



SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL (SWFRPC)

MEDIA SUMMARY

March 17, 2011

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of March 17, 2011.

2. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2011, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the February 17, 2011, meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will be considered for approval and adoption.

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. SWFRPC's Financial Statements (February 2011) & Grant Activity Sheets

Financial statements of February 2011 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval. Additionally, the Council's grant activity status update is provided in the agenda package.

C. Collier County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DCA 11-ER3)

A proposed amendment to the *Collier County Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

D. Collier County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DCA 11D-1)

This agenda item has been withdrawn and is slated to be deliberated April 2011.

E. Fountains DRI Sufficiency Response Extension Request

The applicant for the Fountains Development of Regional Impact project is seeking a 153-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 September 15, 2011. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension.

F. SWFRPC 2011 Committee Appointments

During the official meeting of February 17, 2011, the SWFRPC affirmed the following committees:

- Budget & Finance Committee
- Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management Committee
- Executive Committee
- Legislative Affairs Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Regional Watersheds Committee (formerly the Lower West Coast Watersheds Implementation Committee)

Several Council officials have expressed interested in serving on the Legislative Affairs and Regional Watersheds Committees. The SWFRPC will consider the noted appointments.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. SWFRPC SRPP Update (LaBelle SRPP EAR Meeting) – Staff Planner David Crawford, SWFRPC

Efforts are currently underway to conduct a formal Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the SWFRPC's Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) in accordance with Subsection 27E-5.008 of the Florida Administrative Code and as required by the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

On March 31, 2011, the SWFRPC held its second Strategic Regional Policy Plan public workshop in LaBelle, Florida. The next public event is slated, March 29, 2011, 6:00-8:00 pm., at the Estero Community Center in Lee County. A comprehensive progress report will be provided during the meeting.

B. SWFRPC Committee Reports

(1). Budget & Finance Committee – Commissioner Carolyn Mason

A verbal report will be provided by Commissioner Carolyn Mason concerning the activities of the Budget & Finance Committee.

(2). Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management Committee – Councilman Tom Babcock and Staff Planner Jim Beever, SWFRPC

Councilman Tom Babcock and Mr. Jim Beever will facilitate the discussion surrounding the plan implementation initiatives of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management Committee.

(3). Legislative Affairs Committee – Commissioner Karson Turner

Commissioner Karson Turner will convey the proceedings of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

(4). Regional Watersheds Committee – Councilman Mick Denham

Councilman Mick Denham will guide the discussion, and present a letter crafted by the Regional Watersheds Committee opposing House Bill 457 and Senate Bill 606. The aforementioned bills would provide for a State fertilizer preemption rule which would eliminate local fertilizer ordinances and replace them with a weaker standard State fertilizer rule.

5. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Community Collaborative Initiative Issue – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will disclose a quality of life survey for the SWFRPC's review and consideration.

B. Health Planning, Land Use and the Fit-Friendly Southwest Florida Initiative – Dr. Judith Hartner, Lee County Health Department

Dr. Judith Hartner of the Lee County Health Department will provide an overview of the Fit-Friendly Southwest Florida health initiative. Fit-Friendly is a national initiative which promotes physical activity and healthy food choices.

C. Legislative Summary Report – Planning Director Dave Hutchinson, SWFRPC

Planning Director Dave Hutchinson will elaborate on some of the key legislative agendas confronting the SWFRPC and the region.

6. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Executive Director Ken Heatherington of the SWFRPC will provide a digest of pertinent issues facing the region and state.

7. 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 School Boards
- Southwest Florida’s Economic Development Programs

8. COUNSEL’S COMMENTS

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

9. 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment signals the close of all proceedings of the official monthly meeting.