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MEETING NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on June 28, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Please call the Council at (352) 955-2200, or (800) 226-0690, or email laine@ncfrpc.org by June 25th to let us know if you will be attending the meeting. (You can call after hours and leave a message on voice mail too.) **THANK YOU.***

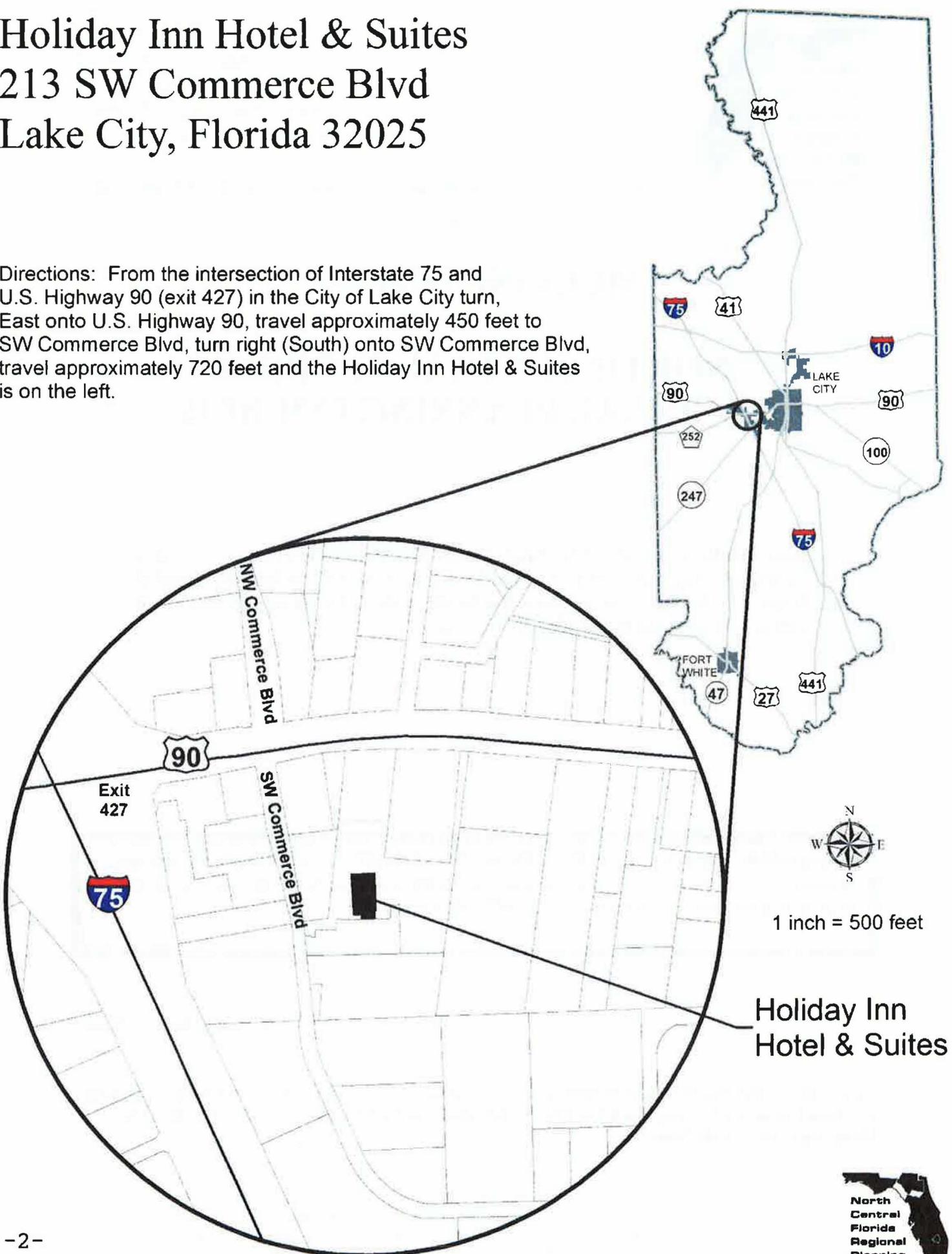
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Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

213 SW Commerce Blvd
Lake City, Florida 32025

Directions: From the intersection of Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 90 (exit 427) in the City of Lake City turn, East onto U.S. Highway 90, travel approximately 450 feet to SW Commerce Blvd, turn right (South) onto SW Commerce Blvd, travel approximately 720 feet and the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites is on the left.





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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
 Lake City, Florida

June 28, 2012
 7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

May 24, 2012
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry
Charles Maulsby, Taylor County
Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Charles Williams, Hamilton County

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Sandra Joseph
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Baird, Alachua County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville
Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Mark Wiggins, Taylor County
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bennett, City of Madison
Winston Bradley, Alachua County
Commissioner
Dave Cobb, Florida Power and Light
Renee Cobb
Diana Davis
Jordan Green, representing Florida Dept. of
Transportation
Ina Thompson, Madison City Commissioner

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Catron and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Ellis stated that there was a quorum of the Board of Directors and all Council members were able to vote.

Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed new Council member Robert Wilford, who will be representing the City of Alachua on the Council. He also introduced and welcomed Winston Bradley, Alachua County Commissioner, Ina Thompson, Madison City Commissioner, Tim Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison, Dave Cobb from Florida Power and Light and his wife Renee and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Mayor Louie Davis.

Chair Ellis asked that Item IV.D.1. Employee Certificate of Service for Carmelita Franco be removed from the agenda and Item VI.B.4. #74 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, which was received by staff after the meeting packets were mailed, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner to delete Item IV.D.1. Employee Certificate of Service for Carmelita Franco and to add Item VI.B.4. #74 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 26, 2012

Chair Ellis asked that the minutes of the April 26, 2012 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Bailey made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Marlowe, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2012 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Schedule - Program Year 2012-13
- B. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Local Emergency Planning Committee, Fiscal Year 2012-13
- C. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2012-13
- D. Purchase Order with Apalachee Regional Planning Council to Assist with Evaluating Statewide Hurricane Exercise

Chair Ellis asked if there were any questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Mr. Maultsby, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Kathy Haas

Chair Ellis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for Kathy Haas, who served as the Florida Department of Education Representative on the Dixie and Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Boards since January 22, 2010.

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bryant, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Kathy Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution of Appreciation - Scherwin Henry

Chair Ellis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for former Commissioner Scherwin Henry, representing the City of Gainesville on the Council since June 2006.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Marlowe, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for former Commissioner Scherwin Henry. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Appointment

Chair Ellis asked that his appointment of Dug Jones, Assistant Vice-President for Economic Development, Santa Fe College, to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee be ratified by the Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to ratify the appointment of Dug Jones to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Certificate of Employee Service - Sandra Joseph

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Sandra Joseph, who joined the Council staff on April 30, 2007. Ms. Joseph currently serves as a Senior Planner in the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Program. Chair Ellis presented a five-year Certificate of Service and a five-year service pin to Ms. Joseph. Mr. Koons and Chair Ellis thanked her for her years of dedicated service to the Council.

V. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL PRESENTATION YEAR 2011 REVIEW

Mr. Koons gave a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed Council activities during the past year in the Regional Planning, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance, Economic Development, Local Government Assistance and Transportation Programs of the Council. He also reviewed the services that the Council provides which benefit its local governments, including community

planning assistance, grant application and administration services, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance, and economic development activities. Chair Ellis thanked Mr. Koons for his presentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Chair Sandra Haas gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed four local government comprehensive plan amendments.

Ms. Haas further stated that subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, Council staff received one late-arriving local government comprehensive plan amendment which required action prior to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. She stated that this item was added to the Council meeting agenda earlier tonight and a copy of the staff report was handed out prior to the meeting.

#69 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#70 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#73 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments

#74 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (added to agenda)

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the comprehensive plans, as amended, do not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. She further stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended that the City of Alachua and Town of Micanopy include Transportation Best Practices contained in the regional plan as goals and policies in their local government comprehensive plans. Ms. Haas stated that the Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #69, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, Item #70, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, Item #73, Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments and Item #74, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (added to agenda). The motion carried unanimously.

C. Program Committee - Fiscal Year 2012-13 Overall Program Design

Ms. Lorene Thomas, Program Committee Chair, stated that the Program Committee met on March 22, 2012, to develop an Overall Program Design for the Council's consideration for Program Year 2012-13. She stated that except for editorial revisions, the document is the same as the current year edition.

Ms. Thomas reported that the Program Committee recommended approval of the Overall Program Design for Program Year 2012-13.

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the Overall Program Design for Program Year 2012-13 as recommended by the Program Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget

Mayor Garth Nobles, Jr., Finance Committee Chair, stated that the Finance Committee met on May 10, 2012, to review the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13. He stated that the anticipated expenditures for next year will be \$1,967,300 which is \$73,000 more than the current year budget. It was reported that members pay dues, which are proposed to remain at \$.30 per capita for the 31st year as recommended by the Finance Committee, producing \$118,900, or approximately (\$4,700) less than last year.

Mayor Nobles reviewed the most significant policy decisions to be made with respect to the budget which were personnel items. He stated that in the line item descriptions in the budget, there is a provision for a total of 16 full-time staff positions, plus funds for part-time positions, which were the same number of positions budgeted for the current year. The budget includes a nonrecurring payment across the board for all employees, including the Executive Director, equal to two percent of the salary of each employee, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Mayor Nobles stated that this budget provides for significant services to be rendered to member cities and counties. This is to be done by effectively using all available resources, and at the same time, ensuring that the Council remains in a sound financial condition.

ACTION: Mayor Nobles made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Nominating Committee - Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Mayor Louie Davis, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that the Nominating Committee met on May 3, 2012 to make, for the Council's consideration, recommendations regarding all officer positions, including the additional Executive Committee member, and other members of the Board of Directors to a one-year term for Program Year 2012-13.

The Nominating Committee recommendations for the officer positions are, as follows.

Chair - Lorene Thomas
Vice-Chair - Garth Nobles, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer - Kenrick Thomas
Member - Carolyn Spooner
Immediate Past Chairman - Roy Ellis

The Nominating Committee recommendations for the Board of Directors are, as follows.

City Representatives

Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville

County Representatives

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County

Gubernatorial Representatives

Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County

Chair Ellis then opened the floor for nominations from Council members. There were no nominations made from the floor.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Pinkoson, to close the nominations and elect the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to a one-year term for Program Year 2012-13 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Quarterly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2012

Mr. Koons reported that the overall expenditures for the operation of the Council for the past six months are within budgeted figures. He stated that the total expenditure pattern at the end of six months is generally in line with the budgeted amount with some variations within individual programs. He stated that normal changes in distribution of staff effort and increases and decreases in program budgets will address these variances. He reported that the fund balance of the Council was \$1,529,688 at the end of the last fiscal year. For the six months ending on March 31, 2012, the fund balance of the Council had increased to \$1,617,064. He stated that it is anticipated that the fiscal year should end with revenues exceeding expenditures.

B. Florida's Leaders Organized for Water

Mr. Koons reported that on May 14, 2012, the fifth meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held in Lake City. He stated that the Board of Directors for Florida Leaders Organized for Water heard reports from the four working groups established at the April 9, 2012 meeting. The four working groups are Science, Legislative, Legal and Public Information. Finally, Mr. Koons stated that Council

members Commissioner Lee Pinkoson from Alachua County and Commissioner Wesley Wainwright from Suwannee County are serving as representatives for their respective counties to the organization.

E. North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

Mr. Koons reported that in September 2011, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection entered into an agreement that formalizes the coordination of water resource management in north Florida. He stated that the water management districts are working closely together on regulatory programs in north Florida, sharing data and technology, developing joint water resource protection strategies, and focusing more attention on communication with stakeholders across district boundaries. He stated that both water management districts recently formed the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership.

Mr. Koons stated that the Partnership is structured such that a wide range of public interests are included, while keeping the Committee small enough to be effective and productive. Partnership representatives will closely coordinate with the constituencies they represent, as well as being responsive to the interested public. Partnership meetings will be open to the public so stakeholders beyond the Partnership membership can attend and participate. He added that the 12 representatives have recently been selected to serve on the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership to share viewpoints of stakeholder groups with the St. Johns River and Suwannee River Water Management Districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

F. Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Workshop

Mr. Koons stated that the Brownfield Communities Network is a national network of local communities working to demonstrate how the cleanup and reuse of contaminated property can be an effective tool for community revitalization. He stated that the Brownfields Community Network, in association with the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals, will be holding a Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Workshop in Alachua, Florida. The workshop will be held on June 4, 2012 at the Alachua Woman's Club located at 14565 Main Street, Alachua, Florida.

G. Financial Disclosure Report Filing

Mr. Koons reminded all gubernatorial appointees to the Council to file their financial disclosure forms with the supervisor of elections in their respective counties by July 1, 2012.

Ms. Lorene Thomas presented outgoing Chair Ellis with a framed photograph of the Aucilla River, and thanked him for his leadership during the past year. Chair Ellis thanked the Council for allowing him to serve as Chair for the past year.

Chair Ellis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on June 28, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

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June 21, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3
 Administrative Services Agreement - Columbia County

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with Columbia County to provide Community Development Block Grant administrative technical assistance services for their Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 Project for a fixed fee amount of \$60,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with Columbia County to provide assistance with the administration of their Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 Project. This agreement will be funded with Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds.

The County has been awarded \$1,029,844 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 funds from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to purchase and renovate foreclosed dwelling units in the County for rental or resale to low- or moderate-income persons.

The amount of the administrative technical assistance services agreement with the County will be a fixed fee amount of \$60,000.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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June 21, 2012

TO: Council Members
FROM: Lorene J. Thomas, Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Susan Bottcher

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Susan Bottcher.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for her service on the Council since May 2011 and in recognition of her commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

Attachment

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June 29, 2012

Honorable Susan Bottcher
City of Gainesville
P. O. Box 490
Gainesville, FL 32627

Dear Susan:

On behalf of the entire Planning Council, I want to express our regret that you will no longer be representing the City of Gainesville as a representative on the Council. Certainly your interest in the organization and your concern for growth and development in the north central Florida area has made you a valuable asset to the Council.

As a token of our appreciation for your service, the Council, at its regular meeting on June 28, 2012, unanimously approved the enclosed resolution. I hope this adequately expresses the feeling we have for the loss of your leadership as a Council member.

Sincerely,

Lorene J. Thomas
Chair

Enclosure

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Susan Bottcher has been representing the City of Gainesville on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since May 2011;

WHEREAS, Susan Bottcher has ably discharged her duties throughout her association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Susan Bottcher for the dedicated service she has rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for her concern for the future growth and development of this area and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Susan Bottcher.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

Kenrick Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

ATTEST:

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF JUNE 28, 2012.





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TO: Council Members
FROM: Lorene J. Thomas, Chair
SUBJECT: 2012-13 Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify 2012-13 Committee appointments as recommended by the Chair.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Organization Policies of the Council, each year the Chair makes appointments to the various committees of the Council. These nominations provide for a broad geographic representation throughout the region and an equal division by city, county, and gubernatorial representatives serving on the committees. Emphasis was also placed on the attendance record of each appointee. Therefore, I am recommending appointments to committees as per the attached list.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2011-12
June 21, 2012

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Lorene Thomas, Chair
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Roy Ellis, Immediate Past Chair

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Alphonso Dowdell
Donnie Hamlin
James Montgomery
Daniel Riddick
Wesley Wainwright
Charles Williams
Stephen Witt

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James Montgomery, Vice-Chair
Lauren Poe

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Lorene Thomas

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Harvey Campbell, Columbia County Tourist Development Council
Dennis Cason, Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Alliance
Allen Cherry, Madison County Development Council
Chris Coleman, East Gainesville Development Corporation
Dennille Decker, Lake City/Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
Scott Frederick, Taylor County Development Authority
Charles Hall, Florida Gateway College
Jeff Hendry, North Florida Economic Development Partnership
Dug Jones, Santa Fe College
Jesse Quillen, Columbia County Economic Development
David Ramsey, Gainesville Council for Economic Outreach
Sheryl Rehberg, Workforce (Workforce Development Board)
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TO: Council Members
FROM: Lorene J. Thomas, Chair
SUBJECT: Certificate of Service for Council Employee

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached certificate of service for Carmelita Franco.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Council amended its Personnel Regulations to establish an Employee Length of Service Program.

The strength and stability of an organization is based upon the experience and institutional knowledge of its senior, long-serving employees. Carmelita Franco has been an employee of the Council for five years. As a token of appreciation for five years of service to the Council and in recognition of her dedicated service to the Council, the attached certificate of service is recommended for approval by the Council.

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Certificate of Service

has been awarded to

Carmelita Franco

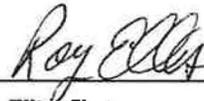
as an expression of appreciation for 5 years of dedicated service as an employee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council from April 30, 2007 to April 30, 2012.

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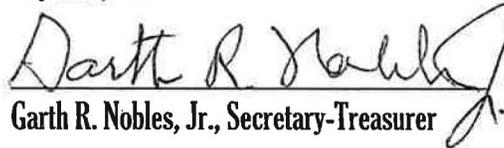
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Witness the Seal of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the signatures of its duly authorized officers thereunto affixed.

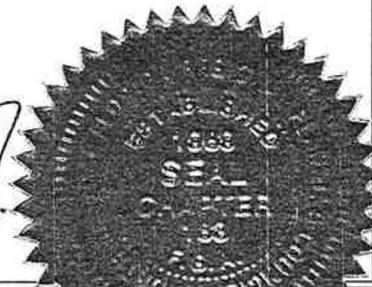
Given this Twenty-Fourth day of May in the year Two Thousand Twelve



Roy Ellis, Chair



Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer





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TO: Council Members
FROM: Sandra Haas, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee
RE: Chair's Report

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., June 28, 2012 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level item which requires Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#75 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 12-2 ESR)

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report Update

Every five years, the Council prepares an update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for submission to the U.S. Economic Development Administration to meet our contractual obligations with that agency and to qualify our counties for funding under its economic development program.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration requires that the Strategy focus on key strategies. Projects that implement the strategies must be regional in nature, must be connected to jobs, usually 100 jobs or more, and must leverage private investment. Projects can be funded through either planning grants or construction grants from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

The Committee has reviewed existing strategies and has recommended new strategies for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars for Florida's Future Economy has been used as the organizing framework for the updated Strategy. By using the Six Pillars framework, the Strategy will be aligned with both the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Five-Year Strategic Plan for Economic Development and the Florida Chamber Foundation's 20-Year Strategic Plan to Secure Florida's Future Economy. The Committee anticipates completing a draft of the Strategy at its July 17, 2012 meeting.

Staff will then provide the draft Strategy for your consideration at the July 26, 2012 Council meeting. A 30-day public comment period on that draft Strategy will occur subject to Council approval of the draft Strategy. The final Strategy will be presented to the Council at its September 27, 2012 meeting for adoption. The final adopted Strategy will then be submitted to the U.S. Economic Development Administration by September 30, 2012.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Florida Leaders Organized for Water

As previously reported, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners hosted a tri-county public meeting and forum in Lake City with the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners to discuss north Florida water issues on November 29, 2011. The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners took action to establish a multi-county work group to engage a hydrologist and discuss what steps need to be taken and what studies need to be conducted to potentially challenge the consumptive water use permit issued to Jacksonville Electric Authority by St. Johns River Water Management District in May 2011. The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners also took action to appropriate \$250,000 to fund the work group and pay for environmental monitoring services and other needed services. The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners also asked other counties and local governments in the region to join in the effort.

On January 23, 2012, the North Florida Water Supply Group held its first meeting in Lake City. The meeting focused on organizational matters. It was agreed to have the Columbia County Attorney would draft an interlocal agreement to form a Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, interlocal agreement agency to address north Florida water issues.

On February 13, 2012, the second meeting of the North Florida Water Supply Group was held in Lake City. The group established the name of the organization as Florida Leaders Organized for Water. They adopted a mission statement as follows: **“Identify and implement measures necessary to permanently secure abundant fresh water supply so adequate levels and flow are assured for the People, Agriculture, Business, Industry, Tourism and Environment of North Florida.”** The group also adopted a resolution urging the Legislature to fund an unbiased, scientific study of the Floridan Aquifer due to its critical implications on statewide water supply; to redesign of the decision-making process used to issue consumptive water use permits for withdrawals from the Floridan Aquifer that includes all stakeholders affected by proposed withdrawals; and to modify the excessive water management district permits granted in 2011 from “approved” to “probationary” status until an unbiased scientific study of the Floridan Aquifer has been completed. Columbia County Commissioner Ronald Williams was elected Chair and White Springs Mayor Helen Miller was elected Vice-Chair of the organization.

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On March 12, 2012, the third meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held in Lake City. The group heard presentations from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, St. Johns River Water Management District and Suwannee River Water Management District concerning the foundation of a joint stakeholder group between the two water management districts called the North Central Florida Water Supply Partnership. Six individuals representing water users, local governments and environmental groups from each district will be appointed to the Partnership to provide oversight to the coordinated efforts of the two districts concerning the development of a common water model and water supply plan. The group also heard presentations from the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, Lake Area Water Alliance, Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District, Santa Fe Lake Dwellers, Save Our Suwannee, Inc., Santa Fe River Spring Basin Working Group, Our Santa Fe River, Inc., North Central Florida Tea Party and Audubon Florida. In addition, I made a presentation to the group concerning the Council and the water resource policies of the recently updated North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

On April 9, 2012, the fourth meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held in Lake City. The Board of Directors for Florida Leaders Organized for Water reviewed and approved several technical amendments to the interlocal agreement creating the Florida Leaders Organized for Water. In addition, the Board of Directors established four working groups comprised of Florida Leaders Organized for Water representatives to develop action strategies. The four working groups created are Science, Legislative, Legal and Public Information. Finally, the Board of Directors agreed to add the City of Lake City and the Town of Lee as member local governments of Florida Leaders Organized for Water.

On May 14, 2012, the fifth meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held in Lake City. The Board of Directors for the Florida Leaders Organized for Water heard reports from the four working groups established at the April 9, 2012 meeting. The four working groups are Science, Legislative, Legal and Public Information.

On June 11, 2012, the sixth meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held in Lake City. The Board of Directors for Florida Leaders Organized for Water heard a presentation from the Suwannee River Water Management District concerning residential water use restrictions for the district. In addition, the Board of Directors also heard reports from the Science, Legislative, Legal and Public Information working groups.

The current local government members of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water are: Alachua County, Bradford County, Clay County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Suwannee County, Taylor County, Town of Branford, City of Keystone Heights, City of Lake City, Town of Lee, City of MacClenny and Town of White Springs. Council members Commissioner Lee Pinkoson from Alachua County and Commissioner Wesley Wainwright from Suwannee County are serving as representatives for their respective counties to the organization.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Original Florida Tourism Task Force Press Familiarization Tour

As you know, the Council provides staff services to the Original Florida Tourism Task Force to assist them in implementing their work program. In order to increase tourism generated revenues in the north Florida region, The Original Florida Tourism Task Force implements campaigns to increase tourist visits to the Natural North Florida region.

The Original Florida Tourism Task Force conducted a freshwater fishing themed press familiarization tour June 18-22, 2012. The tour highlighted the local freshwater fishing of counties in the region. Journalists sampled different local specialties at each location along the route, from Monticello to Mayo, Fanning Springs, Bell, Trenton, High Springs and Gainesville. Along the way, the writers fresh-fished in Mays Pond and the Suwannee River, paddled on the Santa Fe River to Rum Island, including a visit to the Oleno/River Rise State Park. Restaurants featured on the tour included the Rancho Grande Restaurant in Monticello, the Suwannee River Rendezvous and the Mayo Café in Mayo, the Lighthouse Restaurant in Fanning Springs, Blue Water Bay in Gainesville and the High Springs Diner and Great Outdoors Restaurant in High Springs.

The mission of The Original Florida Tourism Task Force is to promote the natural, historic and cultural attractions of the area to increase the number of visitors and to extend their stay in the region. The goal is to enhance the economy of the area, image and quality of life through expanded revenues and employment opportunities.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director



SUBJECT: Annual City-County Managers Meeting - June 29, 2012

Each year in June, Council staff meets with city and county managers and their staffs from throughout the region to discuss growth management legislation and review Council programs.

The annual meeting for city and county managers this year will be held on June 29, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites located at 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard in Lake City, Florida. A copy of the agenda for the meeting is attached for your information.

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AGENDA

CITY/COUNTY MANAGERS ANNUAL MEETING

June 29, 2012

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
213 SW Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida

10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Scott Koons Executive Director
	Regional Planning Council Update	Scott Koons Executive Director
	Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Programs	Dwayne Mundy Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Programs Director
	Growth Management Programs	Sandra Joseph Senior Planner
	Economic Development Programs	Bryan Thomas Economic Development Program Director
	Regional Planning and Review Programs	Steven Dopp Senior Planner
	Closing Remarks	Scott Koons Executive Director
12:00 noon	Lunch	

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Financial Disclosure Report Filing

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All members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year.

The financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfill this requirement. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Council members should have received a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the past few weeks.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

