



SWFRPC
MEDIA SUMMARY
March 20, 2008
9:00 A.M.

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of March 20, 2008.

2. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2008, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the February 21, 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 (February 2008)

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

C. SunTrust Bank Development of Regional Impact (DRI) – Development Order Review

The SunTrust Bank Development of Regional Impact project is located in unincorporated south central Lee County at the northeast entrance to Gulf Coast Town Center. Normally, a 4,500 square foot bank property would not be reviewed, however, because of a Lee County Comprehensive Plan Requirement associated with the approval of Florida Gulf Coast University; all properties within the University Village are required to undergo a formal DRI review application process.

On February 18, 2008, the Lee County Board of Commissioners approved the SunTrust Bank DRI project. A copy of the development order was rendered to the SWFRPC, March 10, 2008. Staff review of the attached development order finds that it is consistent with all regional issues and recommendations identified within the Council's official recommendations.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Government Owned Conservation Lands Update – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will supply information regarding the percentage of conservation lands in the region. The information was obtained from the Florida Statistical Abstract and it notes conservation areas in total acres and square miles.

B. Visioning Update - Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will elaborate on the upcoming visioning process and seminar.

C. 2007 SWFRPC Annual Report – Mr. Ken Heatherington

Planning, Protecting and Improving for Future Generation are the words inscribed on the front cover of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's 2007 Annual Report. The twenty (20) page document highlights the major accomplishments of the agency and also offers a tribute in memory of former Executive Director David Y. Burr of the SWFRPC who passed suddenly in September 2007.

6. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Impact of Agriculture on Southwest Florida – Dr. Fritz Roka, IFAS

Dr. Fritz Roka of the University of Florida will impart information regarding the impact of agricultural activities on the region.

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

Mayor Mick Denham will provide a digest of the activities and accomplishments of the Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee. Furthermore, an organizational chart is provided for the benefit of members, agencies, and the public.

C. Legislative Subcommittee Report – Commissioner Jim Coletta

Commissioner Jim Coletta will discuss the pertinent legislative issues confronting the region and the state. Additionally, the following individuals are to speak briefly before the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

- Former Representative J. Dudley Goodlette
- Chairman Bill Barton, SWF Expressway Authority

D. Legislative Update – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will entertain questions and concerns regarding affordable housing and other legislative updates which are 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.

6. 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.

7. 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

8. 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

9. COUNSEL'S COMMENTS

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

10. 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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