

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

September 26, 2002
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Carlson, Alachua County
John Cooper, Bradford County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
David Dodge, Bradford County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Alan Hammock, Union County
James King, Madison County
Eddie Martin, Hawthorne
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County
Penny Wheat, Alachua County

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes
Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Chuck Kiester
Scott Koons
Carol Laine

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Joye Brown, Representing Dave Byrd, DOT
Marvin Miller, DEP

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County
Tony Domenech, City of Gainesville
John Driggers, Dixie County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
William Naulls, Alachua County
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs
Paul L. Remzey Samarra, Town of Micanopy
Tamara Robbins, City of Alachua
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison

GUESTS PRESENT

Ralph Bowers
Diana Davis
Consuelo Dodge
Carolyn Justice
Jane Kiester
Bob Romig
Jon Wershow

Board Members Names Bolded

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m., and noted that a quorum of the Council was not present. He announced that only Board members were able to vote.

Chairman Montgomery introduced Bob Romig, Director of the Office of Policy Planning, from the Florida Department of Transportation. Mr. Romig gave a presentation on developing a statewide strategic intermodal system and informed Council members that public workshops to discuss the plan in greater detail would be held in Jacksonville on October 7, 2002 and in Gainesville on October 10, 2002. Chairman Montgomery thanked Mr. Romig for his presentation.

Following the conclusion of Mr. Romig's presentation at 8:14, the following actions were taken by the Board on behalf of the Council.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 22, 2002

Chairman Montgomery asked that the minutes of the August 22, 2002, meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Sadler made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2002, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Montgomery asked if there were questions regarding the items listed on the Consent Agenda, and requested that these items be approved. Mr. Justice answered questions concerning the removal of surplus property from the Council's list of capital assets.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - James Montgomery

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Resolutions of Appreciation.

Chairman Montgomery asked that resolutions of appreciation be approved for Ms. Lucille Day, who served as the Public Education representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and Ms. Betty Morgan, who served as the Community Action Agency representative on the Hamilton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler, to approve the resolutions of appreciation for Ms. Lucille Day and Ms. Betty Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Engagement Letter of Auditor, RE: FY 2001-2002 Audit.

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the auditing firm of Powell and Jones be engaged to conduct the audit for Fiscal Year 2001-2002, for a fee of \$12,175, which also includes a review of the financial statements of the Employee Pension Plan Trust for the year ending September 30, 2002.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Amendment to FY 2001-2002 Budget.

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 budget be amended to remove from "County Support" the amount of \$6,250 from the Economic Development Partnership Program, and show an equal amount of support to the Partnership added to the "Membership Fees" appropriation.

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

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Steve Dopp, Senior Planner for the Planning Council, reported that a quorum of the Clearinghouse Committee was not present, so the recommendations being put forth were staff recommendations.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#133- City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 02-1ER).

Mr. Dopp reported that the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan and staff recommends forwarding this finding to the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Ms. Donovan, to forward a finding to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and to the City of Gainesville that the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Nominating Committee

1. Election of Officers
2. Election of Board of Directors

Chairman Montgomery noted that since there was no quorum of the Council, the election of officers and the Board of Directors would be conducted during the October meeting.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Options to Avoid DRI Fee Challenge

Mr. Justice reviewed the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process and stated that Regional Planning Councils are involved in the DRI process as a result of directives stipulated in Florida Statutes 380.06 and the Department of Community Affairs Rule 9J-2. Mr. Justice then outlined the options developed by staff as possible means of avoiding challenges to charges in excess of \$75,000.

Mr. Justice answered several questions concerning options available to avoid or reduce the possibility of having fee charges challenged. After further discussion, it was recommended that the Planning Council 1) continue to provide sound reports and recommendations that are thoroughly documented; 2) staff reconsider all review procedures in an effort to make the process more efficient; 3) provide monthly estimates to the applicant of costs above the \$75,000 limit; 4) add language to the contract between the Planning Council and the DRI applicant stating that additional fees may be necessary for unusually long, complicated reviews or reviews requiring Planning Council staff to compile additional information in order to develop findings and conclusions due to the failure of the applicant to provide the requested information; and 5) add language to the

contract requiring the applicant to sign a transportation and affordable housing methodology which states that failure to follow the agreed upon methodology will result in additional staff review time and additional fees.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Ms. Donovan, to approve the recommendation that the Planning Council 1) continue to provide sound reports and recommendations that are thoroughly documented; 2) staff reconsider all review procedures in an effort to make the process more efficient; 3) provide monthly estimates to the applicant of costs above the \$75,000 limit; 4) add language to the contract between the Planning Council and the DRI applicant stating that additional fees may be necessary for unusually long, complicated reviews or reviews requiring Planning Council staff to compile additional information in order to develop findings and conclusions due to the failure of the applicant to provide the requested information; and 5) add language to the contract requiring the applicant to sign a transportation and affordable housing methodology which states that failure to follow the agreed upon methodology will result in additional staff review time and additional fees. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Status of SRPP Evaluation and Appraisal Report Proposed Amendments.

Mr. Justice reported that several months ago the Strategic Regional Policy Plan was brought before the Council for evaluation and review. He added that due to a lack of quorum, a majority of the full council was unable to adopt the amendments to the Plan. Mr. Justice stated that since the 90 day adoption period has expired, the process will have to start over.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Ms. Donovan to begin the review process to amend the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Status of Process to Resolve DRI Fee Challenge.

Mr. Justice reported on the status of the DRI fee challenge. He reported that no decision has been made to date by the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Mr. Justice stated that Mr. Jim Stevenson from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection will present information concerning the Springs Initiative at the October meeting. He further stated that Mr. Erik Livingston from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection will discuss the watershed management program at the December meeting.

Mr. Justice encouraged all elected officials and school board superintendents to attend a regional forum on coordinated land use and school planning sponsored by the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Florida Department of Education and the Planning Council on October 22, 2002 at the Lake City Holiday Inn.

Mr. Justice stated that the Areawide Development Company will hold its annual meeting after the next Planning Council meeting on October 24, 2002.

Mr. Justice presented Chuck Kiester, Assistant Executive Director, with a plaque recognizing his 29 years of service with the Planning Council. Mr. Kiester will retire from employment with the Planning Council on September 27, 2002.

Mayor Davis presented outgoing Chairman Montgomery with a print, and thanked him for his leadership contribution over the past year.

Chairman Montgomery announced that the next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn, Lake City, on October 24, 2002, at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Chairman

Date