

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2017 10:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER LEE CONSTANTINE PRESIDING

In Attendance:

County Representatives:

Commissioner Jim Barfield, Brevard County
Commissioner Josh Blake, Lake County
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County
Commissioner Emily Bonilla, Orange County
Commissioner Bryan Nelson, Orange County
Commissioner Viviana Janer, Osceola County
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County
Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County
Commissioner John Horan, Seminole County
Commissioner Garry Breeden, Sumter County
Councilwoman Deborah Denys, Volusia County
Councilman Billie Wheeler, Volusia County

Municipal Representatives:

Mayor Gary Bruhn, Tri-County League of Cities (Town of Windermere)
Commissioner Jim Fisher, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Kissimmee)
Vice Mayor Leigh Matusick, Volusia County League of Cities (City of DeLand)

Gubernatorial Appointees:

Ex-Officio Members:

Ms. Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District

Other Attendees:

Mr. Tim McClendon, Lake County
Mr. Ron Bebay, Brevard County
Mr. Alex Chamberlain, City of Titusville
Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Zane Beard, CFO Atwater
Mr. Murray Cotter, Orange County

Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Curt Smith, Brevard County
Commissioner Don Burgess, Sumter County
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Commissioner Michael Holland, Lake County League of Cities (City of Eustis)
Mayor David Mealor, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Lake Mary)
Deputy Mayor Stuart Glass, Space Coast League of Cities (City of Indialantic)
Mr. Jose A. Rivas, Orange County

Commissioner Denys requested keeping Volusia County in the loop since they have a great deal of land and zoning for expansion which also includes farm tours and they would be very interested to help with any possible future grants. The Commissioner also asked to have the City of Pierson report sent to her. Commissioner Bonilla stated that she is putting together some research for East Orange County to create a plan and one of the objectives would be to find out what can be done to build its agriculture economy so she is very interested in anything new that comes from the Plan.

V. Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attacks Grant Support – Tara McCue

Ms. Tara McCue gave a presentation on the FEMA grant the RPC is seeking regarding the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack Program. The three-year, \$2.5 million grant which would be spread out over six of our counties, includes four components: a Gap Analysis, Policy Development, trainings, and multiple exercises across the region. The timeline is quick with the application deadline February 10, 2017, the Award Announcement April 10, 2017, the start June 2017 and completion June 2020. The RPC is requesting approval and support by the Council to move forward with the application on behalf of the UASI partnership. This would involve a Letter of Support and also the signing of a Resolution. Approval has already been received from the Orange/Orlando UASI partnerships.

VI. Executive Director's Report

- Indian River Lagoon 2016 Economic Valuation Update: Mr. Harling and Mr. P.J. Smith gave an overview of the study which was to focus on stormwater outfalls along the Indian River Lagoon stretching from Volusia County to Martin County. The study measured sea level rise in comparison to outfall locations, as well as water quality and other data. The final products included a Comprehensive Outfall Database for all five counties including sea level rise inundation year, water quality, maintenance, size, and seagrass coverage, and a Vulnerability Analysis and Atlas which identifies areas that could have future stormwater retention problems. Different methodologies were offered on how to clean it up which include a Baffle Box which is very expensive and very expensive to maintain, and street sweeping, which is less expensive and is based on the number of curb miles that are swept. This would be the most cost effective method. This study has been sent to the Governor's office and the Senate's office to show the progress that's been made. The next steps include maintenance and monitoring to make sure the actual cleanup of the IRL happens.
- Projects and Activities Presentation: Mr. Harling provided an overview on current, ongoing and prospective projects and activities for November and December 2016. A handout was provided with more specific information for each of these projects. Commissioner Grieb asked for more information on the Route Condition Tool. Mr. PJ Smith gave an overview of the components that make up the tool.
- Vice Mayor Matusick discussed an issue brought up at the last Central FL MPO Alliance meeting discussing a new report "Dangerous by Design" which names the top ten most dangerous metro areas for pedestrians in the nation. Florida has eight of the ten and five within our area: #1: Cape Coral / Ft. Myers; #2: Palm Bay / Melbourne / Titusville, #3: Orlando / Kissimmee / Sanford, #4: Jacksonville, #5: Daytona / Ormond, #6: Lakeland, #7: Tampa and #10: Northport / Sarasota / Bradenton. Vice Mayor Matusick stated this is obviously a big issue throughout the entire state but especially within our metropolitan planning areas from the Atlantic to the Gulf and the I-4 corridor. It was discussed at the MPO meeting that perhaps the TPO Directors should look at what they've been doing to combat this situation and also regionally what can be do. Vice Mayor Matusick thought the ECFRPC could collect the information from the individual TPOs and create a summary report. Ms. Tara McCue discussed Resolution #01-2017 which states Council's support to move forward

making pedestrian safety a priority for the Council and supports the efforts of the ECFRPC staff in coordinating and assisting partners across the region in addressing pedestrian safety. Vice Mayor Matusick requested staff sends out the Resolution and Dangerous by Design report to the jurisdictions, TPOs and MPOs and put on the ECFRPC website. Commissioner Grieb made a motion to approve the Resolution and Vice Mayor Matusick seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve passed unanimously. Commissioner Constantine signed the Resolution on behalf of the ECFRPC.

- Parking Update: Mr. Harling explained the upcoming change to the surface parking lot across the street on Amelia Avenue and the reduction of available spaces due to the FDOT Ultimate I-4 project requirements for storage. Overflow parking will now be at garage across from the Courthouse with ECFRPC covering validation of tickets.

VII. Chair's Report

- FRCA Update: Commissioner Constantine gave a brief update on the last FRCA meeting led by the new President of FRCA, Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd. The FRCA Annual Report will be coming out shortly with one of the articles on the statistics for each of the ten regional planning councils. It showed that the ECFRPC is the 2nd largest in population of all ten with the third smallest budget and the least per capita charge for dues. The report will be sent out as soon as it is received.
- MPO Alliance Update: Vice Mayor Matusick attended and gave an update on the last MPO Alliance meeting. The meeting discussed their Legislative priorities which included emphasis on bike/pedestrian safety, strengthening the ban on handheld devices while driving, and funding for the sun trails. There was also a presentation on the truck stop study by Mr. Harry Barley, Executive Director for the MPO. It detailed what they are looking for, what had been done, and what can be done. Vice Mayor Matusick stated that this is not just for the Longwood site which is three times over capacity westbound and two times over capacity eastbound, but is a statewide problem for the corridor. One of the recommendations was to send a letter to Senator Boxold, FDOT, requesting to include the MPO in the Motor Carrier Systems Plan. Of the five recommendations in the study, the Board approved four. The fifth recommendation was to provide guidance to Staff on requesting for legislative action. Commissioner Constantine stated that at the previous MPO meeting, he made a motion to have FDOT work on a study on freight for I-4/I-95/I-75 corridor, and to extend out twenty to thirty years, with specific emphasis on rest areas that are being used for truck stops.
- Nomination Committee Selection for Executive Committee: During the previous Executive Board meeting, it was decided that Commissioner Constantine, Vice Mayor Matusick and Commissioner Breeden would make up the nomination committee for the open positions on the Board and for the vacancy left by Ms. Jill Rose on the FRCA Policy Board. He asked for interested persons to communicate with one of the nominating committee. Vice Mayor Matusick requested a letter be written by the Chair on behalf of the Board to the Governor's office and the Appointment Board to fill the critical open positions on the Council, some of which have been vacant as much as three years. Currently, there are open positions for Volusia, Orange, Seminole, and Brevard counties. Commissioner Constantine agreed to write a letter on behalf of the Council identifying every vacant position.

VIII. Brief County Updates – County Representatives

- Commissioner Grieb – Osceola County: Yesterday was the rebranding of the International Consortium of Advanced Manufacturing Research to its new name, BRIDG (Bridging the Innovation Development Gap), while the surrounding development is rebranding as NeoCity

(formerly known as Osceola Tech Farm); Monster Bowl February 11th, Silver Spurs February 17th-19th; and Welcome to the Council, Mr. Jim Fisher, City Commissioner.

- Commissioner Barfield – Brevard County: In November passed a ½ cent sales tax for Indian River Lagoon. The money will be going to a ten-year plan for mediation issues for Brevard County.
- Commissioner Parks – Lake County: Congratulated Osceola County on BRIDG and, Lake County formally by Resolution, agreed to support and recognize partnership opportunities.
- Vice Mayor Matusick – Volusia County: Discussed a large hotel project with a conglomerate from Russia in Daytona; Doggie Parade Mardi Gras on Main Street in DeLand Feb. 25th, Downtown Bike Rally March 11th; Bike Week March 10th – 19th; and the Manatee Festival coming up January 28th – 29th.
- Commissioner Constantine for Commissioner Breeden – Sumter County: The Villages just bought another 2,500 acres in Sumter County.
- Commissioner Horan – Seminole County: Ribbon cutting last Friday for a new 198,000 SF medical center with a 64-bed hospital, 22-bed emergency room, and a medical office building - \$110 million project in Oviedo; the first airport hotel, the Hampton Inn, to open next year at the Orlando/Sanford Airport with 110 rooms
- Commissioner Bonilla – Orange County: Orange County Economic Summit today.

IX. Announcements/Public Comments

- No other items to report at this time.

X. Next Meeting: March 15, 2017

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Commissioner Constantine adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.