

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2005

Chairman Rawlson
Presiding

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Representatives

Commissioner Bill Lane, Osceola County
Clerk of the Courts Larry Whaley, Osceola County
Commissioner Randy Morris, Seminole County
Councilman Arthur Giles, Volusia County

Municipal Representatives

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

Gubernatorial Appointees

Mr. Malcolm McLouth, Brevard County
Ms. Janice Kershaw, Brevard County
Mr. Jon Rawlson, Orange County
Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Orange County
Ms. Maria Grulich, Osceola County
Ms. Nancy Acevedo, Seminole County

Ex-Officio and Other Municipal Representatives

Ms. Nancy Christman, SJRWMD
Mr. Thomas Genovese, SFWMD

Staff

Mr. Jeff Jones
Ms. Susan Caswell
Mr. Fred Milch
Mr. Mark Sievers
Ms. Claudia Paskauskas
Ms. Lelia Hars
Ms. Andrea Fant
Mr. Gerald Livingston, ECFRPC Counsel

Other Attendees

Ms. Amye King, Lake County
Mr. Harold Barley, MetroPlan Orlando
Ms. Marilyn Crotty, UCF Institute of Government
Mr. Chris Testerman, Osceola County Planning
Mr. David Marsh, FDOT District 5

Members not in Attendance

Commissioner Ron Pritchard, Brevard County
Commissioner Helen Voltz, Brevard County
Commissioner Homer Hartage, Orange County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Robert Pool, Lake County
Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, Orange County
Commissioner Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Councilwoman Joie Alexander, Volusia County
Mr. Booth, Space Coast League of Cities, Brevard
Vice Mayor Wendell McKinnon, Tri-County League of
Cities, Kissimmee
Councilman William Harvey, City of Deltona
Commissioner Evelyn Smith, City of Eustis
Ms. Maryam Ghyabi, Volusia County
Ms. Vivian Garfein, FDEP
Ms. Lennon Moore, FDOT

I. CALL TO ORDER AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Rawlson called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Ms. Fant called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rawlson offered the June 2005 minutes for consideration.

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MOTION: Mr. McLouth moved to approve the June 2005 minutes. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Rawlson offered for consideration the June 2005 financial reports.

MOTION: Commissioner Blake moved for approval of the June 2005 financial reports. Commissioner Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH FDCA – STAFF SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) – *Mr. Jeff Jones, Acting Executive Director*

Mr. Jones stated no changes were made to the contract or work tasks. He noted the contract requires the council to continue working during the next fiscal year at a cost of \$40,000. He recommended the council renew the contract.

MOTION: Mayor Land moved to have the Council renew the existing contract. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. CENTRAL FLORIDA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (CFGIS) – *Ms. Susan Caswell, ECFRPC Staff*

Ms. Caswell administered a slide presentation regarding the CFGIS program. She began by stating that the program initiated in 2001 and is funded primarily by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The initiative is staffed by the Regional Planning Council and Mr. Mark Sievers serves as the project manager. The goals for the CFGIS project include increasing coordination, providing a simpler way to use information that crosses jurisdictional boundaries, and providing a centralized internet location for GIS data, links, and information. The accomplishments of CFGIS include the users group, website, data guidelines, and training. The users group consists of approximately 600 GIS users in the database. The system allows users to exchange information and ideas. Additionally, organizations use GIS for various reasons, including obtaining information regarding hurricane debris removal and tracking probation violators. The CFGIS website holds approximately 2,000 data files and over 100 links to other data sites, and now has links to interactive maps. The CFGIS project has established minimum metadata requirements, and there have been several metadata training classes. Ms. Caswell made mention of the CFGIS conference to be held in 2006. Ms. Caswell stated in the future, CFGIS will encompass the regional mapping program.

Mr. Sievers stated anyone is able to gain access to the website. However, he noted for the clearinghouse, one would need to create a login name for access. Also, he noted there are several members from various organizations involved in the CFGIS project, including staff from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). Ms. Caswell mentioned the CFGIS website is one of two Florida websites that's part of the Federal Geographic Data Committee's clearinghouse.

V. VOLUSIA SMART GROWTH IMPLEMENTATION INITIATIVE REPORT – *Ms. Marilyn Crotty, Director, Institute of Government (UCF)*

Ms. Crotty stated the Volusia County Council implemented a smart growth initiative. She stated, initially, the Volusia County Association for Responsible Development (VCARD) sought to educate the community on smart growth. She noted 100-200 people attended the summits to talk in small groups about growth in Volusia County. Ms. Crotty stated, however, the groups wanted to see their ideas implemented, so the Volusia Smart Growth Implementation Initiative was created for such purpose. The initiative consisted of 19 members, four members from the County Council, four members from Volusia Council of Government, and eleven members from various private and public entities. The board decided they did not want a chairman, and thus far, the process has run on a consensus. Ms. Crotty stated that the board currently has a draft for the final report, which includes nine keystone recommendations. The draft is also in sync with the myregion program and other legislation, and is based upon principles of smart growth. Ms. Crotty noted the draft explores ideas of directing growth to areas where it is most needed, identifies areas that should and should not be developed, explores the idea

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of having one service provider for different areas, highlights areas of influence of municipal governments, focuses on issues involving school sites, and more.

Councilman Giles stated the initiative cost approximately \$93,000, which was funded by municipalities and the County. Additionally, he stated the 19 board members meet on numerous occasions to discuss the ideas relayed to them by the smaller groups. Commissioner Martin noted the groups are working very well together and meetings are productive.

Ms. Crotty concluded by stating smart growth is important in Central Florida, especially since the projected growth population for 2002-2020 is 650,000.

VI. INNOVATION WAY CORRIDOR STUDY – *Mr. Jim Harrison, Director of Growth Management, Orange County Planning Department*

Mr. Harrison gave a brief overview of the Innovation Way Corridor Study. He stated the area extending from University of Central Florida (UCF) and East Orange County south and west to the Orlando International Airport has the potential to be a viable economic engine to the entire region. He noted the concept surrounding this area is a high technology corridor attracting high technology businesses and high wage jobs. Mr. Harrison stated the study does not address anything east of the Econlockhatchee River. The study focuses on areas west of the Econ, which includes a little of Deseret Ranch. Mr. Harrison noted he is on schedule with the report's September completion date.

VII. LAKE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2025 – *Ms. Amye King, Planning Manager, Lake County*

Ms. King stated Lake County's first comprehensive plan was adopted in 1981. The current plan, which has not been finalized, is entitled Planning Horizon 2025 and includes updated census figures, demographics, and more. Ms. King noted several elements of the plan, which are capital improvement, conservation, housing, future land use, public facilities, and intergovernmental coordination. Ms. King stated there have been six public meetings held regarding the plan. She stated a draft will be completed in the summer of 2005, after which, there will be a series of additional meetings to discuss the plan. She noted upon completion, the draft will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), who would then forward the draft to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA). Subsequently, FDCA would provide their recommendations to the BCC. The plan will become finalized after the BCC has made all revisions. Ms. King stated the final version should be available in the early part of 2006.

Ms. King gave a presentation that was also presented in a February meeting involving residents.

VIII. DRI UPDATE – *Mr. Fred Milch*

Mr. Milch stated there are several DRI projects to be presented to the Council over the next couple of months. He stated the Viera Substantial Deviation (SD) in Brevard County includes an additional 12,000 acres, and noted there would be a Viera SD site visit on July 21 and Charrette on July 22. He mentioned the Florida Hospital/Altamonte Springs DRI is scheduled to come before the Council in August and the Plaza Collina DRI in September. He noted the Lake Toho properties, which includes Edgewater, Westlake Cove, and Green Island. Lastly, he mentioned the Ormond Crossing DRI, which includes offices, retail businesses, and residential and industrial buildings, and the Bronson Property DRI, which is located on the Osceola and Orange County line.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – *Chairman Jon Rawlson*

Mr. Rawlson had to leave during the DRI update to attend another meeting. Commissioner Blake administered the remainder of the meeting as Mr. Rawlson had another commitment. For the chairman's report, Commissioner Blake stated the search committee met at 9:00 AM, prior to the Council meeting. He noted the committee should have a selection for a search firm within a month.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – *Mr. Jeff Jones*

Mr. Jones referred to a handout regarding a regional boundary study. He noted section 10, which addresses new boundaries of FDOT, water management districts, and regional planning councils. He

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stated the section was important because it would affect how planning councils operated in the future. Mr. Jones noted the Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) will hold future meetings to discuss the methodology, plan of action, and other activities. He mentioned OPPAGA could possibly schedule meetings to include the Regional Planning Council, FDOT, and the Water Management District.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Mr. McLouth suggested the Council speak with members from the water management districts regarding elevations and potential flooding in Central Florida. Additionally, Commissioner Blake stated the Council should inquire about the cumulative effect the five DRI projects will have on future flooding. Attorney Livingston stated the Council could ask the water management districts what floodplains they are currently using. Commissioner Blake requested Mr. Jones speak with the WMD regarding the Council's concerns.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Approved by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 17th day of August 2005.

Mr. Jon Rawlson, Chairman