

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn West
Gainesville, Florida

February 24, 2000
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ralph Bowers, City of Jasper
Charles Chestnut, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy
Billy Ray Foister, Union County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
E.W. Hodges, Bradford County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Ed Jennings, Sr., City of Gainesville
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Eddie Martin, Hawthorne
Kathryn McInnis, Dixie County
Dale McPherson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Joe Riddick, Bradford County
Tom Sawyer, Columbia County
Jane Walker, Alachua County
Mike Woods, Madison County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Reynolds, DEP

Board Members Names Bolded

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Stephen Blakewood, Alachua County
William Copeland, City of Archer
Bruce Delaney, City of Gainesville
Mike Deming, Taylor County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Lorata Franklin, Madison County
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville
Oscar Harris, Alachua County
Grady Hartzon, City of Newberry
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Bill Howard, Suwannee County
Ricky Jenkins, Union County
Judy McGhee, City of Madison
Patrick Murphy, City of Alachua
Donald Odom, Suwannee County
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Bill Shaw, Lafayette County
M.N. Sullivan, Lafayette County
Sue B. Suggs, Gilchrist County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Nobles
Ruth Riddick
Tony Tuten
Jon Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Charles Kiester
Dorcas Ramseur
Marcy Wilson

Chairman McPherson called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. and noted that a quorum of the full Council was not present. He therefore called the Board of Directors to order.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 27, 2000

ACTION: Mr. Sawyer made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2000, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Coordinating Board Membership Certifications
- B. Disposal of Council Surplus Property

Chairman McPherson asked that all items on the consent agenda be approved.

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

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Chairman McPherson introduced and welcomed a new member from Madison County, Commissioner Mike Woods.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Bowers reported that a quorum of the Clearinghouse Committee was not present at the meeting, but those members who were present reviewed and made recommendations on the following items.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #64 Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 00-1)

Mr. Bowers reported that the Committee reviewed item #64, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments, and concluded that the draft amendments will not adversely impact regional facilities, adjacent local governments, or natural resources of regional significance.

He noted that the Committee recommends forwarding this finding to the Town of Micanopy and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

#74 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mr. Bowers reported that the Committee reviewed item #74, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments. He noted that since the report in the packet was done, staff has conducted an analysis of the proposed amendment's impacts on natural resources of regional significance and regional facilities. Based on staff's analysis and further communications between our staff and the Gainesville planning department staff, the Committee found that the amendment will not, by itself, adversely affect regional facilities, adjacent local governments, or natural resources of regional significance. Mr. Bowers noted that the Committee had agreed that the DRI process would be review enough, without requesting an ORC report from the City of Gainesville.

Mr. Bowers further reported that the amendment is proposed to make the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan consistent with a proposed development of regional impact. While the proposed amendment may not create significant adverse impacts, the Council reserves the right to render an adverse impact determination regarding the proposed DRI. He noted that the Committee recommends this comment be forwarded to the City of Gainesville and the Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

Commissioner Chestnut expressed some concern regarding the elimination of the request for an ORC report from the City of Gainesville. Discussion followed, and after his concerns were somewhat mollified, the following action was taken.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Regional Planning Committee - Evaluation and Appraisal Update

Mrs. Walker reported that the Regional Planning Committee had met and reviewed the Draft Emergency Preparedness Element Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

No action was required on this item.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Quarterly Financial Report - December 31, 1999

Mr. Justice briefly reviewed the Council's quarterly financial report ending December 31, 1999. He noted that the Council was right on schedule with current expenditures being reported at 24.2 percent. He asked for any questions or comments.

No action was required on this item.

B. Legislature Report

Mr. Justice reported that the DCA workshops on growth management had been held on January 31, in both Lake City and Gainesville. He noted that these meetings were fairly well attended and the Secretary probably gained much from listening to citizen input.

Mr. Justice reported that there was a bill pending which was proposed to regulate bringing prisoners into Florida from out of state. He noted that the bill involved a provision requiring permission from regional planning councils or the Legislature to have such out-of-state prisoners. Mr. Justice suggested that he would get more information and bring it before the Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Justice reported that planning councils were included in the proposed state budget to receive the same amount of money they had been budgeted this past year.

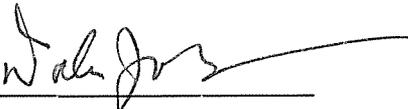
C. Discussion of Formal Delegation of Authority for Staff to File Local Plan Review Responses

Mr. Justice reported that DCA was asking that regional planning councils adopt a policy authorizing council staff to make decisions on local plans without having to go before the Council. Mr. Justice noted that the Executive Committee recommended that staff develop some criteria regarding this issue to be presented to the Council in April with a recommendation.

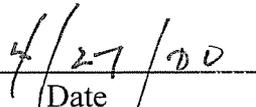
Mr. Justice reported that he had a request from Germany for information on call centers, and he had been able to get the Germans and Jim Poole from Lake City/Columbia County Chamber of Commerce together to talk about this issue.

Chairman McPherson announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Suwannee River Cove Restaurant on March 23, 2000, in Branford.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Chairman



(Date)