

**Attachment 1
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council**

Council Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2007

Chairman Jon Rawlson Presiding

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Representatives

Commissioner Mary Bolin, Brevard County
Commissioner Chuck Nelson, Brevard County
Commissioner Elaine Renick, Lake County
Property Appraiser Atlee Mercer, Osceola County
Commissioner Brenda Carey, Seminole County
Commissioner Robert Dallari, Seminole County
Councilman Art Giles, Volusia County

Municipal Representatives

Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Mayor Rocky Randall, Space Coast League of Cities
Mayor John Land, Tri-County League of Cities
Vice Mayor Mary Martin, Volusia County League of Cities

Gubernatorial Appointees

Mr. Malcolm McLouth, Brevard County
Ms. Sue Carlson, Brevard County
Mr. Jon Rawlson, Orange County
Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Orange County
Ms. Maryam Ghyabi, Volusia County

Ex-Officio and Other Municipal Representatives

Ms. Nancy Christman, SJRWMD
Mr. Dick Burns for Ms. Vivian Garfein, FDEP
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford
Ms. Lennon Moore, OOCEA
Ms. Susan Sadighi, FDOT

Staff

Mr. Phil Laurien
Ms. Lelia Hars
Mr. Fred Milch
Ms. Laura Murray
Ms. Ruth Little
Ms. Kimberly Loewen
Ms. Claudia Paskauskas
Mr. Samer Bitar
Mr. Andrew Landis
Ms. Tara McCue

Other Attendees

Gerald Livingston, ECFRPC Counsel
Mr. Buz Ausley, US Dept of HUD
Dr. Pierce Jones, University of Florida
Mr. Brent Philpot, University of Florida
Mr. Glenn Burns
Ms. Liz Alward, Brevard County
Mr. Dave Dingley, Brevard County
Ms. Althea Jefferson, OCBCC
Ms. Chrissy Cardinell, OCBCC Planning
Mr. Fred Brummer, OCBCC Commission
Ms. Kathy Quillinan, MSCW
Ms. Gabrielle Milch, Milch & Associates
Ms. Shelly Lauten, myregion.org
Mr. Dean Hybl, myregion.org

Members not in Attendance

Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, Orange County
Commissioner Bill Lane, Osceola County
Councilwoman Joie Alexander, Volusia County
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, City of Kissimmee
Commissioner Evelyn Smith, Lake County
Ms. Maria Grulich, Osceola County
Mr. Jim Greer, Seminole County
Ms. Aileen Cubillos, Seminole County
Mr. Thomas Genovese, SFWMD
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford
Ms. Lennon Moore, OOCEA

I. Call to Order and General Business

Chairman Jon Rawlson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Ms. Ruth Little called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

II. Prior Minutes

Commissioner Brenda Carey requested the February minutes be corrected to show that she voted against approval of the November 2006 minutes as amended. Mr. McLouth made a Motion that the February minutes be approved as corrected. Mr. Mercer seconded the Motion and the MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY MINUTES AS CORRECTED WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Financial Reports

Chairman Jon Rawlson offered the February 2007 financial reports for consideration. With 41.7% of the fiscal year passed, expenditures are under budget at 36.1%. After questions by Mr. Mercer and a brief discussion, MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT, SECONDED by Mr. Mercer, and UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

IV. Consent Action Items

Chairman Rawlson presented the Consent Action items and informed the Council that the *Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Agreement* is not in final contract form and will be revised before implementation.

Mr. Rawlson introduced Buz Ausley of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to give an explanation of HUD's National Call to Action for Affordable Housing. After discussion about the wording of the Resolution, it was agreed that the word "attainable" should be used in place of "affordable." Furthermore, the first paragraph should be edited to read as follows: "Whereas, it is critically important for communities to continually address the need for attainable housing for its citizens, including but not limited to nurses, firefighters, police officers, teachers, returning veterans, and service industry employees; and" With the aforementioned changes to the Resolution, Ms. Carlson moved to approve the Resolution in Support of HUD's National call to Action. Commissioner Bolin seconded the motion and the MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PASSED with Commissioner Brummer casting a dissenting vote.

Next Ms. McCue presented a short video on the Black Bear Scenic Byway and asked the Council for their support of a resolution supporting the designation of Florida State Road 40 as a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway. Vice Mayor Martin made a Motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Mayor Land seconded the Motion and THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE BLACK BEAR SCENIC BYWAY RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. DRI Survey Results – Ms. Laura Murray

Ms. Murray presented the results of the DRI Survey. In a two-month period, over 250 survey notices went out to parties who have been participants in the DRI process, with a response rate of 20%. Respondents wanted to see transportation incorporated as part of the general discussion since land use and transportation are closely related. Many respondents learned about on-line resources provided by the ECFPRC as a result of taking the survey. While no policy changes are expected, the staff is now examining implementation of some suggested procedural changes.

VI. Brownfields 101 : An introduction to Florida's Brownfields Program

Chairman Rawlson introduced George Houston of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Houston gave a presentation on Brownfields, which are defined as any property whose use may be complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination. A Brownfield may have contamination concerns, and after testing it is determined to be clean. Redevelopment of Brownfields can reduce the development of green space and encourage the best and highest use of blighted properties. Mr. Houston explained the process of testing, designation and execution of cleaning up Brownfields, including the tax credits and other financial incentives programs available through the State. Go to dep.state.fl.us/mainpage/programs/brownfields.htm for more information.

VII. Chairman's Report – Chairman Jon Rawlson

Mr. Rawlson announced the appointment of Dan O'Keefe and Atlee Mercer to serve on the FRCA Policy board along with Malcolm McLouth. He then asked Fred Milch for a report on upcoming DRIs. Mr. Milch told the Council that there are a total of 28 DRIs at various points in the process: 2 each in Brevard, Volusia, Orange and Lake Counties, and 9 in Osceola County. 10 are in-house right now under some form of review. 7 have completed the pre-application processes but have not yet submitted, and 12 NOPCs are currently under review.

VIII. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Phil Laurien

Mr. Laurien began the Director's Report with an update on the *myregion.org* project. The results of the public's preference voting pointed to the Trend as the clear loser. From 7,319 clean votes (454 suspect votes were tossed out) the three alternate scenarios were nearly evenly split with Green Areas taking 27% of the vote, Centers at 38% and Corridors at 31%. Since there was not clear majority winner, the Technical Committee got together to discuss the next steps, and is meeting again today with all the MPOs to create a composite scenario. When that process is complete it will be brought back to the RPC.

Mr. Laurien gave a personnel update on the LEPC Planning position left vacant by Teri Hunalp which will be posted on the ECFRPC website. Also, Tara McCue was originally hired as a GIS Specialist but now has three major planning projects underway. Therefore, a GIS Specialist will be advertised on the website as well as at several universities with GIS programs.

Reporting on the progress of the CEDS program, Mr. Laurien said meetings have been scheduled in the next two weeks. We will be using the *myregion* board of 103 members in this process because of a federal requirement for the board to be more than 50% private. At stake is as much as \$2 million seed money to stimulate growth.

Next Mr. Laurien discussed the development of an ECFRPC Logo. A designer has been chosen who presented 3 concepts to our staff logo committee. We are looking for tropical colors and images symbolic of Central Florida. The logo should be ready for unveiling in one to two months.

The ranking of consultants for the CFGIS project was presented next. The request for proposal was issued and DTS was ranked as the top applicant. Earthdata ranked second and Cannin and Associates third. Mr. Laurien asked for the Council's endorsement to proceed with finalizing price and executing a contract. Because this item was not the meeting agenda, Mr. Mercer moved and Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion that the item be placed on the agenda due to its time sensitive nature. The motion carried. Mr. McLouth then made a motion to approve the presented rankings and to authorize the Executive Director to commence price negotiations and sign a contract. If a satisfactory price cannot be agreed to with the top ranked consultant, price negotiations with the second ranked consultant will be conducted. Mr. McLouth's MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS was seconded by Mr. Mercer and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. McLouth summarized the FRCA Policy Board meeting he attended on March 8. The session with the new DCA Secretary Tom Pelham was especially informative. There are concerns about DCA being understaffed and the possibility that DCA responsibilities will be delegated to the RPCs without funding. Upcoming decisions about property taxes were also discussed at the meeting.

IX. Announcements / Comments

The ECFRPC was awarded Best Use of Technology for Planning Analysis by the American Planning Association for its “How Shall We Grow” entry. The Council’s partner, The University of Florida, was named winner in the Best Use of Technology for a University Urban and Regional Planning Program category for their LUCIS computer model used to create future growth scenarios. The award for Best Use of Technology for Public Participation went to *myregion.org* for their contribution to the “How Shall We Grow” project in the area of public involvement and participation in the planning and decision-making processes.

Council members were invited to stay for the Smart Growth Alliance meeting and a presentation by Dr. Pierce Jones, Director of the Program for Resource Efficient Communities.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chairman Rawlson adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.