

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

MAY 20, 2024

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, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m., and asked Councilmember Caplan to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. The recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rew4x-ytBKY>

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 Members were virtually present:

- Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
- Jon Moore for Sirena Davila, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Armando L. Vilaboy, representing the South Florida Water Management District
- Kent Walia, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District IV

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, stated that once Councilmember Horland arrived, she and Councilmember Caplan could be appointed as Executive Committee Members, and the meeting held as an Executive Committee meeting. Once Councilmember Horland arrived, the Executive Committee meeting was convened.

II. Welcome and Approval of Council Agenda

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

Chair Geller began the meeting by congratulating Councilmembers García and Lincoln on their recent appointments to two governmental boards. Governor Ron DeSantis recommended Councilmember García's appointment to serve on the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. Councilmember Lincoln was appointed to the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) Steering Committee.

Moment of Silence for Terese Manning

SFRPC Employee: October 6, 1997 to May 8, 2008

Executive Director Cosio Carballo recognized the recent passing of former SFRPC employee Terese (Terry) Manning. Terry worked at the SFRPC for over a decade from 1997 to 2008 in various capacities. Her positions included Development of Regional Impact Coordinator, Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership Coordinator, Brownfields RLF Project Manager, Project Manager for the Economic Development Administration grants, and Local Government Comprehensive reviewer. Terry most recently worked as a Policy and Planning Analyst for the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) before her retirement. Mrs. Cosio Carballo noted that Terry was a true professional and passionate about Brownfields, protection of sensitive ecosystems, and affordable housing. Mrs. Cosio Carballo asked Kimberly Brown from Miami-Dade County Office of Resilience if she had any words to share about Terry. Ms. Brown stated that she interacted with Terry when she was employed at the SFWMD and that she was always a consummate professional. Chair Geller asked for a moment of silence in memory of Terry.

III. Presentations (Time Certain: 11:15 AM)

Presentation: Priority Climate Action Plan

Kimberly Brown, AICP, Resilience Planning Director, Miami-Dade County Office of Resilience

Chair Geller introduced Ms. Brown and invited her to deliver her presentation on the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Ms. Brown stated that the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) is a two-staged program funded through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Planning Grant includes \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants. The Southeast Florida Region (Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach) received \$1 million to create a regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction plan.

The first deliverable, a "priority" plan, was submitted to the EPA on March 1, 2024 and Miami-Dade County is serving as the lead organization. The Implementation Grant includes \$4.6 billion in competitive

implementation grants. Only projects identified in the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) were eligible to compete for funding. Broward County is serving as the lead organization on a regional application.

The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) is due to the EPA in August 2025. The Status Report is due to the EPA in August 2027, at the end of the grant period.

The PCAP serves as a regional GHG emissions reduction plan, which will reduce air pollution that is warming the planet, clean up the air, and provide important benefits to communities in the region, such as reduced energy bills, improved public health, and more jobs.

The PCAP focused on high-impact, implementation ready measures that could reduce GHG emissions through 2030. The measures were identified through surveys of all implementing agencies within the region as well as an analysis of high-impact measures. The PCAP identifies 13 broad GHG reduction measures (3 are tribe-specific). It shows expected GHG reductions under a low, medium and high adoption scenario.

The PCAP analysis found that the four-county region should reduce absolute emissions by at least 59.3% (± 41.5 million MT CO₂e) by 2030 from the 2019 baseline in order to meet GHG reduction targets established in the Paris Agreement. Under a business-as-usual (BAU) scenario, emissions are expected to drop 12.3% (± 8.6 million MTCO₂e) by 2030 and 22.8% (± 16 million MT CO₂e) by 2050. If all measures presented in the PCAP were to be implemented, it would result in the reduction of an additional ± 4.35 million MT CO₂e across the region by 2030 from the BAU scenario (moderate adoption scenario). CCAP will look at a more comprehensive list of reduction measures through 2050.

A partnership with the CLEO Institute was made to engage Low Income Disadvantaged Communities. The survey received 1,327 responses: 82% from target zip codes. A follow-up workshop with a select group of survey respondents allowed for more focused feedback. Financial incentives to improve housing conditions was the top housing priority in all four counties.

The PCAP positioned all local and tribal governments in the four-county region to apply for discretionary awards (\$4.6 billion in funding) through the EPA to implement mitigation measures that are identified in the Priority Climate Action Plan. Applications for competitive implementation grants were due to the EPA on April 1, 2024 (May 1, 2024 for tribal governments). The four-county region submitted an implementation grant application.

The Regional CPRG Implementation Application contained:

- \$200.5 million for a Residential Energy Efficiency Program
- \$51.85 million for a Solar Rebate Program
- \$18.3 million for an Electric Vehicle Rebate Program

EPA expects to award 30 to 115 grants ranging between \$2 million and \$500 million. There is no cost share requirement. All IRA funding has been allocated in Round 1. It will be extremely competitive. All eligible entities (state agencies, counties, municipalities) throughout the country can apply, except those that declined planning grant funding.

Chair Geller asked Ms. Brown and Dr. Jennifer Jurado from Broward County to work together and give a suggestion for a future SFRPC / Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) joint seminar topic dealing with resilience.

Update: C&SF Section 216 Flood Resiliency Study Coordination

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Deputy Director and Chief Resilience Officer, Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department

Chair Geller introduced Dr. Jurado and invited her to deliver her update on the Central & Southern Florida Flood Risk Study.

Dr. Jurado began her update by stating that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has submitted a revised scope of work supporting the section 216 study. The scope of work was initially \$19.2 million. Across Miami-Dade and Broward Counties there are between 18 and 20 salinity control structures (gates on the primary canals) in total. The SFWMD estimated \$1.5 million per structure in order to satisfy new USACE engineering requirements. That would leave five structures unaddressed in Broward County and 11 structures unaddressed in Miami-Dade County.

A C&SF Structure Site Visit was held on April 23, 2024 at the S13 pump station in Broward County. Other meetings were held earlier in the day in Miami-Dade County. The pump station visit was organized by the state of Florida's Chief Resilience Officer, Dr. Wes Brooks. Other attendees included representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Office of the Secretary and USACE Jacksonville, SFWMD Executive Director Drew Bartlett and District Resiliency Officer Dr. Ana Carolina Coelho Maran, Broward County officials including Chair Geller, and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Working Group Members. The outcome of the visit was an alignment in advocacy for expediency to achieve Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2026 authorization. Dr. Jurado thanked Dr. Brooks, Chair Geller, Dr. Maran, and Major Cory Bell, USACE Deputy District Commander for South Florida, for their support and leadership.

Dr. Jurado noted that the USACE was asked to submit a revised scope of work within the next two weeks to Corps leadership. 2028 is now being referenced as a timeline for completion instead of 2026. On April 23rd the USACE notified Dr. Jurado it had completed the draft of the revised scope. Only four structures were included with no conceptual design for the remaining structures. The revised scope is now about \$15 million.

An approved Section 216 study scope is still being sought. The USACE is seeking further descoping, likely to be \$10 million and only two structures will be included. This is not aligned with what is required to do the work. Dr. Jurado stated she is not aware of the what the timeline will be for the next refinement, but it is presumably underway.

C&SF cost share funds were submitted as a Broward Commission priority at a budget workshop. The SFWMD has submitted internal budget request to aid county cost share and contracted with a modeling team to advance work. The USACE is pursuing internal funding at \$100,000. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations requests were advanced by U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. These include \$2 million for Section 216 and \$500,000 for the Comprehensive Study.

Chair Geller thanked Dr. Jurado for her update. He then recognized Dr. Maran from the SFWMD for further comments. Dr. Maran thanked Dr. Jurado for her update and stated that the SFWMD is working expeditiously with the Corps team to continue the ongoing study. She also thanked Miami-Dade County and Broward County for their support in this urgent project.

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Chair Geller motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2024. Councilmember Lincoln moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan 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.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo asked Mr. Braslavsky Soldi if he could give an update on the audit process. Mr. Braslavsky Soldi stated that he is working on finishing the trial balance with the auditor and will contact her later today after the Council Meeting. He added that this is the third year of the SFRPC's transition from one financial model to a different financial model. By the end of next week the audit will be completed.

Chair Geller noted that the SFRPC is 58.33% through its fiscal year and asked what percent of the anticipated budget has been spent. Mr. Braslavsky Soldi responded that the SFRPC has spent 52% and the amended budget still needs to be presented. The SFRPC's directors and planners have increased their collection efforts so hopefully by the end of the fiscal year all grants will have been collected.

Chair Geller stated that he has spoken with the Broward County Administrator to confirm that the SFRPC's increase will be approved. He asked Mrs. Cosio Carballo if the SFRPC is expecting the support of Miami-Dade County. Mrs. Cosio Carballo responded that she does expect its support. Chair Geller believes Broward County's increase will be from 22 and a half cents to 25 cents as approved previously.

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

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

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

Proposed:

- Broward County 24-01ESR
- Monroe County 24-02ACSC
- Village of Biscayne Park 24-01ESR
- City of Fort Lauderdale 24-01ESR
- City of Fort Lauderdale 24-02ESR
- City of Fort Lauderdale 24-03ESR
- City of Homestead 24-01ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 24-01ACSC
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 24-02ACSC
- City of Margate 24-02ESR
- City of Pompano Beach 24-01ER
- City of Sunrise 24-01ESR

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 in person or virtually.

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

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

Adopted:

- Monroe County 23-04ACSC
- Monroe County 23-05ACSC
- City of Coral Gables 23-01ESR
- City of Dania Beach 23-01ESR
- City of Key West 23-03ACSC
- City of Miami 23-05ER

- North Bay Village 24-01ESR
- City of Parkland 24-01ESR

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 in person or virtually.

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

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the SFRPC is working on a development of regional impact (DRI) review and coordinating the process for City Park in south Miami-Dade County. The SFRPC has moved to the next phase and is keeping Mr. Goren informed. SFRPC staff are currently working on the Agreement to Delete for the questioners to the applicant developer. This is a process that is done in partnership with all the commenting agencies including Miami-Dade County so analysis can be made for the regional report. Ms. Christina Miskis, MURP, AICP, Principal Planner stated that SFRPC staff are finalizing the Agreement to Delete this week and have received comments from the review agencies.

E. Traditional RLF – Cornerstone Paving Inc. (borrower) – Chapter 7 Bankruptcy – Principal Write Off Ratification

Mr. Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer and Manager of the Revolving Loan Fund Programs, stated that on December 14, 2023, the South Florida Regional Planning Council received a Chapter Bankruptcy Notification from Cornerstone Paving Inc, a minority owned business, which is 100% owned and operated by Glorious and Roosevelt Walker. Cornerstone Paving, Inc. was approved for their initial \$300,000 loan on November 9, 2006, (18 years ago) and has a current outstanding balance of approximately \$260,000. It should be noted, since loan inception, the borrower predominately repaid interest-only toward the loan despite numerous legal engagements to modify the terms and conditions to address principal repayments. As a result, the borrower repaid approximately \$209,000 over the full loan term; the majority applied to interest. Kerry Ezrol from Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A. has been notified and will represent the SFRPC as legal counsel.

Cornerstone Paving Inc. was established as a Florida Corporation on February 19, 1999 and specialized in asphalt repair and maintenance services. The loan was utilized for equipment and vehicle acquisition as well as working capital to assist with growing a minority owned business in Broward County. Cornerstone Paving Inc. was previously operating at 2500 Hollywood Blvd in Hollywood, FL Suite 205 which is now vacated.

The SFRPC loan was secured with a perfected lien on all business assets however the bankruptcy trustee deemed no inherent value of the remaining assets as determined by an independent auction. Thus the SFRPC is not anticipated to recover any assets of value to reduce the outstanding principal. The remaining outstanding principal of \$260,365 will be subject to both an RLF and SFRPC board approved write-off. The RLF Board met on April 16, 2024 and approved the recommended write-off of the outstanding balance. The SFRPC loan administration team will continue to assist Goren, Cherof as needed throughout the bankruptcy proceedings.

Loan administration supports a write-off of the remaining outstanding principal balance of \$260,365 as a result of the termination and closure of the operating business and Chapter 7 Bankruptcy with no anticipated recoveries. Chair Geller asked Mr. Goren if he recommended ratifying the write-off. Mr. Goren replied that he recommended and concurred with recommendation of professional staff. He further stated that the RLF loan committee made its recommendation which is supported by the facts and the evidence and the legal conclusion.

Councilmember Caplan noted that the recommendation from the attorney for the estate included the prospect of selling collateral and splitting proceeds. Mr. Tart stated that the assets have no inherent value.

Chair Geller motioned to approve the principal write off ratification. Councilmember Horland moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

F. 2024 Council Meeting Topics

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that as Council Staff prepares for the remainder of this year's Council Meetings, they would like to receive input and guidance as to which topics the councilmembers would like to see addressed and guests they wish to interact with between now and November. Last November, the Council began a conversation about potential topics. At that time, potential topics brought up included mental health, general affordability, apprenticeship programs/job development, rail transportation instead of truck transportation, home insurance affordability, and quality of life. The SFRPC Regional Conference scheduled for May 31st will be focused on mental health and housing. Topics discussed at Council Meetings can be a steppingstone to a larger conversation at a conference or joint meeting.

Chair Geller recalled that over the past several years the SFRPC has been hosting an annual joint conference and annual joint meeting with the TCRPC. Recent topics have included solid waste disposal, recycling, water quality, property insurance, and First and Last Mile Connectivity. He also noted that a mayors' conference on affordable housing was convened.

Chair Geller stated that topics at a Council Meeting need to be of regional importance and the normal allotted time for guest speakers is 15-20 minutes. Councilmembers need to identify topics for the SFRPC annual conference, the SFRPC-TCRPC joint meeting, and the SFRPC-TCRPC joint conference.

Chair Geller shared that he has an ordinance pending before the Broward County Commission concerning battery disposal which came directly out of the SFRPC's joint meeting on recycling.

Councilmember Lincoln stated that Florida's Coral Reef are important to residents across the state's coastline. Monroe County is planting one million corals and working on coral fragmentations. Thanks to the state of Florida giving Monroe County \$10 million last year and \$5 million this year to develop an artificial reef program, the county has hired a coordinator to assist in this area. Councilmember Lincoln visited Washington, D.C. to advocate for more federal funding. She would like to see a meeting on coral reef restoration and water quality.

Chair Geller stated that there have been a lot of studies about Florida's Coral Reef and the SFRPC and TCRPC have led the state in this area. Councilmember Bailey agreed that Florida's Coral Reef is a very important topic to discuss in the future.

Councilmember Horland agreed with Councilmember Lincoln but also wanted to have a discussion on job apprenticeships, especially for college graduates who were not able to secure internships during the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that members of the South Florida community are having a difficult time entering the job market and receiving training. Chair Geller invited Councilmember Horland to join an apprenticeship working group he has been a part of for the past six years. The working group meets quarterly and includes about 60-70 people.

Councilmember Caplan shared that a recent article in *The New York Times* discussed the connection between addiction and mental illness. He stated that there needs to be a forward-thinking discussion relating to the deviation from the criminal justice system into health intervention and it is not fully realized in South Florida yet. Chair Geller responded that this topic is a part of a larger mental health discussion. He noted that the largest provider of mental health treatment in Broward County is the county jail system. He stated this is more expensive and less effective and there needs to be more work on diverting some of those funds to treating individuals in advance.

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 in person or virtually.

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 (RLF) Programs stated that the CARES ACT RLF program, to date, has provided \$7.78 million to 36 businesses, continues to perform well, and is an “A” rated program by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) per their 2023 annual review. All 36 borrowers are in good standing and current. At our most current RLF board meeting on April 16, the RLF board approved a new \$115,000 modification increase to Always Keep Progressing, a Miami-based children’s physical therapy clinic, to assist with the opening of their third clinic adjacent to HCA Florida Mercy Hospital to provide services for up to an additional 300 clients. The SFRPC has been an integral part in helping support the growth and expansion of Always Keep Progressing. The additional loan funds will enable Always Keep Progressing to serve clients in the nearby areas of Little Havana, Westchester, South Miami, Coral Gables, and Kendall.

The traditional RLF program, to date, has provided \$5.70 million to 28 businesses. Staff continues to actively network and reach out to prospective small businesses in the region. The RLF administration team in conjunction with the Clean Cities director are planning to host a webinar in October with a focus on providing financial and technical resources to small businesses that support the Clean Cities initiative of promoting more electric vehicles in South Florida to reduce the carbon footprint.

The RLF administration team has encountered an increase in small businesses facing financial challenges as a result of higher operating costs, interest rates and vendor/supply side challenges. Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A., the SFRPC’s legal counsel, continues to represent the SFRPC in the ongoing collection efforts related to Angela Dawson, P.A. The SFRPC is awaiting Judge Martin Bidwill’s decision on the SFRPC’s motion for summary judgment in June 2024.

The Southeast Florida Community Development Fund board approved a new \$1 million loan to Minority Builders Coalition to support the construction financing of four new affordable single-family homes in the Washington Park and Roosevelt Gardens sections of Fourt Lauderdale as part of the Broward County In-Fill lot development program. To date, the SFRPC’s affordable housing initiative has resulted in the construction of 33 single-family affordable homes to qualified and eligible homebuyers earning less than 120% of the average median income (\$80,640 in Broward County).

In regards to the SFRPC’s Brownfields Initiative, the SFRPC is working with the EPA to secure up to an additional \$3.5 million in supplemental funding to help address the cleanup of the former public works site in Hollywood, Florida into affordable housing and commercial space. This supplemental funding would also address the contaminated cleanup of Claude Pepper Park in North Miami. The SFRPC looks forward to the announcement of new grant recipients over the next few weeks. The EPA has recognized the Brownfields assessment and remediation successes by the SFRPC with past and present projects including 79th Street Corridor Initiative, Miami Health District, Homestead, Malibu Bay, Dedicated Transportation and Carver Square.

Chair Geller noted that the community gets the “most bang for the buck” in terms of affordable housing when large rental buildings are done. However, as a matter of policy he noted that it is also important to

build single family homes to create generational wealth so there has to be a balance between the two. Chair Geller stated that Mr. Tart was doing a very good job in that area.

Chair Geller noted that since the SFRPC is not a banking institution it should be expected to have a slightly higher failure rate when it comes to its loan program. He asked Mrs. Cosio Carballo if any other regional planning councils in Florida have a similar loan program. She replied that Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) has one, but it is a very small portfolio. She noted that the SFRPC loan program has been in place for 25 years. Chair Geller stated it is fair to say that the SFRPC loan program is the largest and the most successful program when compared to the other regional planning councils.

Chair Geller asked if the CARES ACT RLF will eventually merge with the regular RLF since the SFRPC is not receiving any more money from the CARES ACT. Mrs. Cosio Carballo replied that she did not expect the funds to merge particularly since the legacy RLF fund was defederalized and sent over to the SFRPC. She added that one might expect after some lengthy period of time the CARES ACT RLF may be defederalized. She thanked Mr. Tart and Mr. Steve Foreman, EDA CARES RLF Administrator, for their work as well as Councilmembers Goldberg and Kaufman for their service on the RLF board.

Councilmember Caplan asked Mr. Tart if the state of Florida's Live Local Act benchmark of 120% of average family income is the same standard used by Council staff. Mr. Tart replied affirmatively that with regards to affordable housing it is the same standard of 120% or less. He added that it depends on municipalities and covenants and that some of the homes are 80% or less. Mr. Tart stated that there is a challenge of finding a first-time minority homebuyer that qualifies based upon Broward County's income limits of 80% or less.

Chair Geller noted that in Broward County the typical subsidy is approximately \$50,000 - \$60,000 if rentals are being built and \$100,000 if single family homes are being built.

Councilmember Lincoln asked Mr. Tart if a Brownfield project was being built in Key West. Mr. Tart responded that the SFRPC is in the midst of working with the EPA on Middle Torch Key. The land was deeded over to Habitat for Humanity and they were looking to assess and remediate the land. They started to many years ago but there are challenges because it is contaminated and was once a public dump site.

C. SFRPC Regional Conference

Mrs. Cosio Carballo reminded Council Members of the upcoming SFRPC annual regional conference on May 31, 2024 at Nova Southeastern University. Many great speakers have given their time to participate, and a lot of planning has been going on in the months leading up to the event. She encouraged Council Members to attend if they are able to. She thanked Ms. Eralda Agolli, Community & Economic Development Program Manager, for her work along with Mr. Randy Deshazo, Deputy Director. Ms. Kathe Lerch, Director of Administration, and Mr. Alexander Santana, Administrative Coordinator, will reach out to Council Members regarding registration. About 165 people are registered as of today and about 30

more people can be registered. A total of 200 people is the preferred limit. Councilmember Horland will bring up the conference at the upcoming City of Plantation council meeting. Staff from the offices of Chair Geller and Councilmember Garcia are assisting with inviting elected officials from both counties. Chair Geller stated that the conference has a wonderful program and is an example of why the SFRPC is relevant and important in regional planning.

D. SFRPC / TCRPC March 15th Joint Meeting Update

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the SFRPC / TCRPC March 15th joint meeting in West Palm Beach was a success and thanked Councilmembers Lincoln, Garcia, and Caplan for attending. She thanked Mr. Alexander Santana, Administrative Coordinator, for making sure all meeting presentations and documents are available on the SFRPC website. Activities during the joint meeting included a welcome and briefing from Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) Executive Director Valerie Neilson, a presentation from South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Executive Director David Dech, a robust conversation on property insurance, and a legislative panel. Mrs. Cosio Carballo also noted that Chair Geller and Deputy Director Randy Deshazo wrote a policy paper on U.S. Congressman Jared Moskowitz's proposed property insurance bill, H.R. 3525. Chair Geller thanked Mr. Deshazo for his research and contribution to the policy paper.

E. Council Highlights

Mrs. Cosio Carballo reflected on the SFRPC's latest activities in recent months. In addition to the joint meeting with the TCRPC, the SFRPC held a successful Council Meeting at the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) on March 18th and heard presentations on an agricultural land use study developed by Miami-Dade County Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) as well as a flood response plan from Miami-Dade County Department of Emergency Management.

Council staff has been busy preparing grant applications to Florida Commerce for community planning technical assistance. This assistance will allow the SFRPC to update the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP). An application for Resilient Florida funding to create a regional inventory was submitted to DEP and approved.

A successful meeting of the SFRPC / TCRPC Florida's Coral Reef Work Group was held on April 15th. The Work Group received an extensive update from DEP representatives Joanna Walczak and Mollie Cordo. Councilmember Lincoln, Councilmember Furr, Monroe County Mayor Holly Merrill Raschein, and Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava were in attendance. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked Ms. Hailey Lazzaroni, Regional Planner, for her work. Council staff are following up with next steps.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo visited Monroe County last week to update the County Commission on the Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) full report. In the last five weeks several meetings have been held with military installation partners. On April 17th, the SFRPC held a project implementation meeting with the South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility (SFOMF), located in Dania Beach. On May 2nd and May 3rd,

the SFRPC held project implementation meetings in Doral and Homestead respectively with military installation personnel and local government stakeholders regarding U.S. Army Garrison-Miami (USAG) / U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB). These meetings were held with the Installation partners and in partnership with regional stakeholders including Broward and Miami-Dade counties; the cities of Dania Beach, Hollywood, Doral, and Homestead; Florida Department of Transportation Districts 4 and 6; the Miami-Dade TPO; the South Florida Defense Alliance; Florida Power & Light; and the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC), among others.

The SFRPC is seeking additional funding from the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) since the funds for the MIRR study have been spent. The implementation meetings used Council dues to ensure momentum was maintained and to keep up with upcoming grants.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Item V.E. Council Highlights coincided with the Executive Director's Report.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren did not have any legal updates for the Council.

C. Council Members Report

Councilmember Lincoln thanked Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Ms. Miskis for the wonderful presentation they gave to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners on May 15th regarding the MIRR full report. The presentation was very comprehensive and well received by the Board, including Mayor Pro Tem Jim Scholl, former Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West.

D. Ex-Officio Report

Ex-officios did not have any updates for the Council.

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) Friday, May 31, 2024, SFRPC Regional Conference "Closing the Gaps: Supporting Mental Health through a Continuum of Housing and Supportive Services" (Nova Southeastern University, Davie)
- 2) Monday, June 17, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)

- 3) 3) Monday, July 15, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)
- 4) 4) August, No meeting

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Geller adjourned the meeting at 12:10 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 May 20, 2024, meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted on the 15th day of July 2024.

Denise Horland, Secretary
Commissioner, City of Plantation

Date