

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2006

Chairman Jon Rawlson
Presiding

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Representatives

Commissioner Sue Carlson, Brevard County
Mr. Rob Medina for Commissioner Jackie Colon,
Brevard County
Commissioner Robert Pool, Lake County
Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, Orange County
Clerk of the Courts Larry Whaley, Osceola County
Commissioner Brenda Carey, Seminole County
Commissioner Randy Morris, Seminole County
Councilwoman Joie Alexander, Volusia County
Councilman Dwight Lewis, Volusia County

Municipal Representatives

Mr. Ed Booth, Space Coast League of Cities, Malabar
Vice Mayor Wendell McKinnon, Tri-County League
of Cities, Kissimmee

Gubernatorial Appointees

Ms. Janice Kershaw, Brevard County
Commissioner Evelyn Smith, City of Eustis
Mr. Jon Rawlson, Orange County
Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Orange County
Ms. Maria Grulich, Osceola County

Ex-Officio and Other Municipal Representatives

Ms. Vivian Garfein, FDEP
Mr. Thomas Genovese, SFWMD

Staff

Mr. Jeff Jones
Ms. Susan Caswell
Mr. Mark Sievers
Ms. Claudia Paskauskas
Ms. Lelia Hars
Ms. Andrea Fant
Mr. Tom Tomerlin
Mr. Samer Bitar

Other Attendees

Mr. Gerald Livingston, ECFRPC Counsel
Mr. Rob Medina, Brevard County
Ms. Anganie Durbal, Orange County Public Works
Mr. Joe Jaynes, Ormond Beach Scenic Loop Corridor
Advocacy Group

Members not in Attendance

Commissioner Jackie Colon, Brevard County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Homer Hartage, Orange County
Commissioner Bill Lane, Osceola County
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Mayor John Land, Tri-County League of Cities,
Apopka
Commissioner Michael Blake, Tri-County League of
Cities, Winter Springs
Vice Mayor Mary Martin, Volusia County League of
Cities, Port Orange
Mr. Malcolm McLouth, Brevard County
Ms. Nancy Acevedo, Seminole County
Ms. Maryam Ghyabi, Volusia County
Ms. Nancy Christman, SJRWMD
Ms. Lennon Moore, FDOT
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford

I. CALL TO ORDER AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Chairman Rawlson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Ms. Fant called the roll and announced a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Rawlson offered the February 2006 meeting minutes for consideration.

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the February 2006 minutes. Mr. O'Keefe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chairman Rawlson offered for consideration the February 2006 financial reports.

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobs moved for approval of the February 2006 financial reports. Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Ormond Beach Scenic Loop Corridor – Joe Jaynes

Mr. Joe Jaynes presented a video titled Save the Loop, illustrating the habitat, landscape, history, and recreational importance of the Ormond Beach Scenic Loop. Mr. Jaynes asked the Council members for support of the resolution included in the agenda packet; it is a resolution of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council supporting the designation of the Ormond Beach Scenic Loop as a Florida Scenic Highway providing for an effective date. He mentioned it is a two year process in achieving a Florida Scenic Highway designation for the Ormond Beach Loop. He stated the purpose of the Florida Scenic Highway designation is to protect and preserve while utilizing the resources for various activities, such as recreation.

MOTION: Commissioner Pool moved the Council support the resolution. Councilwoman Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Lewis asked for the language stated under Section II of the Resolution to be restated to read: *Be it further resolved that the Executive Director has the authority to direct staff to participate in supporting efforts to designate the Ormond Beach Scenic Loop as a Florida Scenic Highway.*

Mr. Jaynes stated he will make the change to Section II as per Councilman Lewis' request.

IV. Strategic Planning Summit Update – Chairman Jon Rawlson

Chairman Rawlson referenced the draft Summit agenda. He noted two things were excluded from the Summit, the Visioning Project (to be discussed today) and GIS/Mapping program. He commented the Summit would not permit enough time to explore the GIS/Mapping program in detail, but that it would be a Council agenda item in May. He mentioned the Summit will be held at the Stetson Center in Celebration. Also, he noted various hotels have contracted prices with the Stetson Center that will be available for members.

Chairman Rawlson stated the Summit will begin with team building exercises on Tuesday. He noted, afterwards, Mr. Mark Brewer, President/CEO of Community Foundation of Central Florida, will make a summary presentation and facilitate a Q & A. Chairman Rawlson made mention that Disney Development will host the Tuesday night reception, at the beginning of which, Disney Development representatives will speak briefly about their activities and projects; Chairman Rawlson noted after the speech, members will be free to socialize. He noted Mr. Charles Krautler, Director of the Atlanta Regional Council, will commence the second day by speaking about Atlanta's Council, its role, and regionalism. He mentioned Ms. Linda Chapin, Director of UCF Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies, has been invited to the Summit to speak about regionalism and Council member's representation and role within the region. He noted he is awaiting confirmation on the Honorable Maria Cino, Deputy Secretary of Transportation for the U.S. Department of Transportation, as the lunch speaker to facilitate the discussion on, "Where we see ourselves in five years?"

Chairman Rawlson noted Council members will be given a briefing book prior to April 18th. He mentioned the book will include a glossary of various terms, background on topics regarding regionalism, and more. He stated there may be a short amount of time available to add events onto the agenda so Council members should inform Mr. Jones of any additional interests. Chairman Rawlson commented he would like there to be time for discussion after each speaker.

Commissioner Pool stated there should be a discussion about water with someone from the Water Management District serving as the facilitator. Commissioner Carey stated it is important to have a discussion that integrates topics from the assortment of meetings and programs that takes place. Commissioner Carlson made note of an individual in Brevard County from Harris Corporation who has experience in facilitating discussions on change and integration. Additionally, she inquired as to whether Mr. Krautler would create and make available a template for the discussions. Chairman Rawlson stated he and staff members will make sure everyone receives any necessary forms and/or documents for the presentations and discussions.

Commissioner Jacobs stated it is important for Council members to give true responses regarding where they want to be in five years. She noted the Council needs a standardized approach on proportionate fair share and there needs to be consistency with issues such as school concurrency. Commissioner Pool mentioned Lake County will finalize its concurrency with the school board tomorrow at 1 pm.

Chairman Rawlson commented the Summit is a starting point and issues will have to be revisited in subsequent meetings.

Commissioner Carlson commented that on behalf of Brevard, she will be expecting the RPC to provide more authority in the future. Commissioner Morris stated there needs to be a discussion regarding who actually has the authority.

Commissioner McKinnon commented since the Summit is being held in Osceola County, the Mayor of Kissimmee or County Chairman should be given time to speak at its conclusion; Chairman Rawlson concurred. Chairman Rawlson noted the ECFRPC staff will be calling Council members next week to see who's attending and if they're bringing a guest to the reception. He further noted Council members are responsible for making their own accommodations.

V. Regional Visioning Update – Jeff Jones

Mr. Jones stated everyone should have received an invitation to the Regional Event 1 Visioning meeting on March 29th. He commented the adopted 2006 Work Program allows the Council staff and members to work with different MPO staff and several contractors; he noted the ECFRPC staff will provide a monthly report on its activities. He mentioned the purpose of the Regional Visioning Program is to gather citizen recommendations regarding the question, "How Should We Grow?" Mr. Jones stated the goals include elevating public engagement, building effective partnerships, strengthening capacity for regional-level decision making, reshaping programs and policies, and informing public officials of citizens' preferences and priorities. He noted the approach is to conduct an extensive public engagement process, inform and educate public officials, and support the implementation of the regional vision and action plans. Mr. Jones made note the Regional Visioning Program is a partnership between ECFRPC, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance, myregion.org Technical Committee (public and private planners working with data), Central Florida Smart Growth Alliance's Steering Committee, and Mayors and Chairpersons who are ultimately responsible for selecting the vision derived from the program.

Commissioner Carlson commented that in seeing the PennDesign trend, it is important for the Council to take action, such as changing comprehensive plans.

Mr. Jones made note of the Regional Visioning Program events: March 29th, Regional Event 1; April – July, 15 separate Community Workshops (asking members of the public to define growth palette and give locations of growth); Early September, Regional Event 2 (asking 500 people divided into 50 groups to locate growth centers and corridors); September – December, Community Workshops; January 2007, Regional Event 3 (discussing 3-5 scenarios with locals and extracting a single vision); May 2007, Regional Event 4 (creating a policy document).

Commissioner Carey inquired as to whether the Regional Visioning Program fulfilled Council members' requirements for visioning sessions; Mr. Jones replied he has been conversing with DCA staff regarding this question and should be given an answer soon.

Commissioner Carlson commented the meetings should include a representative from every city and from the school board. Mr. Jones noted invitations to attend committee meetings are extended to every city, yet some cities remain unrepresented. Also, he made note all meetings are publicly noticed. Commissioner Carlson commented more city representatives might attend if the program and meetings are advertised as something that will affect each city.

VI. DRI Update – Jeff Jones

Mr. Jones stated there was nothing new to report.

Attachment 1

VII. Chairman's Report – *Chairman Jon Rawlson*

Chairman Rawlson acknowledged Mr. Phil Laurien's presence and announced he will assume the Executive Director's position on April 10, 2006. Chairman Rawlson mentioned Mr. Laurien will be attending the Smart Growth Alliance meeting following the Council meeting. He encouraged Council members to introduce themselves to Mr. Laurien before his departure.

VIII. Executive Director Report – *Jeff Jones*

Ms. Caswell made note of the Workforce Housing Summit on Friday, May 5th from 9:00 – 4:00 pm. She noted all planning directors and elected officials will receive a registration form for the Summit within the upcoming week.

Commissioner Carey commented it is important for Council members to have their staff present at the Workforce Housing Summit.

Mr. Jones noted everyone should have received an invitation for the March 29th Visioning meeting.

X. Adjournment – *Chairman Jon Rawlson*

Chairman Rawlson adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Approved by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 17th day of May 2006.

Mr. Jon Rawlson