



SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL (SWFRPC)

MEDIA SUMMARY

October 20, 2011

1. INVOCATION

An invocation by an official of the SWFRPC will signal the start of the meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America will be conducted.

3. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Nichole Gwinnett will call the official roll of the SWFRPC to determine the presence of a quorum.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This agenda item affords an opportunity for members of the public to openly discuss and bring issues to the attention of the SWFRPC. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the SWFRPC. Prior registration and approval by the SWFRPC to speak before the assembly is requested.

5. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider amendments to the agenda of October 20, 2011 at this time and/or a motion for approval.

6. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the aforementioned meeting of the SWFRPC will be considered for approval and adoption.

7. 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 (September 2011)

Financial statement of September 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. 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*.

D. Broadband Planning Project Quarterly Report

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) has entered into a collaborative agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The agreement provides funding for a two-year Florida Broadband Planning Project. Funding to the SWFRPC is \$308,800 and there is a matching fund obligation. The project will terminate June 30, 2013. The SWFRPC is tasked with developing a toolkit and training manual to promote broadband exploration in the State.

E. Southwest Florida Hazardous Materials/Emergency Preparedness Training Update

Two courses were sponsored and coordinated by the SWFRPC and its hazardous materials committee (Southwest Florida LEPC) during the month of September 2011. A total of 56 individuals received certificates for the training conducted. At present, the Southwest Florida LEPC has three courses slated for delivery November 2011 and January 2012.

F. Babcock Ranch Master Development Order – Notice of Proposed Change

The Charlotte County Board of Commissioners approved the Master Development Order (MDO) for the Babcock Ranch Development of Regional Impact project, December 13, 2007. The Florida Department of Community Affairs filed an appeal, January 28, 2008. On June 17, 2008, Charlotte County adopted Resolution 2008-063 which incorporated settlement language in the project's development order. The proposed development order change is to address the following:

- Revise the office entitlement from 2,064,175 to 3,500,000 square feet and retail entitlement from 2,925,943 to 1,400,000 square feet.
- Revise Exhibit “F” to reflect the results of the required Master Traffic Study Update.
- Extend the build-out date to July 5, 2036
- Implement application conformity as a result of the recently adopted 2035 MPO/County Long Range Transportation Plan updates.

Regional staff has identified traffic as a multi-jurisdictional issue creating impacts which must continue to be reviewed by Charlotte and Lee Counties, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and the SWFRPC. As such, the recommendation is to notify Charlotte County, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and the applicant regarding the regional findings and that the proposed changes do not create a reasonable likelihood of additional regional impacts on regional resources or facilities not previously reviewed by the SWFRPC. Further, staff recommends that Charlotte County provide a copy of the codified development order amendment that includes the new build-out date, revised Exhibit “F” and related materials to the SWFRPC for review to ensure consistency with the recommended NOPC change. Further, staff recommends that the information be submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the SWFRPC at the same time.

G. Sarasota County Comp Plan Amendment

A proposed amendment 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*.

H. Amended SRPP EAR with DCA Corrections

A draft Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) was forwarded to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Division of Community Planning, July 22, 2011. Regional staff received verbal comments from the DEO, August 1, 2011. Those updates were incorporated in a revised document. As such, Regional staff is requesting that the SWFRPC adopt the updated SRPP for transmission to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Division of Community Planning for its final review

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Six Pillars Regional Planning Presentation – Dr. Dale Brill, President of the Chamber of Commerce Foundation

B. SWFRPC Committee Reports

(1). Regional Visioning Committee – Ms. Laura Holquist

Ms. Laura Holquist will lead in a discussion surrounding regional visioning and future directions of the SWFRPC.

(2). Executive Director Search Committee – Mr. Michael Grant

Mr. Michael Grant will provide an update regarding the search for an Executive Director of the SWFRPC.

(3). Executive Committee – Chairman Karson Turner

Chairman Karson Turner will share pertinent information regarding directives of the Executive Committee. Other executive directors and officials of the Florida Regional Councils Association will likely address the body.

(4). Budget & Finance Committee – Vice Chair Teresa Heitmann

A verbal report will be provided by Vice Chair Teresa Heitmann concerning the activities of the Budget & Finance Committee.

(5). Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management Committee – Commissioner Brian Bigelow

Commissioner Brian Bigelow will facilitate discussion surrounding the plan implementation initiatives of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management Committee.

(6). Regional Watersheds Committee – Vice Mayor Mick Denham

Vice Mayor Mick Denham will guide the discussion concerning the activities of the Regional Watersheds Committee and provide an update regarding efforts to improve stormwater treatment for new, rebuilding, and retrofitting stormwater systems.

9. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

This agenda items allows staff of the SWFRPC to provide a digest of pertinent issues facing the region and state.

10. 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

11. COUNSEL’S COMMENTS

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

12. 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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