

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

The Gathering Café
Branford, Florida

December 7, 2006
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville
David Dodge, Bradford County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Kirk Eppenstein, City of High Springs
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Randy Hatch, Suwannee County
John Hersey, Bradford County
Buddy Lamb, Dixie County
Eddie Martin, Alachua County
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
Rudolph Parker, Taylor County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Tracy Reeves, Madison County
Andrew Smith, Union County
Frank Urban, Alachua County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

GUESTS PRESENT

George “Buddy” Haas
Peggy Hersey
Marvin Hunt
Phyllis Hunt
Johnny Wooley, Suwannee County Coordinator
Jon Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Alcantar, City of Archer
Martha Butler, Hamilton County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Melaine Clyatt, Union County
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Jack Donovan, City of Gainesville
John Glanzer, City of Newberry
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Scherwin Henry, City of Gainesville
Emily Weed Ketring, City of Perry
John Martin, City of Hawthorne
Jeanna Mastrodicasa, City of Gainesville
Heather Neill, Lafayette County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Gerald O’Neil, Alachua County
James Painter, Alachua County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jordan Green, FL Dept. of Transportation
Bill Henderson, FL Dept. of Transportation

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes
Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine

Board Members names are bolded

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INTRODUCTIONS

In the absence of Chair Thomas, Vice-Chair Ellis, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Vice-Chair Ellis stated that there was a quorum of the Board of Directors and he announced that, due to the changes made to the organization policies, all Council members were able to vote.

Vice-Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed guests present at the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 26, 2006

Vice-Chair Ellis asked that the minutes of the October 26, 2006 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hersey, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2006, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council Concerning Logistical Staging Area Assessments
- B. Purchase Order with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Fiscal Impact Analysis Model Training
- C. Contracts with Florida Department of Community Affairs for Comprehensive Plan Public School Facilities Elements

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

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

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Resolutions of Appreciation
 - 1. John Carlson
 - 2. John Driggers
 - 3. Mitchell Gentry

Vice-Chair Ellis asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Mr. John Carlson, gubernatorial representative from

Alachua County, Mr. John Driggers, representing Dixie County and Mr. Mitchell Gentry, representing Gilchrist County.

ACTION: Mr. Dodge made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Pinkoson, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Mr. Carlson, Mr. Driggers and Mr. Gentry. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Introduction of New Members

Vice-Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed Commissioner Ed Braddy, representing the City of Gainesville, Commissioner Buddy Lamb, representing Dixie County, Commissioner Rudolph Parker, representing Taylor County and Mr. Frank Urban, representing Alachua County as a gubernatorial representative.

C. Appointment to Regional Planning Committee

1. Jim Painter, Chairman
2. John Hersey, Member

Vice-Chair Ellis asked that the appointment of Jim Painter as Chairman and John Hersey as a member of the Regional Planning Committee be approved as recommended by the Chair.

ACTION: Mr. Dodge made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the appointment of Jim Painter as Chairman and John Hersey as a member of the Regional Planning Committee, as recommended by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

V. PRESENTATION ON NEW CORRIDORS STUDY BY BILL HENDERSON,
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Vice-Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed Mr. Bill Henderson from the Florida Department of Transportation. Mr. Henderson presented a Power Point slide show on Florida's future statewide transportation corridor planning and screening process. He reported that approximately every five years the Department develops a Florida Transportation Plan with the result being the development of a network of existing and new corridors to be adopted in the 2025 Florida Transportation Plan. He added that the Department is seeking input and coordination from local government officials, environmental groups and property owners to help identify future corridor needs and potential financing options.

Mr. Henderson answered a number of questions and stated that additional information could be obtained from the Department's website at www.floridacorridors.com.

Vice-Chair Ellis thanked Mr. Henderson for his presentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. U. S. Economic Development Administration Grant Application

Scott Koons, Executive Director, reported that each year at this time the Council submits a continuation application for funds to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to support the Council's Economic Development Program. He stated that the required 25% match is included in the current year budget and the program will run for the period April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council authorize the Chair to submit an application to the U. S. Economic Development Administration for a \$53,000 grant and furthermore, that the Chair be authorized to execute the contract when the grant is received.

ACTION: Commissioner Hatch made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to authorize the Chair to submit an application to the U. S. Economic Development Administration for a \$53,000 grant to support the Council's Economic Development Program and furthermore, to authorize the Chair to execute the contract when the grant is received. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Concerning Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

Mr. Koons reported that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has the job of increasing the safety of our communities from chemical releases and that public outreach and education are important to increasing chemical safety in our communities. He stated that the LEPC will be asking municipalities, counties and school boards to proclaim the week of January 21-27, 2007, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council proclaim the week of January 21-27, 2007, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week by adopting the proclamation, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

ACTION: Mr. Dodge made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to proclaim the week of January 21-27, 2007, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week by adopting the proclamation, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Future Meeting Locations

Mr. Koons advised the Council that due to scheduling conflicts, the first meeting to be held in Lake City will be on January 25, 2007. He added that three meetings will be held at Tucker's Steaks & Seafood in Lake City during the months of January, February and March and three meetings will be held at the Lake City Holiday Inn during the months of April, May and June.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening without a quorum and reviewed seven Committee-level items which require Council action. She stated that the recommendations being put forth are unofficial Committee recommendations. The reviewed items were:

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#10 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
(DCA No. 06-2)

#11 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report
Draft
Amendment (DCA No. 07-1ER)

#12 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 07-1)

#13 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Draft
Amendment (DCA No. 07-1ER)

#14 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 07-1)

#15 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report
Draft Amendment (DCA No. 07-1ER)

#16 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 07-1)

Ms. Haas stated that, with regards to Item #10, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the Committee members present found the City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remained consistent with the regional plan and recommended forwarding this finding to the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hatch, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee members recommendation concerning Item #10. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haas stated that, the Committee members present reviewed the following three City Comprehensive Plan draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments:

#11 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Draft Amendment;

#13 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Draft Amendment; and

#15 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Draft Amendment.

She stated that the Committee members present found that the amendments had no significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, natural resources of regional significance, or nearby local governments. Therefore, the Committee members present did not recommend the preparation of an Objections, Recommendations and Comments Reports for any of the amendments and the Committee members present found that the city comprehensive plans, if amended as proposed, would remain consistent with the regional plan. Ms. Haas stated that the Committee members present recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Mr. Dodge, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee members recommendations concerning Item #11, Item #13 and Item #15. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haas stated that the Committee members present also reviewed the following two regular draft Comprehensive Plan amendments:

#14 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; and

#16 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment.

She reported that the Committee members present found that the amendments had no significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, natural resources of regional significance, or nearby local governments and the Committee members present did not recommend the preparation of an Objections, Recommendations and Comments Reports for either of the amendments. She stated that the Committee members present found that the city comprehensive plans, if amended as proposed, would remain consistent with the regional plan. Ms. Haas stated that the Committee members present recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee members recommendations concerning Item #4 and Item #16. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haas stated that, with regards to Item #12, City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, the Committee members present found that the amendment would have no significant adverse impacts to natural resources of regional significance. However, it may have significant adverse impacts to segments of U.S. Highway 129, State Road 51, and U.S. Highway 90, which are part of the regional road network and additionally, since one of these road segments is located in unincorporated Suwannee County, the Committee members present found that adverse impacts may occur in unincorporated Suwannee County as a result of the amendment.

Ms. Haas stated that the Committee members present recommended the preparation of an Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report to address the following Objection and Recommendation.

Objection: Adverse impacts may occur to the following segments of the regional road network as a result of the amendment:

U.S. Highway 129 (north City limits to I-10, in unincorporated area of the County);

U.S. Highway 129 (south City limits to S.R. 51);

State Road 51 (south City limits to U.S. 129);

U.S. Highway 90 (U.S. 129 to west City limits); and

U.S. Highway 90 (east City limits to U.S. 129).

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City reduce the maximum allowable floor area ratio for lands classified as Commercial from 1.0 to 0.25, as is the case with lands classified as Commercial in the County Comprehensive Plan. Alternatively, it is recommended that the City prepare a trip distribution analysis to take into account the above-referenced road segments. Should the analysis result in adverse impacts to any of the above-referenced segments of the regional road network, it is recommended that the City amend its plan in a manner which does not result in adverse impacts to these road segments.

Ms. Haas further reported that the Committee members present found that the City Comprehensive Plan, if amended as proposed, would be inconsistent with Regional Goal 5.1 and Regional Policy 5.1.9 of the regional plan. However, this inconsistency is not so great as to render the City Plan inconsistent with the regional plan. Therefore, the City Comprehensive Plan, if amended as proposed, would remain consistent with the regional plan. Ms. Haas stated that the Committee members present recommended forwarding these findings to the City of Live Oak and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee members recommendations concerning Item #12. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Nominating Committee

1. Election of Executive Committee Member
2. Election of Board of Directors Member

Mr. Maultsby, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Nominating Committee met on November 20, 2006 to nominate a candidate for the vacant Executive Committee position. He reported that the Committee agreed that since there were no City members on the Committee, a city commissioner should be presented for Council consideration. He added that since the nominee for the Executive Committee position is a member of the Board of Directors, the Committee nominated a member to fill the vacant Board of Directors position. Mr. Maultsby stated that the Committee nominates Commissioner Myra Valentine from the City of Madison to fill the vacant Executive Committee position and Commissioner Jack Donovan from the City of Gainesville to fill the vacant Board of Directors position.

ACTION: Mr. Maultsby made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to nominate Commissioner Myra Valentine from the City of Madison to fill the vacant Executive Committee position and Commissioner Jack Donovan from the City of Gainesville to fill the vacant Board of Directors position. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Ellis opened the floor for additional nominations for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors vacancies.

ACTION: Commissioner Hatch made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to close the nominations for the Executive Committee vacancy and the Board of Directors vacancy. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Smith made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to elect Commissioner Myra Valentine to the Executive Committee and to elect Commissioner Jack Donovan to the Board of Directors as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Appointment of Executive Director to Florida Counties Foundation Advisory Committee for the Small Counties Technical Assistance Services Program

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Counties Foundation, an affiliate organization of the Florida Association of Counties, has asked that he serve on the Advisory Committee for the Small Counties Technical Assistance Services Program. He stated that he has accepted the appointment. He added that this Committee usually meets once a year in the spring or early summer, usually in conjunction with the annual conference of the Florida Association of Counties.

B. Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report

Mr. Koons reviewed the process for performing an evaluation and appraisal of the Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan. He stated that the due date for the Evaluation and Appraisal Report is January 1, 2008.

C. Legislative Update

Mr. Koons reported that a special session of the Florida Legislature has been called for January 2007 to address the property and casualty insurance issue and that the regular session starts in March 2007. He stated that the Florida Regional Councils Association legislative representative will be requesting 3.9 million dollars from the Legislature for all 11 regional planning councils for the coming year. This represents an 18 percent increase over the current fiscal year amount.

Mr. Koons stated that the Legislature may review the Development of Regional Impact process to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the process.

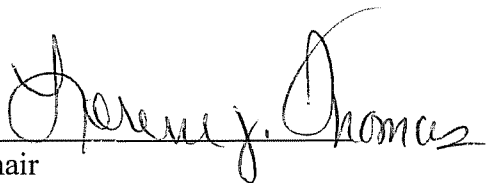
Mr. Koons reported that the new Chair of the House Community Affairs Committee is Representative Mike Davis from Naples.

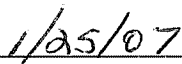
Mr. Koons stated that the Council auditors have been working in the office during the past week and the final audit report will be presented at the January 2007 Council meeting.

Mr. Koons reported that Enid Ehrbar, Senior Planner in the Council's Regional and Local Government Programs Division, has accepted a position with the Alachua County Fire Rescue Department as an emergency management planner and will be leaving the employment of the Council later this month.

Mr. Koons also informed the Council that Jayne Moraski, Economic Development Program Director, gave birth to a baby girl, Joslyn, on December 1, 2006. She will be on maternity leave for the next six weeks.

Vice-Chair Ellis stated that the next Council meeting would be held at Tucker's Steaks & Seafood Restaurant in Lake City on January 25, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.


Chair


Date