



MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTH FLORIDA CEDS STRATEGY COMMITTEE
October 25, 2023

The South Florida CEDS Strategy Committee 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 10:00 a.m. He reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Senator Steve Geller, Chair, CEDS Strategy Committee

*Michael Bateman, VP, Career Source Broward**

*David Dech, Executive Director, SFRTA**

*George Hanbury, President & CEO, Nova Southeastern University**

*Steven Hudson, CEO, Hudson Capital Group and Chair, Broward Workshop**

*Carol Hylton, President/CEO, CareerSource Broward**

*Dr. Ana Carolina Coelho Maran, District Resiliency Officer, South Florida Water Management District**

*Daniel Samess, CEO, Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce**

* Virtually Present

SFRPC Staff:

Isabel Cosio Carballo, Executive Director

Randy Deshazo, Deputy Director, Chief of Staff, and Director of Economic Development and Research

Eralda Agolli, Program Manager – Community and Economic Development

Christina Miskis, Principal Planner

II. 2022 – 2023 CEDS Annual Update

Chair Geller opened the meeting by explaining the annual CEDS report requirement. He emphasized that the report highlights key economic trends and progress achieved by the Council and stakeholders in building regional resilience through various activities, programs, and initiatives aligned with the CEDS goals. Council staff presented the

completed report, which received unanimous approval from the Committee. This paved the way for submitting it to the SFRPC Board, ultimately leading to public comment and EDA submission in November.

III. Selection of a Special Topic Issue

Chair Geller expressed his admiration for the Committee's high caliber, calling it the "top movers and shakers of South Florida" with the highest quality leadership of the many committees he has encountered throughout his career. He proposed leveraging this expertise by focusing on a specific issue for the upcoming year, beyond simply approving reports.

The Committee Members present voted on and selected two primary focus areas for the upcoming year: Housing and Transit integration across the tri-county region encompassing Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties.

Committee members outlined three priorities within the chosen theme:

1. **Comprehensive Transit Network:** Recognizing the current system's limitations, the Committee highlighted the need for an integrated network encompassing both east-west and north-south corridors to better connect jobseekers with opportunities.
2. **Expert Stakeholder Engagement:** To inform their work, the Committee recommended involving recognized stakeholders like Sandra Veszi Einhorn and Senator Nan Rich who have extensive experience advocating for affordable housing solutions.
3. **Live Local Act Exemption for TODs:** Collaborative efforts with state representatives were deemed essential to exempt Transit Oriented Developments (TODs) from the Live Local Act, promoting optimal regional development.

IV. Next Steps and Conclusion

The next steps involve assigning subcommittee members and holding quarterly meetings throughout 2024. Council staff will coordinate and schedule these meetings. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.