



SWFRPC
MEDIA SUMMARY
February 21, 2008
9:00 A.M.

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of February 21, 2008.

2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2008, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the January 17, 2008, meeting of the SWFRPC will be considered.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (IC&R)

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will finalize administrative and intergovernmental actions submitted under the IC&R process.

B. Financial Statements (January 2008)

Financial statements of January 2008 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval.

C. Palmer Ranch Increment III (Lowes Home Improvement) - Noticed of Proposed Change (NOPC)

Palmer Ranch Master Development was approved by the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners, December 18, 1984. The NOPC request is for increment III of the master development. To date, a total of eighteen (18) increments have been approved by Sarasota County. In September 2007, Regional staff received an application for a Notice of Proposed Change. The proposed change is for Parcel Q-1 which contains 20 acres. It is to be included in the Village II Activity Center proposal. The parcel is located

at the intersection of Central Sarasota Parkway and U.S. 41. Additionally, the applicant is requesting a three year extension of the project.

Regional staff has noted development order languages and discrepancies for consideration prior to adoption of the development order. The following are recommended for approval.

- ▶ Revision of Map H-2
- ▶ Update of the project's Annual Monitoring Report
- ▶ Codification of the project's development order

Further, staff recommends that Sarasota County provide copies of any development approvals and related materials to the SWFRPC for review to ensure consistency with the recommended NOPC.

D. Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Sarasota County *Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

E. City of Fort Myers Comprehensive Plan Amendment

A proposed amendment to the City of Fort Myers *Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

F. Tradeport Development of Regional Impact – Request for Sufficiency Response Extension

The applicant for the Tradeport Development of Regional Impact project has requested a 165 days extension of the project. The applicant stated the extension is necessary to work out transportation related issues peculiar to State Road 29. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension request.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Executive Committee Report – Chairman Andrea Messina

Chairman Andrea Messina will provide a digest of the recommendations prepared by the Executive Committee of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

B. 2008 Strategic Plan (Connecting the Regions) - Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will elaborate on the program objectives, timelines, and the tasks associated with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's proposed Strategic Business Plan.

C. Florida Regional Council Association Policy Board Meeting Update – Mayor Jim Humphrey, FRCA 2nd Vice President

Mayor Jim Humphrey is slated to attend the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting, February 15, 2008. He will share the pertinent issues communicated during those proceedings, February 21, 2008.

D. Appointment of a SWFRPC Representative to the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) Policy Committee – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Regional staff will request the appointment of a new representative to fill a vacancy on the CHNEP's Policy Committee.

6. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. The Chamber of Southwest Florida and the Southwest Florida Leadership Foundation will afford presentations by the following individuals.

- Mr. David Borden, Baron Collier Companies & Chairman of the Chamber of Southwest Florida
- Mr. Grover Whiden, FPL & Chairman of the Southwest Florida Leadership Foundation
- Mr. Steve Tirey, President/CEO, Chamber of Southwest Florida

B. Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee Report (LWCWS) – Mayor Mick Denham

Mayor Mick Denham will provide a digest of the activities and accomplishments of Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee. Also, there are efforts to increase attendance and input during the formal meetings of the subcommittee.

C. Legislative Subcommittee Report – Commissioner Jim Coletta

The Legislative Subcommittee of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recently met and charted a course of actions concerning legislative priorities the Council should tackle in 2008. The SWFRPC will consider the recommendations provided by the Committee. Also, Regional Director Dick Keen of Senator Mel Martinez's office has been invited to speak before the body.

D. Legislative Update – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will entertain questions and concerns regarding the legislative update which was included in the agenda package. Moreover, this agenda item affords an open dialogue concerning important legislative issues and priorities in the state.

E. Other Emerging Regional Issues

This agenda item provides an avenue for other emerging regional issues to be explored and debated by the SWFRPC. Topics to be addressed are:

- Introduction of the SWFRPC Green Team
- Green Infrastructure
- Energy & Climate Change – Governor’s Action
- APA Advocate Newsletter

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. SFWMD Northern Everglades Project Presentation – Ms. Agnes Ramsey, SFWMD

Ms. Agnes Ramsey of the South Florida Water Management District will update the body regarding the goals and accomplishments surrounding the Florida Everglades Improvement Project.

B. SWFRPC Resolution #2008-01 Regarding Land Procurement in Glades County by the SWFWMD and the US Corps of Engineers – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council’s Resolution 2008-01 supports an effort by Glades County which calls for just and fair compensation in lieu of tax receipts involving procurement of future county lands. This initiative is being supported to alleviate financial hardship on local governments when lands are acquired by Federal and State governments for environmental and conservation purposes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- This agenda item affords an opportunity for members of the public to openly discuss and bring issues to the attention of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the SWFRPC. Prior registration and approval by the SWFRPC to speak before the assembly are required.

9. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

- Executive Director Ken Heatherington of the SWFRPC will provide a digest of the following:
 - Council’s Calendar of Meetings and Events
 - Other pertinent agendas

10. STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Transportation
- South Florida Water Management District
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Southwest Florida's Economic Development Programs
- Southwest Florida School Boards
- Southwest Florida Stewardship Alliance

11. COUNSEL'S COMMENTS

- Counsel of the SWFRPC is afforded time to advise the body of pertinent legal issues confronting the jurisdiction.

12. COUNCIL'S MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Officials of the SWFRPC are allowed a brief opportunity to share information regarding unique activities in their respective communities, or projects for future consideration.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- Adjournment signals the close of all proceedings of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.