



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

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

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

2. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2008, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the June 19, 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 (June & July 2008)

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

C. Hendry County Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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

D. City of Naples Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *City of Naples Government 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 North Port Comprehensive Plan Amendment

A proposed amendment to the *City of North Port Government 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 Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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

G. Alico Interchange Park Development of Regional Impact – Preapplication Questionnaire Checklist

On June 12, 2008, a preapplication meeting was held for the proposed Substantial Deviation to the existing Alico Interchange Park Development of Regional Impact project. The 345-acre mixed use project is located within unincorporated Lee County at the southwest quadrant of the intersection of I-75 and Alico Road.

The original Alico Interchange Park DRI was approved by Lee County, November 10, 1986. Currently, the applicant is to construct 1,446,000 square feet of office/retail, provided the retail footage does not exceed a maximum of 1,120,000 square feet. Additionally, the project is to include 400 hotel rooms and 800 residential units. Based on a review of the submitted preapplication information, all parties agreed to require the applicant to answer all applicable regional and local information requirements. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider the questionnaire checklist.

H. Gulf Coast Town Center Development of Regional Impact – Noticed of Proposed Change

The Gulf Coast Town Center Development of Regional Impact project was originally approved by the Lee County Board of Commissioners, November 1, 2000. There has been one previous amendment to the project's development order. On May 27, 2008, a Notice of Proposed Change Application was submitted to the SWFRPC seeking to change the time frame for submittal of monitoring reports from annually to biennially.

Regional staff notes that the proposed change does not constitute a

substantial deviation. As such, the request is to notify Lee County, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and the applicant that the proposed change will not create additional regional impacts. Further, staff recommends that Lee County provide copies of any development approvals and related materials to the SWFRPC for review to ensure consistency with the recommended NOPC change.

I. South LaBelle Village Development of Regional Impact – Development Order Review

An extension of the South LaBelle Development Order review is requested. The applicant has agreed to extend the 45-day review period until September 24, 2008.

J. SWFRPC/DCA Annual Contract

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider the annual 2008/2009 Fiscal Year budget proposed by the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Regional staff recommends review and approval of the contract.

K. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Training Contract Modification Agreement

The agenda item is intended to facilitate an execution of a formal HMEP contract modification between the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Florida Division Emergency Management to provide additional hazardous materials training to emergency responders of the region beyond the scope of the original 2007/2008 HMEP contract.

L. SWFRPC/DEM Annual Hazardous Materials Contractual Agreement

An agreement between the SWFRPC and the Florida Division of Emergency Management allows the SWFRPC to administer the Emergency Planning & Community Right-To-Know Act Title III grant. The grant is intended to fund the activities associated with the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee which is under the SWFRPC. Regional staff recommends review and approval of the contract.

M. Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program – National Estuaries Day Proclamation Request

A proclamation will be considered which designate September 27, 2008, as “National Estuary Day” and urges the public to recognize the importance of this vital resource. Moreover, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program will celebrate “National Estuaries Days” with its program partners by offering wading trips, guided walks, paddling events, boat tours, marine exhibits and much more during the months of September and November 2008.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee Report – Mayor Mick Denham

Mayor Mick Denham will provide a digest of the activities and accomplishments of the Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee. Also, Resolution 2008-11 will be presented for the Council's consideration.

B. SWFRPC 2008 Annual Retreat Overview – Planning Director Dave Hutchinson, SWFRPC

Planning Director Dave Hutchinson will elaborate on the activities and agendas surrounding the 2008 annual SWFRPC retreat.

C. Sustainable Solutions: A Multi-Regional Approach – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

A multi-regional Sustainable Solutions Workshop is slated to be conducted, October 16, 2008, at 10670 Boardwalk Loop (Lakewood Ranch), Manatee, Florida. The workshop is being held to afford stakeholder an opportunity to craft a vision governing growth and economic prosperity for the Tampa Bay, Central Florida, and Southwest Florida areas. All Regional Planning Councils of the aforementioned areas are host agencies. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Nichole Gwinnett of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council at (239) 338-2550, Ext. 232, or ngwinnett@swfrpc.org.

D. SWFRPC Fixed Assets Removal – Ms. Jennifer Pellechio, SWFRPC

Network Administrator Jennifer Pellechio has compiled a list of obsolete Council equipment for disposal. The SWFRPC will review the list and decide whether disposal is warranted or provide other directives for disposal of the surplus equipment.

E. DRI Workshop Report – Mr. Dan Trescott, SWFRPC (Introduction of Ms. Suzanne Lex, Florida Department of Community Affairs)

Planning Manager Dan Trescott will provide a digest of the activities surrounding the Southwest Florida Development of Regional Impact Workshop. The workshop is being conducted to educate those individuals currently involved, or seeking information regarding the DRI process. Moreover, the workshop is directed at planners, lawyers, developers, and government officials. It is slated to be held August 20, 2008, in Fort Myers.

5. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Sarasota County Solar Array Presentation – Ms Amy Meese, General Manager of Natural Resources

General Manager Amy Meese of Sarasota County Natural Resources Division will be giving a presentation regarding Sarasota County's Community Sustainability Program. Sarasota County has incorporated a comprehensive Community Sustainability Program which integrates environmental, societal, and economic initiatives; fundamentally shifting the role that government plays in building a sustainable community.

B. Resolutions of Appreciation – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council appreciates the work and support of all members of the legislative delegation representing the region. The Florida Regional Council Association (FRCA) specifically identified the following Representatives as having made significant efforts to preserve funding for regional planning councils during the legislative session.

- Representative Gary Aubuchon
- Representative Keith Fitzgerald
- Representative Doug Holder
- Representative Denise Grimsley
- Representative Michael Grant

C. US Sugar Buyout Discussion & Resolution – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

On June 24, 2008, a deal was announced by the Governor's Office to acquire all assets of the U.S. Sugar Corporation by the State of Florida. Property would be purchased by the South Florida Water Management District, and it would include over 187,000 acres (292 square miles) of land. The purchase would also include a sugar refinery, juice plant, railroad and associated machinery, buildings, and fixtures. The total purchase is valued at \$1.75 billion (minus the financing carryings costs) and is subject to further independent appraisal and review prior to closing. The SWFRPC will consider Resolution 2008-10 regarding the procurement of assets of the United States Sugar Corporation.

D. Other Emerging Regional Issues & Lake Belt Area Mining Update – Attorney Liz Donley, SWFRPC

This agenda item provides an avenue for other emerging regional issues to be explored and debated by the SWFRPC. Also, an update is to be provided regarding the Lake Belt Area latest findings. Information pertaining to "Shrinking the Carbon Footprint of Metropolitan America" was included in the previous agenda package as an informational item.

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.