



SWFRPC
MEDIA SUMMARY
April 17, 2008
9:00 A.M.

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of April 17, 2008.

2. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2008, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the March 20, 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 (March 2008)

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

C. City of Marco Island Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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

D. Harborview Development of Regional Impact Twenty-eight (28) day Sufficiency Response Extension Request

The applicant for the Harborview Development of Regional Impact project has requested a twenty-eight (28) 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 May 16, 2008. Regional staff has recommended approval of the extension.

E. City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan Amendment

A proposed amendment 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*.

F. City of Cape Coral Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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

G. Toll-Rattlesnake DRI 90 Day Sufficiency Response Request

The applicant for the Toll-Rattlesnake Development of Regional Impact project has requested 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 July 31, 2008. Regional staff has recommended approval of the extension.

4. THE LOOP DRI – STAFF ASSESSMENT – Mr. Dan Trescott

The Loop Development of Regional Impact (DRI) project is situated in southern Charlotte County contiguous to the City of Punta Gorda at U.S. 41 and Jones Loop Road. The development is intended to be a mixed use containing 1,200,000 square feet of retail service, 100,000 square feet of office, 500 multi-family residential units, and a 200 room hotel. Also proposed is 57 acres of open space. The project is to be constructed in five years with project buildout in 2013. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recommends Conditional Approval of the project to be furthered conditioned on a finding of Consistency with the Local Government Comprehensive Plan by the Charlotte Board of County Commissioners.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Memorandum of Understanding between the Regional Planning Councils regarding a provision for technical assistance.

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will promote a memorandum of understanding between Florida's Regional Planning Councils to delineate responsibilities and foster cooperation among the eleven (11) agencies.

B. SWFRPC Annual Audit for FY07 – Mr. Jeff Tuscan & Company, PA

Mr. Jeffrey Tuscan & Company will present the results of the recent audit of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The Fiscal Year 2006/2007 audit of accounts concluded that there were no materials weaknesses. The SWFRPC will review and consider the conclusions provided in the independent audit report.

C. SWFRPC Annual Budget – Mrs. Janice Yell

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider a draft budget for the upcoming 2008/2009 Fiscal Year.

6. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Connecting with Nature Presentation (9:45 am)

Presenters for the Connecting with Nature Presentation are noted below:

- Dr. Bill Hammond, FGCU
- Mr. Jim McLaughlin, WGCU TV

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. Also, there will be a Potable Water Supply presentation by Ms. Catherine Corbett of the Charlotte Harbor Natural Estuary Program.

C. Legislative Subcommittee Report – Commissioner Jim Coletta

Commissioner Jim Coletta will discuss the pertinent legislative issues confronting the region and the state.

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.