



SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL

MEDIA SUMMARY

MARCH 19, 2009

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of March 19, 2009

2. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2009, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the February 19, 2009, meeting of the SWFRPC will be considered.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will finalize administrative and intergovernmental applications submitted under the Florida Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process.

B. Financial Statements (February 28, 2009)

Financial statements of February 2009 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval.

C. City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

D. Florida Gulf Coast Technology & Research Park Development of Regional Impact

The applicant for the Florida Gulf Coast Technology and Research Park Development of Regional Impact project is seeking a ninety (90) day extension to its deadline for responding to the Application for Development Approval's sufficiency questions. The new proposed deadline for sufficiency responses would be June 29, 2009. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee - Implementation Status, Mayor Mick Denham

Mayor Mick Denham will facilitate discussion surrounding the plan implementation initiatives of the Lower West Coast Watershed Subcommittee.

5. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Climate Prosperity Kick-off Meeting in San Jose, CA Report – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will update the body of the Southwest Florida's participation in the National Climate Prosperity Workshop recently held in San Jose, California. Climate Prosperity is viewed as an opportunity to develop innovative industry, create new jobs and expand the economy while at the same time enhance the environment.

B. Growth Management & Related Bills – 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.

C. Smart Growth America Washington & FY09 Omnibus Spending Package Update – Chairman Jim Humphrey

Mayor Humphrey will elaborate on the recent FY2009 Funding Appropriation passed Congress.

D. Renewable Energy Dividends (REDs) – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will expand on the use of renewable energy as a tool to create jobs, wealth and benefit the environment.

E. Cap & Trade Transportation Proposal – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

U.S. Congress is now proposing the Cap and Trade System as a mechanism to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Executive Director Ken Heatherington will shed insight regarding the program objectives of the Cap and Trade System.

F. 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 pertinent issues facing the region and state.

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.