



SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL (SWFRPC)

MEDIA SUMMARY **September 16, 2010**

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of September 16, 2010.

2. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2010, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the June 17, 2010, meeting of the SWFRPC will be reviewed and considered for approval.

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 Statement (June, July, and August 2010)

Financial statements of June, July and August will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval. Additionally, the Council's grant activity status update is provided.

C. End of Year Budget Amendments

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider a budget amendment adjustment to its current program revenues.

D. Third Quarter Executive Summary

This agenda item provides an overview of the revenues and expenditures and highlights the wide range of services associated with grants, contracts and/or interagency agreements which the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council executed during the course of the aforementioned quarter.

E. Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Fixed Assets Removal

Regional staff is seeking approval to dispose of dated electronic equipment purchased as far back as 1998. Nearly all of the equipment has limited life and no existing warranties. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will grant or deny permission to discard the noted items.

E. Del Prado North Commerce Park Development of Regional Impact (DRI) – Project Abandonment

Cape Coral City Council originally approved the Del Prado North Development of Regional Impact project, September 24, 1990. The original project description included industrial, commercial retail and office land uses. An application for abandonment was submitted to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Florida Department of Community Affairs, June 2010. Regional staff recommends acceptance of the application for abandonment and has provided a finding that the development is eligible for abandonment. Further, staff recommends notification to the City of Cape Coral, the Florida Department of Community Affairs and the applicant that the project is eligible for abandonment and that a minor modification noted within the adopted ordinance which states that “any proposed development occurring after DRI abandonment shall be required to preserve and/or protect onsite archaeological and environmental resources in accordance with all state and local regulations including Ordinance 64-10 as amended.”

F. Indian Oaks Trade Centre Development of Regional Impact (DRI) - Project Abandonment

The Cape Coral City Council originally approved the Indian Oaks Trade Centre Development of Regional Impact project, March 18, 1991. The original project description included industrial, commercial retail and office land uses. An application for abandonment was submitted to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Florida Department of Community Affairs, June 2010. Regional staff recommends acceptance of the application for abandonment and has provided a finding that the development is eligible for abandonment. Further, staff recommends notification to the City of Cape Coral, the Florida Department of Community Affairs and the applicant that the project is eligible for abandonment and that a minor modification noted within the adopted ordinance which states that “any proposed development occurring after DRI abandonment shall be required to preserve and/or protect onsite

archaeological and environmental resources in accordance with all state and local regulations including Ordinance 63-10 as amended.”

G. The Fountains Development of Regional Impact (DRI) – Sufficiency Response Extension Request

The applicant for the Fountains Development of Regional Impact project is seeking an eighty (80) 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 December 15, 2010. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider the formal request.

I. Timberland & Tiburon Development of Regional Impact (DRI) – Noticed of Proposed Change (NOPC)

The Timberland and Tiburon Development of Regional Impact application was originally approved by Lee County, November 15, 1985. The project is located in the northeast quadrant of I-75/Corkscrew Road Interchange in Lee County. There have been eight (8) previous changes to the project’s development order. A Noticed of Proposed Changed Application was submitted to the SWFRPC, February 25, 2010. There are numerous changes being proposed to the project.

Regional staff has concluded that the proposed changes will not create additional regional impacts on regional resources. However, Regional staff has presented recommended modification language in its recommendations. Further, the request is to notify Lee County, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and the applicant regarding the regional findings and that approval of the proposed change should be contingent upon the applicant’s addressing the noted concerns. 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.

J. Lee County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *Lee County Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

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M. Collier County Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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N. Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

O. Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

P. City of Naples Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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

Q. CEDS Annual Update

Federal Economic Development Districts are required to submit a report detailing the activities and successful undertakings during the course of a year. Approval of the report by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will allow Regional staff to transmit the document to the Federal Economic Development Administration.

R. Glades and Hendry Joint Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged Membership Appointment and Certification

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will contemplate appointments and certification of nominees to serve on the Local Coordinating Board of the Glades and Hendry Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

4. DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT – STAFF ASSESSMENTS

A. Florida Gulf Coast Technology & Research Park DRI – Staff Planner Dan Trescott, SWFRPC

The Florida Gulf Coast Technology and Research Park Development of Regional Impact site is located south of the Southwest Florida International Airport, east of Treeline Avenue, and north of Alico Road in Lee County. The proposed 727 acre project calls for mixed-use development which is to include industrial, office, commercial retail, and a 240-room hotel. The project is to be constructed in two five-year phases with buildout in 2022. Regional staff recommends conditional approval of the Florida Gulf Coast Technology and Research Park Development of Regional Impact project to be further conditioned on a finding of consistency with the local government comprehensive plan by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners.

B. Jetport/Interstate Commerce Park DRI – Staff Planner Dan Trescott, SWFRPC

The Jetport Interstate Commerce Development of Regional Impact site is located west and adjacent to Treeline Avenue, east and adjacent to I-75 and south Daniel's Road of Lee County. The existing DRI approved in 1987 is a mixed use development of approximately 158 acres. Regional staff recommends conditional approval of the Jetport/Interstate Commerce Park Development of Regional Impact project to be further conditioned on a finding of consistency with the local government comprehensive plan by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners.

5. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. HUD Sustainability Communities Planning Grant Proposal – Staff Counsel Liz Donley, SWFRPC

Staff Counsel Liz Donley will expound on the HUD Sustainability Communities Planning Grant which was submitted to the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department, August 23, 2010.

B. PACE Resolution – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

SWFRPC Resolution 2010-05 urges the Florida congressional delegation to support legislation to allow local governments the right to assess special taxes for clean energy programs to restore the concept of the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. The PACE program was once a promising tool available to local governments eager to bring new jobs, energy savings and environmental benefits to their residents.

C. Local Governments' Regional Administrator Meeting Update – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

Officials from sixteen (16) local governments of Southwest Florida attended a Regional Administrators Workshop, July 15, 2010, at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. Topics of interest included the economy, budget reductions, grants, sustainability, and economic development. Other issues ranged from local community and government disconnect to the need for planning as a discipline to shift gears and focus on economic development.

D. Legislative Update - Planning Director David Hutchinson, SWFRPC

This agenda item is to provide the SWFRPC with an update regarding the growth management related legislation of the Florida Legislature.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. City of Fort Myers Letter of Support – EPA Climate Showcase Grant, Planning Director Dave Hutchinson, SWFRPC

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council has prepared a letter supporting the City of Fort Myers which is seeking an EPA Climate Showcase Grant. Planning Director Dave Hutchinson will elaborate on the proposal.

B. Lee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Staff Service Agreement – Staff Counsel Liz Donley, SWFRPC

Currently the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are reviewing a draft Service Agreement pursuant to the activities and clerical structure of the Lee County MPO. Regional staff is waiting to hear from the MPO Board and officials of the Florida Department of Transportation regarding the formal agreement.

E. SWFRPC/DCA FY 2010/11 Annual Contract – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider the annual 2010/2011 Fiscal Year budget contract proposed by the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Regional staff recommends review and approval of the contract.

7. 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.

8. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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

9. 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

10. COUNSEL'S COMMENTS

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

11. 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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