



SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL

MEDIA SUMMARY

October 15, 2009

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of October 15, 2009

2. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2009, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the September 17, 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 (September 2009)

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

C. EDA Feasibility Report Press Release

A news release dated September 23, 2009, notes "Florida Gulf Coast University and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council releases the Southwest Florida Regional Business Incubator Network Study". The two hundred and twenty (220) page document provides key recommendations surrounding the region's economic development survival and livelihood. The document is available at www.swfrpc.org or www.fgcu.edu/cob/cobreri. For additional information, please contact Gary Jackson at (239) 590-7319.

D. Toll-Rattlesnake Development of Regional Impact - Request for Extension

The applicant for the Toll-Rattlesnake 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 January 20, 2010. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension.

E. The Fountains Development of Regional Impact – Request for Extension

The applicant for the Fountains Development of Regional Impact project is seeking a forty-five (45) 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 3, 2009. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension.

F. Villages of Lakewood Ranch Development of Regional Impact – Request for Extension

The applicant for the Villages of Lakewood Ranch Development of Regional Impact project is seeking a forty-five (45) 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 January 9, 2010. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension.

G. City of North Port Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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

H. Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan Amendment

A proposed amendment 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*.

4. ALICO INTERCHANGE PARK DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION - STAFF ASSESSMENT

Alico Interchange Park Development of Regional Impact project was originally approved in 1986 for retail, office, hotel, and commercial development. The project originally encompassed 345-acres of land located on the southwest quadrant of Alico Road and I-75. The project's development has been amended four times. The proposed development order amendment would increase the total square footage of office uses from 750,000 to 1,200,000 square feet (an increase of 450,000 square feet). Commercial retail development would still be

limited to a maximum of 696,000 square feet. Hotel rooms and residential entitlements would remain unchanged. The project as proposed will increase in vertical extension. Regional staff recommends conditional approval of the Alico Interchange Park Development of Regional Impact project to be further conditioned on a finding of consistency with the local government comprehensive plan by the Lee Board of County Commissioners.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. 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.

B. Community Planning Month Proclamation – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

October 2009 has been designated “Community Planning Month” by the Florida Regional Planning Councils and other planning entities across America and its territories. Executive Director Ken Heatherington will appeal to the body to adopt an instrument which endorses the initiative.

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 TO THE 'STATE OF THE REGION ADDRESS", HIBISCUS HALL C (Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center)

Adjournment signals the close of all proceedings of the official monthly meeting. The "State of the Region" Convention will immediately follow the Council meeting.