



Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

309 Cranes Roost Blvd. Suite 2000, Mayor John H. Land Board Room
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

- I. **Call to Order and General Business**
 - Call to Order – Chair Melanie Chase
 - Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor John Land
 - Roll Call – Ms. Pegge Parker
- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - January 2014 Council Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)
 - December 2013 and January 2014 Financial Reports (Attachment 2)
- III. **Memorandum of Understanding between ECFRPC, Energy Florida, and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council** – re: Joint Participation in the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership Initiative (#IMCP-MOU-R1) (Attachment 3)
- IV. **SunRail System Update and Kickoff Activities**
Mike Wacht, Public Involvement Specialist, SunRail
- V. **Brevard 2040 Transportation Choices** – Leigh Holt, Multimodal Program Manager, Space Coast TPO and Chris Sinclair, Principal, Renaissance Planning Group
- VI. **Chair's Report**
 - Sustainable Communities Grant Update
- VII. **Executive Director's Report**
 - Sector Plans
 - North Ranch Sector Plan (Osceola County)
 - South Lake Sector Plan (Lake County)
 - DEO Meeting with RPCs and Environmental Agencies
 - Osceola County Cattlemen's Association - 2014 Agricultural Legislative Luncheon
 - Indian River Lagoon Coalition Meeting
 - Planning for Sea Level Rise Workshop, St. Augustine
 - FY 2014-15 Draft Budget (Distributed prior to May Council Meeting)
 - Personnel Changes
 - Staff Activities Report
 - DRI Report

VIII. Announcements/Comments

IX. Adjournment

All Council meetings are open to the public as required by Florida Sunshine Law, Chapter 286, FS, and shall meet the requirements of Chapter 120, FS. The agenda is set as per Chapter 29F, FAC, the rules of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Persons participating in a Council meeting shall be allocated a reasonable amount of time to present oral testimony and offer written materials relevant to their position. The Chairperson shall instruct all persons as to amount of time allocated for presentation and appropriateness of written materials. An opportunity for general public comment will be included in each agenda. If a person decides to appeal a decision on any matter considered on the above listed agenda, such person must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

ATTACHMENT 1

January 2014 Council Meeting Minutes

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2014 10:00 A.M.

CHAIRPERSON MELANIE CHASE PRESIDING

In Attendance:

County Representatives:

Commissioner Chuck Nelson, Brevard County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Scott Boyd, Orange County
Commissioner Fred Brummer, Orange County
Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Commissioner John Horan, Seminole County
Chair Jason Davis, Volusia County

Municipal Representatives:

Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Kissimmee)
Mayor David Mealor, Tri-County League of Cities (Seminole County) (City of Lake Mary)
Commissioner Leigh Matusick, Volusia County League of Cities (City of DeLand)

Gubernatorial Appointees:

Ms. Jill Rose, Orange County
Mr. Jose A. Rivas, Orange County
Ms. Melanie Chase, Seminole County

Ex-Officio Members:

Ms. Nancy Christman, St. John's River Water Management District
Ms. Lisa Kelley representing Mr. Jeff Prather, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Mr. William Graf, South Florida Water Management District

Other Attendees:

Mr. Tad Calkins, Brevard County
Mr. Tim McClendon, Orange County
Mr. Pedro Leon, Volusia County
Ms. Alayna Curry, OOCEA
Ms. Deborah Tyrone, FDOT

Members not in Attendance:

Councilwoman Joyce Cusack, Volusia County
Commissioner Robin Fisher, Brevard County
Commissioner Mary Bolin-Lewis, Brevard County
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County
Commissioner Brandon Arrington, Osceola County
Commissioner Frank Attkisson, Osceola County

Commissioner Michael Holland, Lake County League of Cities (City of Eustis)
Mayor John H. Land, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Apopka)
Ms. Mary Schoelzel, Florida Department of Transportation
Mayor Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of Cities (City of Cape Canaveral)
Mr. John Lesman, Seminole County
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford

ECFRPC Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Jerry Livingston	Ms. Pegge Parker
Mr. Hugh Harling, Jr.	Mr. P.J. Smith
Ms. Lelia Hars	Mr. Andrew Landis
Mr. Luis Nieves-Ruiz	Ms. Jessica Benn
Mr. Fred Milch	Ms. Tara McCue
Mr. Keith Smith	

I. Call to Order and General Business

Ms. Chase called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Nelson. Ms. Pegge Parker called the roll and announced a quorum was present. Ms. Chase welcomed new Governor's Appointees Ms. Jill Rose and Mr. Jose Rivas from Orange County.

II. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Cadwell made a motion to approve the November 2013 Nominating Committee Meeting minutes, the November 2013 Council Meeting minutes, and the October and November 2013 Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan and carried.

III. Trails and SunRail – Herb Hiller, East Coast Greenway Alliance

Mr. Hiller, along with Ted Windler, DeLand Area Chamber of Commerce, and Scott McGrath, City of Deltona presented on "Trails and SunRail". They represent a working group focused on a Trail/Train connection at the DeBary SunRail station will connect to the St. Johns River-to-the-Sea Loop (a five-county, 260-mile, multi-use trail). He spoke about how this opportunity can usher economic development into the area. As an example, in March a Bike Florida tour will cover most of the River-to-Sea Loop with approximately 800 cyclists starting in Palatka, passing through Flagler to DeLand and back up to St. Augustine. The event serves as a significant economic generator and attracts many out-of-state tourists. Mr. Hiller asked for the Council's continued support of trail efforts through staff involvement, as articulated in the Resolution before them.

- Resolution #01-2014 – Supporting the SunRail/St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Working Group – Commissioner Grieb motioned to support the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan and carried.

IV. Community Resiliency – Erin Deady, PA

Ms. Erin Deady, an Attorney and Land Use Planner, presented on “Planning for Climate Change & Adaptation Locally – What You Don’t Plan for May Land You in Court”. She discussed sea-level rise, climate change, and how regions are dealing with it. Inland communities will be impacted as well as coastal communities. The East Central Florida Region will continue to undergo changing precipitation patterns, and communities adjacent to natural areas and wetland areas are going to have different flooding regimens. She discussed how community leaders have to raise the bar in terms of knowledge of types of impacts and how communities may be affected in the future. As elected decision makers, they need to understand how it affects the bottom line in terms of infrastructure design and cost over time. Mr. Harling stated that every jurisdiction has freeboard standards and other mechanisms to begin working with.

V. Canaveral Port Authority: Past, Present and Future – Jim Dubea, Deputy Executive Director, Government and Strategic Partnerships

Mr. Dubea gave a presentation on the history of the Canaveral Port Authority. He provided an update on its four business lines: cruise, cargo, recreation and entertainment, and real estate. He also discussed future plans such as expanding the cruise terminals, cargo strategic plans and asset investments, and setting the stage for rail, barge, and highway growth.

VI. Chair’s Report

Ms. Chase asked Mr. Harling to update the Council on the FRCA Retreat in Tallahassee. Mr. Harling stated that he attended the Retreat with Commissioner Constantine, Commissioner Grieb, and Ms. Jill Rose. Mr. Harling reported that the Retreat focused on determining how agencies who have previously collaborated with regional planning councils in the past perceive RPCs. An extensive survey was conducted, and the analysis showed that most were very supportive of RPCs but required clearer definition of their primary functions. An educational piece is being developed by FRCA with that information. Towards the end of that meeting, several individuals stated they were not happy with FRCA, they do not understand its purpose, and they expressed concern that FRCA had not been able to get the Governor’s approval of designated funding for RPCs in the legislative budget for the past three years. A draft report will be issued within the next 30 days regarding legislative objectives and priorities.

Mr. Harling discussed how our Council has reduced the amount of funding provided to FRCA and will continue to do so, because the organization has not produced as expected. Ms. Chase asked if any of the other Councils have not paid the additional funds that FRCA is requesting. Mr. Harling answered that two RPCs, West Florida and Withlacoochee, have very limited staffs and budgets and are extremely limited in participation. Commissioner Constantine stated that all regional planning councils need to demonstrate a value that the legislature will notice. Ms. Chase asked Mr. Harling to bring the report to the Council when FRCA releases it.

VII. Executive Director's Report

- RPC Staffing – Mr. Harling stated that the RPC has had to lay off one employee in the GIS division due to lower than anticipated workload. We are in the process of promoting some new GIS projects, including one with the City of Apopka.

VIII. Announcements/Comments

- Ms. Chase asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There were none.
- Ms. Christman followed up on a presentation given a few months ago on the Central Florida Water Initiative. She stated the draft water supply plan for the region came out at the end of November after some public workshops. The deadline for comments for that plan is January 31 (for Orange, Seminole, Lake and Osceola). The plan will be adopted by the three water management districts later this year. For those in Volusia County, the comments for the draft plan are due by February 20.
- Commissioner Brummer discussed the grand opening of the completed Lake Apopka Loop Trail. On March 1st, at Magnolia Park, is the 2nd Annual Lake Apopka Wildlife Festival.
- Commissioner Boyd thanked Mr. Harling and the ECFRPC staff for their assistance with an ongoing issue in Orange County related to a high school placement in a Rural Settlement. He discussed a push to have a community based meeting to look at this matter as a whole, and they are looking for a moderator to facilitate the meeting in Orlando. This is a broad policy issue extends beyond one local government and the meeting would enable the school board and Orange County staff to discuss options with community stakeholders and residents. Mr. Boyd asked if the ECFRPC could become further involved and perhaps facilitate the meeting. Commissioner Constantine informed the board that this issue was discussed in the Executive Committee Meeting earlier, and it was determined that this was an area of interest for the Council. He suggested the Council provide the requested help. Chair Chase agreed and preferred that the Council be directly involved. Commissioner Brummer made a motion for the Council to vote on the matter as an item of immediate Council concern. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boyd and passed unanimously. A second motion was made by Commissioner Boyd to direct RPC staff to participate in the discussion of the high school siting issue in Orange County pertaining to the Rural Settlement and if asked, to moderate or facilitate the upcoming community meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brummer and passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Matusick discussed upcoming events in DeLand: Feb. 8 – Craft Beer Festival, Downtown in Artisan Alley; March 1 – Mardi Gras on Main Street, Doggy Parade at 11:00 a.m.; March 8 – Motorcycle Bike Rally.
- Volusia County Chair Davis updated the Council on the rezoning of areas around the DeLand SunRail station. They are working with Commissioner Matusick and FDOT on the feasibility of opening up the DeLand station this year so SunRail will be able to go from DeLand south to Orlando using one track line. Chair Davis stated they are continuing their efforts on financing for the second track.
- Commissioner Horan discussed Seminole County's Annual Scottish Highland Games this Saturday and Sunday in Winter Springs.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Ms. Chase adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.