

**Attachment 1**  
**East Central Florida Regional Planning Council**

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
January 17, 2007

Commissioner Teresa Jacobs  
Presiding

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**County Representatives**

Commissioner Mary Bolin, Brevard County  
Commissioner Chuck Nelson, Brevard County  
Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, Orange County  
Property Appraiser Atlee Mercer, Osceola County  
Commissioner Brenda Carey, Seminole County  
Councilwoman Joie Alexander, Volusia County  
Councilman Art Giles, Volusia County

**Municipal Representatives**

Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando  
Mayor John Land, Tri-County League of Cities,  
Apopka  
Vice Mayor Mary Martin, Volusia County League of  
Cities, Port Orange

**Gubernatorial Appointees**

Mr. Malcolm McLouth, Brevard County  
Ms. Sue Carlson, Brevard County  
Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Orange County  
Ms. Aileen Cubillos, Seminole County  
Ms. Maryam Ghyabi, Volusia County

**Ex-Officio and Other Municipal Representatives**

Ms. Nancy Christman, SJRWMD  
Ms. Vivian Garfein, FDEP  
Ms. Susan Sadighi, FDOT  
Mr. Frank Hickson, FDOT

**Staff**

Mr. Phil Laurien  
Ms. Lelia Hars  
Mr. Fred Milch  
Ms. Laura Murray  
Ms. Ruth Little  
Ms. Kimberly Loewen  
Ms. Claudia Paskauskas  
Ms. Iris Patten  
Mr. Samer Bitar  
Mr. Andrew Landis

**Other Attendees**

Gerald Livingston, ECFRPC Counsel  
Charles Lee, Florida's Audubon Society  
Florence Little, UCF Student  
Mary Little, UCF Student  
Patrice Murphy, City of Deltona  
Dave Dingley, Brevard County Special Assistant  
Liz Alward, Assistant to Brevard County  
Commissioner Nelson  
Kari Welzenbach, Volusia County MPO  
Chuck Hurst, Embarq  
Julia Recker, Osceola County Parks  
Shelly Lauten, myregion.org  
Dean Hybl, myregion.org

**Members not in Attendance**

Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County  
Commissioner Bill Lane, Osceola County  
Commissioner Robert Dallari, Seminole County  
Space Coast League of Cities, Ed Booth, Brevard  
County  
Commissioner Evelyn Smith, Lake County  
Mr. Jon Rawlson, Orange County  
Ms. Maria Grulich, Osceola County  
Mr. Jim Greer, Seminole County  
Mr. Michael Slayton, SJRWMD  
Mr. Thomas Genovese, SFWMD  
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford  
Mr. William Harvey, City of Deltona  
Ms. Maria Clark, Enterprise Florida, Inc

**I. Call to Order and General Business**

Commissioner Jacobs called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Ms. Ruth Little called the roll and announced a quorum was present.

**II. November 2006 Minutes**

Commissioner Jacobs offered the November 2006 meeting minutes for consideration. Commissioner Jacobs reminded the Council that she had expressed reservations with the Innovation Place DRI and asked for clarification whether the Council's approval included a finding of consistency with the Orange County comprehensive plan. After discussing possible changes or corrections to the minutes, it was decided that the Council Meeting tape should be transcribed verbatim for review by the Council at its next meeting.

On a MOTION MADE by Mr. McLouth and SECONDED by Mayor Land, approval of the November 2006 minutes was deferred until February when a verbatim transcript of the segment in question can be reviewed.

**III. Financial Reports**

Commissioner Jacobs offered for consideration the November and December 2006 financial reports. On a MOTION MADE by Mr. McLouth and SECONDED by Mayor Land, the financial reports were accepted unanimously.

**IV. Consent Action Items – Mr. Phil Laurien**

Mr. Laurien presented four action items to the Council (Attachments 3, 4, 6 and 8). The Brevard County and Volusia County MPO Agreements need endorsements from the Council. The Contract from the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is a \$370k agreement with all RPCs in the state. Some of the GIS work included in that contract will be done in-house by the ECFRPC.

Ms. Tara McCue explained the history and timeline of the Green Mountain Scenic Byway Corridor Study project and showed the Council the proposed Route. She asked the Council for approval to move forward on the Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement.

MOTION for approval of the consent items was made by Mr. McLouth. Councilwoman Alexander questioned the endorsement and approval process and after discussion, the motion was SECONDED by Atlee Mercer and the Consent Agenda was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**V. Lynx and OOCEA Non-Voting Associate Member Bylaws Amendment - Mr. Jerry Livingston**

Mr. Livingston informed the Council that the proposed amendment to the ECFRPC bylaws has been published in Florida Administrative Weekly and no requests for a hearing have been received. He asked for the Council's approval as the final step needed to effect the change.

On a MOTION MADE by Mary Martin and SECONDED by Atlee Mercer, the motion to amend the bylaws of the ECFRPC PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**VI. Osceola Heritage Trail Presentation – Julia Recker**

Ms. Recker of the Osceola County Parks Department made a presentation of the county's parks and recreation system Master Plan. She outlined the history of parks, greenways and trails, and the passage of an environmental lands program in 2004. She said that setting borders for development has not worked in other regions, but by acquiring land, Osceola County can provide a permanent wildlife and greenway buffer around urban areas. The cost of land, however, makes partnership strategies crucial to success.

Ms. Recker addressed questions regarding funding. She referenced the Florida Forever program, which is a source of acquisition funding that sunsets in 2010. Osceola County has recently imposed an impact fee of \$1,000 per residential dwelling unit. The original study recommended a 224% increase in impact fees covering parks, transportation and fire safety. Working with developers and the chamber of commerce, the County ended up with a 55% increase which passed with no resistance and still results in a workable parks budget.

**VII. Chairman's Report – Commissioner Teresa Jacobs**

Commissioner Jacobs recognized the new members of the Council, Brevard County Commissioners Mary Bolin and Chuck Nelson, along with Mr. Atlee Mercer representing Osceola County as Larry Whaley's replacement.

The Council has prepared a Certificate of Appreciation for Wendell McKinnon in recognition of his years of service to the Council.

Mr. Laurien informed the Council of a vacancy on the FRCA Policy Board which Mr. McLouth has volunteered to fill. He then opened the floor for additional nominations. Mary Martin made a MOTION that Mr. McLouth be appointed to the FRCA Policy Board. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Carlson and UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

**VIII. CFGIS Request for Proposal – Ms. Claudia Paskauskas**

Ms. Paskauskas briefed the Council on the background of the GIS program. The request for proposal before the Council today is to hire a consultant to aid in the transfer of ownership of CFGIS from the FDOT to the RPC.

Mr. Atlee Mercer questioned the funding of the ownership obligations. Mr. Laurien responded by explaining some personnel changes which resulted in savings for the Council, as well as the ongoing financial involvement of the FDOT. The JPA between ECFPRC and FDOT has been extended and funds have been released for the hiring of a consultant, but those funds are not on-going. The CFGIS action plan includes seeking partners and marketing the services of CFGIS. Ms. Paskauskas gave additional information about the program including the [www.cfgis.org](http://www.cfgis.org) website which will be a clearinghouse for maps of 96 jurisdictions, including a variety of maps, layers and tools. Ms. Susan Sadighi spoke about the value of data sharing to regional concurrency and her opinion that partnerships will be made to cover funding. It is the intent of FDOT to be a partner in CFGIS and not to provide 100% funding. Commissioner Brenda Carey suggested offering memberships to developers as a source of cost recovery.

MOTION WAS MADE authorizing the Request For Proposal. The Motion was SECONDED by Mary Martin and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**IX. Evaluating the DRI Review Process – Ms. Laura Murray**

Ms. Murray spoke on the project of improving the DRI review process. The DCA is providing on-line software, Neighborhood America, for the purpose of surveying DRI applicants and other participants in the process. The survey is on line this week and will be available through September. Ms. Murray encouraged members of the Council to participate in the general survey at the least, and, if time permits, the other two surveys. Visit [www.ecfrpc.org](http://www.ecfrpc.org), click on "Developments of Regional Impact (DRI)" on the left edge, and then choose a Survey.

**X. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Phil Laurien**

Mr. Laurien began the Director's Report with information on FIAM software. Version 7.5 from DCA has been determined to be flawed, and a second version is forthcoming. Mr. Mercer requested that all city and county planning directors in the region be advised that FIAM should not be used until the updated version is available.

Next, Mr. Laurien gave a progress report on the [myregion.org](http://myregion.org) project. He reviewed the schedule for the upcoming media week on WMFE January 22-26 and gave a powerpoint presentation entitled "Central Florida' Four Futures." Mr. Laurien encouraged attendance at the live broadcast at WMFE on Friday, January 26. Commissioner Carey asked about rebroadcasting the program on local government channels, and Ms. Lauten said she would make arrangements and also noted that much of the material can now be downloaded from the [myregion.org](http://myregion.org) website.

Mr. Laurien reviewed the relationship between the FDOT's Florida Future Corridors and the RPCs regional visioning programs.

All new Council members were invited to attend an Orientation prior to next Council meeting, beginning at 9am on February 21, 2007.

Regionalism in Florida Legislature was discussed next. Mr. Laurien described a bill being considered which would transfer comprehensive plan reviewing authority from the DCA to the RPCs. After discussion, it was agreed that there are many reasons the state should not relinquish control to the RPC, including conflicts of interest, and the unwanted shift from advocate to adversary. Commissioner Carey recommended that the Council campaign against the change. Commissioner Jacobs asked to table the matter until the next meeting due to time considerations.

**XI. Local Government/Agency/Public Comment**

An opportunity for Council members and members of the public to bring up events, issues or other items of interest to the Council. No public comment was made and no new business was brought before the Council.

**XII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.