

**EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2015 10:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER LEE CONSTANTINE PRESIDING

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**In Attendance:**

**County Representatives:**

Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County  
Commissioner Scott Boyd, Orange County  
Commissioner Bryan Nelson, Orange County  
Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County  
Commissioner John Horan, Seminole County

**Municipal Representatives:**

Mayor Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of Cities (City of Cape Canaveral)

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

Ms. Jill Rose, Orange County  
Mr. John Lesman, Seminole County

**Ex-Officio Members:**

Ms. Heather Garcia, Florida Department of Transportation  
Mr. Aaron Watkins for Mr. Jeff Prather, Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Mr. William Graf, South Florida Water Management District  
Mr. Jordan Smith for Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford

**Other Attendees:**

Mr. Pedro Leon, Volusia County Economic Development  
Ms. Heather Marselais, Polk County  
Mr. Paul Lewis, City of Orlando  
Ms. Robin Sobrino, Brevard County Planning and Development  
Mr. David Bottomley, MetroPlan – BPAC  
Ms. Susan McCune, Orange County Planning  
Mr. Ryan Marks, Florida Department of Transportation

**Members not in Attendance:**

Commissioner Andy Anderson, Brevard County  
Commissioner Jim Barfield, Brevard County  
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County  
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County  
Commissioner Viviana Janer, Osceola County  
County Chair Jason Davis, Volusia County  
Councilwoman Joyce Cusack, Volusia County  
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando  
Commissioner Michael Holland, Lake County League of Cities (City of Eustis)  
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Tri-County League of Cities (Town of Windermere)  
Mayor David Mealor, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Lake Mary)

Vice Mayor Leigh Matusick, Volusia County League of Cities (City of DeLand)  
Mr. Jose A. Rivas, Orange County  
Ms. Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District

**ECFRPC Staff in Attendance:**

Attorney Jerry Livingston	Mr. Hugh Harling, Jr.
Mr. Fred Milch	Ms. Tara McCue
Mr. Luis Nieves-Ruiz	Ms. Jessica Benn
Ms. Pegge Parker	Mr. Andrew Landis
Mr. PJ Smith	Ms. Lelia Hars
Ms. Amanda Webb	Mr. Chris Chagdes
Mr. Rick Stilp	

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

Commissioner Constantine called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Ms. Pegge Parker called the roll and announced a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Randels.

**II. Consent Agenda**

- Mayor Randels made a motion to approve the January 2015 Council Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boyd and the motion carried.
- Mr. Harling stated that the December 2014 and January 2015 Financial Reports are attached for review. The largest of the expenses included the pass-thru payments for HUD. Commissioner Constantine discussed that the shortfall in the budget is based on unrealized contracts. During the Executive Meeting it was decided to bring back an amended budget at the next meeting for further discussion based on this new information and to ensure there is a balanced budget by the end of the fiscal year.
- FDOT Central Florida Safe Routes Portal Task Amendment - Resolution #1; Intergovernmental Coordination Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreements (Lake-Sumter MPO - Resolution #2; MetroPlan Orlando - Resolution #3): Mr. Harling explained that these three pending Resolutions will extend the terms and coordination of our existing working relationships. Commissioner Horan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion. With no objection, the motion was carried.

**III. HUD Sub-recipient – Parramore Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan – Mr. Paul Lewis, Chief Planner, City of Orlando**

Mr. Lewis gave a presentation on the Parramore Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan which is a part of the \$2.4 million HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant led by the Regional Planning Council and centered around phase 1 of the SunRail Stations. The goal of the plan was to develop a vision for the neighborhoods that are part of Parramore and develop recommendations for improving economic growth, jobs, community, health, transportation, education, and housing. Mr. Lewis cited the demographics of the neighborhood and the socio-economic conditions and the changing relationship to downtown's Central Business District.

A few of the main ideas include expanding the City's Main Street Program linking Parramore's commercial district to Downtown Orlando; improving better access to job opportunities; increasing housing opportunities; promote access to healthy food by partnering with local organizations to expand nutrition education and to provide a neighborhood grocery store for fresh foods; and to encourage mixed used developments. Discussions followed regarding neighborhood schools, the Creative Village and the mixed use housing development. Ms. Rose discussed crime in the area and how it is a large concern and suggested focusing on crime prevention and safety issues is needed in order to attract new businesses.

**IV. Freight Terminology Relevant to Central Florida** – Ryan Marks, District Freight Coordinator, Florida Department of Transportation

Mr. Marks gave a presentation on moving freight throughout Florida. The types of freight transportation in Florida include trucks, rail, seaport, and airline. Much of the transportation of cargo loads includes multiple modes of transportation such as transferring freight between trucks to rail or seaport to rail to truck. Further discussions include the current percentage of trucks coming into Florida full but leaving empty, distribution hubs, logistics of the I-4 construction, and refrigerated containers at the seaport.

**V. Brevard County Update** – Robin Sobrino, Brevard County Planning and Development Director

Ms. Sobrino's presentation was on the Wireless Telecommunications Master Plan for Brevard County. The purpose of the Master Plan is to provide good wireless communication services for both phone and broadband throughout the County while maximizing the existing infrastructure and publicly owned properties for new infrastructure. Ms. Sobrino discussed the growing demand for towers and the coverage needs versus the optimal siting for the towers without compromising site development standards in residential and scenic coastal areas. The population location and density are both important variables in wireless network design. Future infrastructure sites include coastal areas such as the barrier islands, urban areas where there are more than 100 addresses per square mile, and rural areas where there are fewer than 100 addresses per square mile.

**VI. Volusia County 1<sup>st</sup> Responder/Hazmat/Fire Training Symposium** – Tim Kitchen, Emergency Preparedness Manager

Due to time constraints and the absence of Volusia County representatives, this presentation was postponed.

**VII. Brief County Updates** – County Representatives

- Orange County – Commissioner Boyd discussed his concern about North Lake Pickett and South Lake Pickett regarding a letter he received from Seminole County. Orange County wants to keep good regional partnerships but is concerned about the amount of traffic that comes from neighboring counties in and out of Orange County on a daily basis from these developments. This would also apply to the sand mine issue in Lake County. Commissioner Constantine discussed the importance of joint planning agreements between counties and entities and discussed the UCF Master Plan as an example. Commissioner Constantine also

discussed the potential of a formal joint planning agreement between counties to ensure better collaboration. Additional dialogue continued about the importance and need for better coordination between boards for planning purposes.

- Seminole County – Commissioner Horan discuss his concern about development on the east side of the county and agrees that joint planning and discussions between counties about how different situations such as stormwater planning are handled can only benefit all counties.
- Brevard County – Mayor Randels stated that they had just completed a two-year study of 862 bus stops in Brevard County spanning 72 miles. Each stop took approximately a half day to review ADA requirements, signage, benches, covering, and lights. Each city has been given a diagnostic printout of their bus stops and shelters to make the necessary changes.
- Lake County – Commissioner Parks stated they have combined their Growth Management and Economic Development Departments with Robert Chandler as the new Director. He also discussed the Sector Plan and how they are still working with the DEO on questions and recommendations but they anticipate the plan will be adopted in April or May or possibly as late as June. They are opening a new bus route of Lake Express along S.R. 50 in South Lake starting in the City of Mascotte and going into Winter Garden in Orange County. They are working in good partnership with the cities on planning and funding the bus stops. The cities will be paying for the capital costs and maintenance of the bus stops, as well as South Lake Hospital. Safe Routes to School is moving forward with identified projects. They are working with Public Works and Engineering on the local level, as well as FDOT. The Cemex conditional use permit for mining will be heard at Lake County Commission meeting next Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
- Commissioner Constantine noted that SunRail will be open this weekend to accommodate the Winter Park Art Festival.

#### **VIII. Chair's Report** – Legislative Update

- Senate Bill #484/House Bill #873 – Regional Planning Councils: Senator Simpson's bill reduces the Regional Planning Councils from 11 to 10 with the elimination of Withlacoochee. The five counties within the Withlacoochee RPC would be moved to three other RPC's with Sumter County coming to the ECFRPC. Funding for the RPCs continues to be in the budget even though it has been vetoed for the last four years by the Governor.
- Senate Bill #562/House Bill #579 – Growth Management/DRIs: Speaker of the House designee Corcoran has no interest in growth management this year. This Bill would potentially remove DRIs from the RPCs domain and into a state planning agency.

#### **IX. Executive Director's Report**

- **Budget Update** – Mr. Harling stated that he has been working on an amended budget which will take into consideration unrealized contracts. It will be brought to the next Council meeting for review.
- **Project Update** - Mr. Harling reported that the Department of Economic Opportunity had visited Palm Bay and discussed a location center featuring fishing docks, a railroad, a lake, and the Indian River Lagoon. We will be working with them on possible grants that might be available. We've also working on the upcoming kick-off of the East Airfield DRI at Orlando International Airport and Villa City and its kick off in South Lake County.

- **Staff Activities and DRI Report** – The meeting packet contains a Staff Activities Report and DRI Update which includes a list of ongoing and completed projects for the months of January and February 2015, including an update on DRIs.

**X. Announcements/Comments**

- Commissioner Boyd thanked the RPC on their continued support on Orange County school issues and site placements of some elementary schools.
- Commissioner Horan spoke about the Orlando Economic Development Commission branding mission trip he and Commissioner Parks attended in New York. More information on “Orlando, You don’t Know the Half of It” and the 60-second commercial can be found on the Orlando EDC website.
- David Bottomley expressed thanks to Mayor Randels for the Bus Stop Study.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, Commissioner Constantine adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.