



SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL

MEDIA SUMMARY

December 17, 2009

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of December 17, 2009.

2. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2009, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the November 19, 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 (November 2009)

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

C. 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 April 20, 2010. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension.

D. Florida Gulf Coast Technology & Research Park Development of Regional Impact – Request for Sufficiency Extension

The applicant for the Florida Gulf Coast Technology and Research Park 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 March 26, 2010. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension.

E. 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*.

F. Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council – Fixed Assets Removal

A list of surplus equipment has been created for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's review and consideration. Council staff will request permission to dispose of the aged equipment.

4. LEE COUNTY RED SOX BALL PARK TRAINING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT - STAFF ASSESSMENT

Lee County Red Sox Ballpark & Spring Training Facility is to be located immediately north of Daniels Road, and approximately two miles east of I-75. The site is the location of a previously approved 1989 DRI (Airside Plaza). The project is to be constructed in a single five-year phase with a 2015 buildout date. The proposal is for a mixture of office, retail, recreational uses, and a 150-room hotel. The stadium is to have a seating capacity of 12,000 individuals. Regional staff recommends conditional approval of the Lee County Red Sox 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 ISSUES

A. 2010 Nominating Committee – Acting Chair Mick Denham

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.

B. Lower West Coast Watershed Implementation Committee – Mr. James Beaver

The Lower West Coast Watershed Subcommittee recently met to discuss the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) proposals for changing the Statewide Stormwater Quality Rule and the Designated Uses and the Surface Water Classification System. The Subcommittee agreed to submit written concerns to FDEP officials. Additionally, the Subcommittee agreed to support the Statewide Stormwater Quality Rule with suggested revisions and oppose the FDEP Designated Uses and Surface Water Classification System because the changes are premature since the state does not have numeric nutrient criteria to support the proposed uses.

6. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. SWFRPC Resolution in Support of the Construction of Large Scale Photovoltaic Electronic Generating Facilities and the Development of Renewable Energy Standards within the State of Florida – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Resolution 2009-04 supports the construction of large scale solar energy projects to enhance the economy and promote environmental preservation. The SWFRPC will consider adoption of the resolution.

B. 2009 NADO Innovation Awards – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Recognizing the national, regional and local interest in green building and energy efficiency, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council became the first government entity in the six-county Southwest Florida region with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED-AP) planner on staff. The Council can now assist developers and local governments with strategies and techniques to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainability. The LEED-AP planner is also the project manager for a new energy subcommittee formed to influence local and regional energy policy. The 2009 Environmental Innovation Award was presented, September 1, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois, during the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Annual Training Conference.

C. Other Regional Issues

This agenda item affords time for other regional issues to be deliberated by the body.

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.