

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2012

CHAIR COMMISSIONER CHERYL L. GRIEB PRESIDING

In Attendance:

County Representatives:

Commissioner Chuck Nelson, Brevard County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County
Ms. Diana Garcia in for Commissioner Scott Boyd, Orange County
Commissioner Fred Brummer, Orange County
Commissioner John Horan, Seminole County

Municipal Representatives:

Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Mayor Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of Cities
Mayor John Land, Apopka, Tri-County League of Cities
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Kissimmee, Tri-County League of Cities
Mayor David Mealor, Lake Mary, Tri-County League of Cities
Commissioner Leigh Matusick, Volusia County League of Cities

Gubernatorial Appointees:

Ms. Christina Dixon, Orange County
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County
Ms. Melanie Chase, Seminole County
Mr. John Lesman, Seminole County

Ex-Officio Members:

Mr. Jeff Prather, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Ms. Cecelia Weaver, South Florida Water Management District
Ms. Mary Schoelzel, Florida Department of Transportation

Other Attendees:

Mr. Dick Boyer, Seminole County
Ms. Amye King, Lake County
Ms. Tina Demostene, Osceola County
Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando

Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Andy Anderson, Brevard County
Commissioner Brandon Arrington, Osceola County

Commissioner Frank Attkisson, Osceola County
Commissioner Brenda Carey, Seminole County
Councilwoman Joyce Cusack, Volusia County
Councilman Andy Kelly, Volusia County
Commissioner Michael Holland, Lake County League of Cities
Mr. Al Glover, Brevard County
Mr. Lonnie Groot, Volusia County
Mr. William McDermott, Seminole County Economic Development
Ms. Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford

ECFRPC Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Jerry Livingston
Ms. Lelia Hars
Mr. Keith Smith
Mr. Fred Milch
Mr. Chris Chagdes
Ms. Gina Marchica
Ms. Tara McCue
Mr. Andrew Landis
Ms. April Raulerson
Mr. Tim Kitchen
Ms. Elizabeth Rothbeind

I. Call to Order and General Business

Chairperson Grieb called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Land lead the Council in The Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Tuesdai Brunsonbyrd-Bowden called the roll and announced a quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda

Chairperson Grieb asked for a Motion to approve the March Council Meeting Minutes, and March Financial Reports.

Being there were no discussions or corrections, the Motion was made for Approval by Mayor Land and Seconded by Commissioner Brummer. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

III. Chair's Report

Chairperson Grieb introduced Mr. Hugh Harling as the new Interim Executive Director. After Mr. Harling gave a brief work and educational background about himself, he told the

Council he has interviewed the staff and will focus on helping the staff to become more efficient and organized. Also he announced he will present a budget at the next Council Meeting.

Ms. Rothbeind gave an overview of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Stakeholder Forum Meeting that was held March 29, 2012 at Osceola Heritage Park in Kissimmee. She asked the Council members to review the 2011 CEDS Strategy Committee Members and to see her after the meeting or notify her prior to the next Council meeting if they would like to recommend someone for the Committee.

Mr. Mercer, the Chairperson for the Executive Director Search Committee, gave a progress report to the Council and covered the Search Committee's strategy for selecting the candidates for the interviewing process.

Next, Chairperson Grieb raised an item not on the Agenda. She announced Commissioner Cadwell was up for reappointment as an alternate to the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Management Plan Advisory Committee.

Approval for reappointment as an alternate to the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Management Plan Advisory Committee was made by Mr. Mercer and Seconded. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

IV. Staff Report

Mr. Landis reported that the State Funding Appropriation of \$2.5 million to the Regional Planning Councils was vetoed by Governor Rick Scott. He stated there was a small discussion at FRCA covering the topic and the consensus among the Executive Directors is to scale back on the state mandates.

After much discussion, Mayor Land suggested that a declaration be sent to the Governor. The Council Members came to a consensus to take a unified approach to the issue that would include all the Planning Councils. Mr. Mercer stated that the ECFRPC should take the lead by starting the dialog and Attorney Jerry Livingston was instructed to prepare the declaration to be sent to the FRCA Organization.

Being there was no more discussion, Mr. Mercer moved this Council construct a Declaration as to our position of unfunded mandates specifically relating to State Funding for Regional Planning Councils. Forward that Declaration to the Regional Planning Council Organization to request that FRCA adopt that as a Councils wide position and forward that to the Governor. In lieu of that acceptance by them, we should still proceed to do the same giving FRCA a reasonable chance to respond and in the interim, immediately employ Commissioner Sheehan's strategy to notify the State we are complying by not doing. and Seconded by Mayor Land. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

A brief HUD update was given by Mr. Milch. He informed the Council that we are still in the beginning stages of the Grant process that include the work plan, compiling Consortium Agreements and contracting with Cambridge Systematic to help with the start up.

V. Announcement / Public Comments

April 28 and 29, 2012 is the 51st Art and Foliage Festival in Apopka.

There is a Shingle Creek Adventure Challenge in Osceola County.

The State Bicycling Group (Bike Florida) had 650 bicyclists finished a ride in the Florida Panhandle two weekends ago. 75% of the bicyclists were from out of state and the group is looking to bring the ride to Lake County next year.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chairperson Grieb adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.