

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Council Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2006

Chairman Jon Rawlson
Presiding

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Representatives

Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, Orange County
Commissioner Brenda Carey, Seminole County
Councilwoman Joie Alexander, Volusia County
Councilman Dwight Lewis, Volusia County

Municipal Representatives

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

Gubernatorial Appointees

Mr. Malcolm McLouth, Brevard County
Ms. Janice Kershaw, Brevard County
Commissioner Evelyn Smith, City of Eustis
Mr. Jon Rawlson, Orange County
Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Orange County
Ms. Maryam Ghyabi, Volusia County

Ex-Officio and Other Municipal Representatives

Ms. Vivian Garfein, FDEP
Ms. Noranne Downs, FDOT

Staff

Mr. Phil Laurien
Ms. Andrea Fant
Ms. Lelia Hars
Ms. Teri Hunalp
Mr. Fred Milch
Ms. Susan Caswell
Ms. Claudia Paskauskas
Ms. Tara McCue
Mr. Mark Sievers
Mr. Samer Bitar
Ms. Tuesdai Brunsonbyrd
Ms. Kimberly Loewen
Ms. Iris Patten, ECFRPC intern

Other Attendees

Mr. Gerald Livingston, ECFRPC Counsel
Dr. Peggy Carr, University of Florida
Dr. Paul Zwick, University of Florida
Mr. Ken Ray, University of Florida
Ms. Kim Heiss, University of Florida
Mr. Jon Weiss, FDOT
Ms. Shelley Lauten, myregion.org
Mr. David Bottomley, MetroPlan Orlando Bicycle and
Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Members not in Attendance

Commissioner Sue Carlson, Brevard County
Commissioner Jackie Colon, Brevard County
Commissioner Robert Pool, Lake County
Commissioner Homer Hartage, Orange County
Commissioner Bill Lane, Osceola County
Clerk of the Courts Larry Whaley, Osceola County
Commissioner Randy Morris, Seminole County
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Mr. Ed Booth, Space Coast League of Cities, Malabar
Vice Mayor Wendell McKinnon, Tri-County League
of Cities, Kissimmee
Ms. Maria Grulich, Osceola County
Ms. Nancy Acevedo, Seminole County
Ms. Nancy Christman, SJRWMD
Mr. Thomas Genovese, SFWMD
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 May 2006 meeting minutes for consideration.

MOTION: Mr. McLouth moved to approve the May 2006 minutes. Councilwoman Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chairman Rawlson offered for consideration the May 2006 financial reports.

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobs moved for approval of the May 2006 financial reports. Mr. McLouth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the monthly financial reports, Commissioner Jacobs requested the line item figures be highlighted so readers could easily see whether the ECFRPC is under or over budget.

III. UF GRADUATE PROGRAM, URBAN PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE STUDIO PRESENTATION: LAND USE ALLOCATION USING CONFLICT ANALYSIS – Dr. Peggy Carr, Dr. Paul Zwick, Ms. Iris Patten, Ms. Kim Heiss, and Mr. Ken Ray

Mr. Phil Laurien noted the University of Florida representatives have used data from the ECFRPC region to design a land use conflict analysis, which parallels the myregion visioning project. Mr. Laurien commented he would like to hire the UF representatives as sub-consultants for the visioning project.

Dr. Peggy Carr noted the fundamental step used in the UF study was GIS suitability analysis. The study involved three students working on agriculture, conservation, and urban land. The Statement of Intent for the agriculture group is to maximize land use for agriculture purposes, including current and historical agriculture settings. The conservation group's Statement of Intent is to identify areas needed to effectively protect ecological integrity in the seven county region surrounding Osceola County. The urban group's Statement of Intent is to identify lands in Osceola County most suitable for urban development.

Ms. Patten noted after compiling various maps, preferences were determined using a 3 digit value; the preference score is used to determine which areas will be developed first for urban use. Ms. Patten noted the first step was to allocate land where Urban "won" (or was most preferred). The second step was to determine moderate conflicts; 420,837 acres have a moderate conflict. The third allocation was for major conflicts; 555,322 acres were allocated. The fourth allocation was for minor conflict of other land uses.

Dr. Carr noted UF students and staff are working with Southwest Florida Stewardship and 1000 Friends of Florida on other projects.

Commissioner Carey suggested running the ECFRPC region through the model and demonstrating it to myregion staff. Ms. Vivian Garfein stated she would like to see the overlay in relation to the Lake Toho DRIs.

Mr. Ken Ray gave a PowerPoint presentation titled Apopka Grove: A Smart Growth Community. He noted the smart growth design goals as follows: mix land uses; take advantage of compact building design; create a range of housing opportunities and choices; create walkable neighborhoods; foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place; preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas; strengthen and direct development towards existing communities; provide a variety of transportation choices; make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective; and encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions. He stated the site selection goal as using GIS to select a development site that doesn't drastically impact the surrounding conservation lands, agriculture lands, and environment. Mr. Ray presented several maps illustrating the changes the Apopka Grove will undergo by 2060.

Ms. Kim Heiss gave a presentation titled The Proposed Edgewater DRI; the presentation focused on how to protect the existing bald eagle habitat and create a low-impact development community. She cited the habitat management guidelines for the bald eagle in the southeast region of the United States (1987): to maintain and/or improve the environmental conditions that are required for the survival and well-being of bald eagles in the Southeastern United States. Ms. Heiss noted Florida has the most bald eagles in the union. The study area for Ms. Heiss' presentation included

the eastern border of Lake Tohopekaliga in Osceola County. She presented several maps, including the existing site of the study area, a GIS approach for development, the developers plan, and an Eco-Friendly Approach to developing the site.

IV. TEN-YEAR SITE PLAN REVIEWS AND SITE CERTIFICATION – Ms. Iris Patten

Ms. Patten noted ECFRPC staff reviewed site plans for the following utility companies: Florida Power and Light, Progress Energy, and Orlando Utilities Commission. In regards to future capacity changes for Florida Power and Light, ECFRPC staff found there are no future transmission line additions planned, but there is a need for additional energy generation facilities. The staff's recommendation for existing generation units is for FPL to continue monitoring local regulatory guidelines with respect to changes in emission requirements. The staff's recommendation for future generation facilities is having the Cape Canaveral Site conform to environmental, conservation, and future land use goals under the current Brevard County Comprehensive Plan.

Regarding Progress Energy, Ms. Patten noted Intercession City (Osceola) and DeBary (Volusia) are potential (not proposed) sites for installation of peaking combustion turbine units; potential sites will receive new plants only if proposed sites are not renewed. The staff's recommendation for existing generation units is for Progress Energy to continue monitoring local regulatory guidelines with respect to changes in emission requirements. The staff's recommendation for future generation facilities is having Intercession City and DeBary potential sites conform to environmental, conservation, and future land use goals under the current Osceola and Volusia comprehensive plans.

Ms. Patten outlined the staff recommendations for the Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC). For existing generation units, the OUC needs to remain cognizant of wastewater systems to prevent potential contamination to nearby aquifer systems. She noted there is currently a site certification for Stanton B.

Mr. Rawlson announced the presentation for acquiring a Request for Proposal (RFP) to update the ECFRPC website will be postponed until the next Council meeting.

V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT/CEDS COMMITTEE – Ms. Susan Caswell

Ms. Caswell noted the ECFRPC will receive a planning grant on an annual basis. She stated when the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was originally adopted, a myregion.org committee acted as the CEDS Committee; under new EDA regulations, the ECFRPC must form a new CEDS committee. Ms. Caswell commented the myregion committee is willing to act as the CEDS Committee again if permission is granted. However, if permission is not granted, volunteers from the Council may be used. Ms. Caswell commented the percentage of minorities within the region needs to be reflected within the CEDS Committee.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Chairman Jon Rawlson

Mr. Rawlson mentioned his attendance at the NARC Conference; also, in attendance were Mr. Harold Barley, Clerk of Courts Larry Whaley, and Commissioner Linda Stewart. Mr. Rawlson noted Commissioner Randall Morris was presented with an award for his dedication and service as NARC president; Commissioner Morris' term ended on June 20, 2006. He also mentioned Mr. Jacob Stewart was presented with an award for "Distinguished Service" for his involvement with myregion.org.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Phil Laurien

Mr. Laurien announced Mr. Tom Tomerlin's resignation. Mr. Tomerlin will return to the ECFRPC office on June 30th to complete the Fiscal Impact Analysis Model (FIAM) training sessions for local government representatives.

Mr. Laurien noted Mr. Sam Bitar needs to obtain another visa in August and a Green Card may be necessary in the future. Additionally, he mentioned Ms. Kimberly Loewen was hired as a Planner I and Ms. Iris Patten as an Intern.

Mr. Laurien commented a compensation analysis needs to be performed for ECFRPC staff; a proposed contract has been drafted with Cody & Associates for \$5,500. Cody studies were used in

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Brevard and Seminole counties. Commissioner Carey noted the study for Seminole County is near completion; the Cody study for Seminole County specifically identified engineers, planners, heavy equipment operators, and other key positions where vacancies occur due to the competitiveness of the private sector. Mayor Land stated Cody & Associates also completed a study for the City of Apopka.

MOTION: Mayor Land moved to approve the proposed contract between the ECFRPC and Cody & Associates. Mr. McLouth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In regards to ARCVIEW licenses, Ms. Claudia Paskauskas stated, through ESRI, the ECFRPC can upgrade in-house licenses and buy new licenses for a total of \$4,200.

MOTION: Mr. McLouth moved approval to obtain 6 new licenses and replace old licenses for \$4,200. Mayor Land seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the myregion.org update, Mr. Laurien noted staff members are completing its last visioning workshops. He noted the public is electing not to use yellow dots, which represents density.

Mr. Laurien announced he has chosen to terminate the Criterion Planners' contract. He mentioned Mr. Elliot Allen, Criterion Planners consultant, wanted an additional \$48,000 for his services. Mr. Laurien commented he spoke with myregion.org leaders and the Visioning Technical Committee about the matter and all members of both groups were in agreement with him. He noted he would like to use the University of Florida staff to assist in the visioning project. Mr. Laurien requested the Council ratify his actions. Attorney Livingston noted the Executive Committee ratified Mr. Laurien's decision prior to the Council meeting. Commissioner Jacobs stated the decision regarding the hiring of another consultant or agency would be a separate action to be taken at a later date.

MOTION: Mr. McLouth moved the Council ratify Mr. Laurien's decision to terminate the Criterion Planners' contract. Commissioner Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shelley Lauten commented the information regarding the Criterion Planners and DCA is sensitive information.

Mr. Laurien noted the DCA School Proportionate Share and Concurrency memos were informational documents for the Council members.

Ms. Ghyabi commented for future Council meetings, time limitations should be placed on presentations and action items should be covered at the beginning of meetings.

Mr. Rawlson announced the cancellation of the July Council meeting. Commissioner Carey noted since there is no July Council meeting, a motion should be made to give the Executive Committee permission to make Council decisions for the interim. She added once the ARCVIEW licenses are purchased, necessary hardware and other equipment should not be postponed for an extended amount of time; she commented ECFRPC staff should not be without updated software and equipment. Commissioner Jacobs stated the Council needs to obtain a contract regarding myregion.org's efforts, which should not be postponed until the August Council meeting. Also, Ms. Teri Hunalp, ECFRPC staff, stated the DCA/DEM contract, as well as the DCA/ECFRPC contract, begins on July 1, 2006; the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) has a contract with the ECFRPC to staff the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). She added she believes the contract between DCA and the ECFRPC is also due on July 1st. Ms. Hunalp stated the DCA/DEM contract cannot wait until the August Council meeting as the contract must be signed by July 1st.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Martin moved to delegate authority to the Executive Committee for the purposes of approving expenditures for upgrading hardware consistent with GIS, selecting a myregion technical consultant, and obtaining and signing a DCA/DEM standard contract with the ECFRPC upon review from the ECFRPC Counsel. Commissioner Carey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rawlson adjourned the meeting at 12:12 pm.