



SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL (SWFRPC)

MEDIA SUMMARY

November 18, 2010

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of November 18, 2010.

2. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2010, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the October 21, 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 (October 31, 2010)

Financial statements of October 2010 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. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning and Training Grant Contract

A proposed contract between the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Florida Division of Emergency Management will be considered. The contract is for funds to administer the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning and Training Grants which

are passed through to the State from the Federal Department of Transportation. Specifically, the grant provides funding to the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee to coordinate and provide free hazardous materials and safety training to first responders and public officials of the region. Regional staff seeks authority to implement the HMEP grants, and is requesting the execution of the contractual agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

E. Review of Revised Glades/Hendry Joint Local Coordinating Board Bylaws

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's will review and approve changes to Glades/Hendry Joint Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Bylaws.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Harborview Development of Regional Impact Development Order – Staff Planner Dan Trescott, SWFRPC

On September 21, 2010, the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners approved the Harborview Development Order. A copy of the development order was rendered to the SWFRPC, September 23, 2010. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recommended conditional approval of the Harborview Application for Development Approval, May 20, 2010. The approval was subject to regional conditions relating to affordable housing, energy, solid/hazardous waste, vegetation, wildlife, wetlands, marina operation, floodplains, storm water management, water supply, wastewater management, transportation, hurricane preparedness, historical and archaeological sites and consistency with the local county's comprehensive plan and the strategic regional policy plan. Staff review of the approved development order finds that it is not consistent with all regional issues and recommendations identified within the Council's official recommendations. As such, the recommendation is that the Florida Department of Community Affairs appeal the developed order as rendered and require Charlotte County to include SWFRPC's noted conditions.

B. Lower West Coast Watersheds Implementation Committee Report – Staff Planners David Crawford and Jim Beaver

Regional staff will facilitate discussions surrounding the plan implementation initiatives of the Lower West Coast Watershed Subcommittee. Discussions will speak to the 2010 Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Model Fertilizer Ordinance, and efforts to direct Florida's Regional Planning Councils and local governments to adopt fertilizer ordinances.

C. Nominating Committee Report – Commissioner Jim Coletta, Collier County BOCC

This agenda item concerns the selection of a nomination committee pursuant to rules of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for the purpose of nominating officers of the SWFRPC for the new calendar year.

D. SWFRPC’s Budget Committee Report – Ms. Laura Holquist, Council Member

Ms. Laura Holquist will guide the discussion regarding the budgets of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

5. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Hendry County’s Economic Strategy and Land Use Plan – Commissioner Tristan Chapman, Hendry County BOCC; Mr. Roger Harrison, Hendry County EDC Director; Ms. Judi Kennington-Korf, Hendry County Manager; and Mr. Fritz Roka, IFAS

Officials from Hendry County will discuss business opportunities, economic development and the viability of doing business in Hendry County. The presentation will also focus on planning approaches to maintain the county’s unique rural character and quality of life.

B. Sustainability through Growing Biofuel Crops Presentations – Mr. Bill Vasden, President of USCJO, Inc.

Mr. Bill Vasden, a fourth generation farmer and president of USCJO will speak about the growing of biofuels locally and the position of the United State Department of Agriculture in this matter. Mr. Vasden will also focus attention on the national implications of the dependency of foreign oil.

C. Legislative Update - Planning Director David Hutchinson, SWFRPC

Planning Director Dave Hutchinson will present draft legislative strategies and priorities for the SWFRPC’s consideration.

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

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