesses and programs have benefitted from the services offered by the Miami MBDA program. Mr. Tart conveyed to the SFRPC board that Secretary Raimondo was impressed and pleased to learn of our regional partnerships and collaborations utilizing the various programs under the Department of Commerce.

The CARES ACT RLF and Traditional RLF continue to perform well with the CARES ACT program providing \$7.17 MM to 34 businesses and the traditional RLF providing \$ 5.50 MM to 30 businesses. The EDA completed its RLF Risk Analysis and reaffirmed its current annual risk rating of an "A" for the fiscal year ending 9/30/23. Goren Cherof, SFRPC Legal Counsel, continues to provide updates on one borrower in active legal collection. Further details can be found in the RLF Status Report.

The Affordable Housing Initiative, provided by the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc., (SFCDFI ) has financed 24 single-family home projects throughout the region; 19 in Broward, 4 in Miami-Dade, and 1 in Palm Beach County. A flyer highlighting the locations is attached to the Agenda Item. The Council's Affordable Housing Initiative has been successful as a result of its collaboration with local minority-owned non-profit homebuilders, the Urban League of Broward County, the Broward County Commission, and the Housing Finance Authority of Broward County.

The SFRPC Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund continues its partnership with the Homestead CRA to provide capital and technical support for an initial assessment program within the district to help commercial and residential economic redevelopment. Separately the SFRPC continues its capital and technical support of assessment and remediation work of a former contaminated site in the Miami Health District into affordable workforce housing. Chair Geller congratulated Mr. Tart on meeting with Secretary Raimondo.

### C. Council Highlights

Mrs. Cosio Carballo reviewed the Council Highlights including the Florida League of Cities appointments of Councilmember Horland and Councilmember Ross, the Affordable Housing Meeting with Mayors from Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties, who were all present, and the Recycling Right Conference held at the Broward Center of the Performing Arts. She thanked the Councilmembers for their attendance at the Conference and the Affordable Housing Meeting. She congratulated Eralda Agolli, Council staff, for initiating the process and participation in the Tech Hub Project. Mrs. Cosio Carballo announced the job positions at the SFRPC.

## VI. **Discussion Items**

### A. Executive Director's Report

There was a discussion on the CEDS Report, the work that went into it, and the various subject matters. The CEDS Committee had the highest level of executive CEOs in the region. Quarterly meetings will continue with the leadership of Chair Geller. Chair Geller thanked Mrs. Cosio Carballo and the SFRPC staff for continuing to do great things.

B. Legal Counsel Report / Legal Opinions

Mr. Horowitz stated that Mr. Goren sent his regards and thanked the Council for the opportunity to be present today.

C. Council Members Report

Councilmember Furr stated the Recycling Conference was a success with a lot of ideas and thinks the SFRPC should follow up on this subject matter.

D. Ex-Officio Report

There were no Ex-Officio reports.

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

- A. Attendance Form
- B. Correspondence and Articles
- C. Upcoming Meetings
  - 1) December 2023, No meeting
  - 2) Monday, January 22, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)
  - 3) Monday, February 26, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)
  - 4) Monday, March 18, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chair Geller adjourned the meeting at noon.

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 13, 2023, meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024.

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Michelle Lincoln, Secretary  
Monroe County Commissioner, District 2

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Date