

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2009

Commissioner Malcolm McLouth Presiding

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Representatives

Commissioner Elaine Renick, Lake County
Commissioner S. Scott Boyd, Orange County
Commissioner Fred Brummer, Orange County
Commissioner Brandon Arrington, Osceola County
Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide, Seminole
Commissioner Brenda Carey, Seminole County
Councilman Jack Hayman, Volusia County
Councilwoman Patricia Northey, Volusia County

Municipal Representatives

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

Gubernatorial Appointees

Commissioner Malcolm McLouth, Brevard County
Mr. Al Glover, Brevard County
Mr. Jon Rawlson, Orange County
Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Orange County

Ex-Officio and Other Municipal Reps

Ms. Nancy Christman, SJRWMD
Ms. Lisa Kelley for Vivian Garfein, FDEP
Ms. Cecelia Weaver, SFWMD
Mr. John Moore for Susan Sadighi, FDOT
Mr. Jon Weiss, FDOT
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford

Other Attendees

Gerald Livingston, ECFRPC Counsel
Mr. Chris Testerman, Orange County
Ms. Shelley Lauten, *myregion.org*
Ms. Antonia Gerli, Sanford
Mr. Bill Mills, SunTrust
Ms. Alissa Torres, Orange County
Mr. John Thomson, Volusia County Planning

ECFRPC Staff

Mr. Phil Laurien	Ms. Lelia Hars
Mr. Fred Milch	Mr. Keith Smith
Ms. Tara McCue	Ms. Ruth Little
Mr. Jeremy Mikrut	Mr. Chris Romano
Mr. George Kinney	Mr. Josh Hoffman
Ms. Claudia Paskauskas	
Ms. Whitney Laurien	
Ms. Tuesdai Brunsonbyrd-Bowden	

Members not in Attendance

Commissioner Robin Fisher, Brevard County
Commissioner Andy Anderson, Brevard County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Mayor John Bush, Seminole League of Cities
Ms. Aileen Cubillos, Seminole County
Mr. William McDermott, Enterprise Florida

I. Call to Order and General Business

Chairman Commissioner McLouth called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ruth Little called the roll and announced that a quorum was present. Mr. McLouth welcomed new members to the Council: Commissioners Andy Anderson and Robin Fisher from Brevard County, Commissioner Brandon Arrington from Osceola County, Commissioner Scott Boyd from Orange County, Commissioner Brenda Carey from Seminole County, and Commissioners Pat Northey and Jack Hayman from Volusia County.

II. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Elaine Renick noted that the December minutes should be corrected to show that she was not in attendance. Commissioner Renick and then moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as corrected. Mayor Rocky Randels seconded the motion and the MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA was PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Treasurer's Report on Member Assessment Status – *Treasurer Cheryl Grieb*

Commissioner Grieb briefly reviewed the handout showing that five of the six member counties have paid their FY2008-09 assessment in full. Orange County is past due for the current assessment and has an unpaid balance remaining from FY2007-08. A draft letter in response to Orange County's request for a revised invoice was also discussed.

IV. Chairman's Report– *Commissioner Malcolm McLouth*

Nomination / Election of Executive Committee Officers. Commissioner McLouth asked for a report from the Nominating Committee charged with making a nomination to fill the open position on the Executive Committee vacated by Mr. Mercer. Mayor John Land reported that the Nominating Committee, comprised of Mr. Al Glover, Vice Mayor Mary Martin, and Mayor Land, met prior to the Council meeting and recommends the nomination of Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide of Seminole County for the position of Member-at-large. A Motion was made to accept the nomination. Commissioner Hayman seconded the Motion and the MOTION to elect Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide to the Executive Committee as Member-At-Large was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Mayor Land then asked that the Council ratify the decision of the Nominating Committee that the current Executive Committee members move up in rank so that Mr. McLouth remains as Chairman, Vice Mayor Martin remains as Vice Chair, Commissioner Cheryl Grieb moves up to serve as Treasurer, and Commissioner Elaine Renick moves up to serve as Secretary. Mayor Land's Motion was seconded by many and THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SRPP Volunteers Solicited. Commissioner McLouth asked for volunteers to serve on the SRPP Task Force and briefly explained the objective of the Task Force in the coming year. Planning Manager George Kinney reviewed the timeline for sounding boards, public meetings and chapter completion dates. There was a discussion of the importance of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and the RPC's continued involvement in promoting the Vision as defined by the 2007 How Shall We Grow regional visioning process. Executive Director Laurien restated his commitment to be available to speak at local government meetings about the regional vision. Commissioners Jack Hayman and Brandon Arrington volunteered to serve on the SRPP Task Force.

V. FRCA Policy Board Update – *Commissioner Malcolm McLouth / Mr. O'Keefe*

Commissioner McLouth reported on the recent meeting of the FRCA Policy Board which included an overview of the Florida economy. Mr. O'Keefe said the overriding message was the need to make smart decisions in dealing with state budget shortfalls. The Feds are looking at shovel-ready programs that can have immediate economic impact and Mr. O'Keefe said the RPC can help counties apply for federal dollars for infrastructure projects.

Additionally, there is a sunset review of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) due March of 2010. In the Review process, the DCA must justify its own existence and depending on the outcome of that Review, the DCA may be restructured or eliminated.

There was a discussion about the future of the DCA and the possibility that additional work could be shifted to RPCs, with or without the funding to accomplish the work.

Commissioner Carey added that changes are needed at DCA in order to implement the How Shall We Grow regional vision. There was additional discussion about DCA and upcoming legislation on the state and federal level.

VI. Executive Director's Report– *Mr. Phil Laurien*

Outreach Program and Contract Update. Mr. Laurien reviewed a handout of the Council's outreach efforts, potential contracts and contracts. He noted that DCA is anticipating a mid-year funding cut, illustrating the need for the Council to be more entrepreneurial. He reviewed the Council's contracts including CFGIS and the Seminole County 17-92 Corridor study. Commissioner Carey complimented staff on the excellent value of the 17-92 Fern Park final product. Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide agreed that the final document was clear and understandable to anyone in the private sector. Mr. Laurien said the City of Cape Canaveral approved a scope of services for a visioning and underutilization study very similar to the Seminole County 17-92 study, and briefly reviewed other pending contract opportunities.

Mr. Laurien reminded Council members of a seminar being hosted by the RPC on January 29, "Reclaiming the Commercial Strip" and "Getting Ready for Commuter Rail." The subject matter ties in with implementing the vision and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Office Lease Update. Lease negotiations are continuing with the owners of two buildings on Douglas Road in Altamonte Springs. Cost estimates for building out the interior of 751 Douglas have been forwarded to the owner, and 861 Douglas Road is still available as a viable backup plan.

Sunrail Update. Mr. Laurien gave a presentation on Central Florida's Commuter Rail Sunrail and the newly approved logo. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2009, with Phase I service (DeLand to Sand Lake Road) by 2011. He also talked about the recent field trip to Charlotte and reviewed the statistics on Charlotte's 11-mile rail including ridership, economic impact, rider profiles, and funding sources. Shelley Lauten added that SunRail is an important part of the region's vision.

Handouts. Handouts regarding Growth Management issues for the 2009 legislative session and Florida Economic Outlook were distributed to Council members.

VII. Announcements /Comments

Commissioner McLouth provided an opportunity for Council members and members of the public to bring up events, issues or other items of interest.

Commissioner Renick distributed copies of Lake County's Green Building Ordinance. She offered that others who are interested in putting together a similar ordinance might consider Lake County's version as a beginning point.

Ms. Nancy Christman reported that the SJRWMD Governing Board adopted a new lawn and landscape irrigation rule at the December 2008 meeting, changing winter watering to one day per week. A letter will be sent to all local governments and utilities directors with a model ordinance that would help local governments to pass ordinances that are consistent with the SJRWMD Rule. She noted that this ordinance does not regulate reclaimed water.

Ms. Cecelia Weaver added that the SFWMD has not adopted a final rule yet, but will likely be following suit. At their upcoming irrigation rule workshop, a Proposed Rule for 2-day-per-week watering year round will be considered.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chairman McLouth once again welcomed the new Council members and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35.