

MINUTES

BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

April 25, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Castro, Chair
Louis Reinstein, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bobby DuBose, Secretary
Tim Bascombe
Vice Mayor Richard Blattner
Mayor Vincent Boccard
Sara Case
Neal R. de Jesus
Mayor Lamar Fisher
School Board Member Patricia Good
Mary D. Graham
Dan Hobby
Commissioner Michele Lazarow
Commissioner Michael S. Long
Commissioner Rita Mack
Mayor Michael J. Ryan
Nicholas T. Steffens
Mayor Daniel J. Stermer

MEMBERS ABSENT: County Commissioner Martin D. Kiar
Commissioner Michael Long

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Blake Boy, Planning Council Executive Director
Andy Maurodis, Legal Counsel
Henry Sniezek, Director, Broward County Planning and Environmental Regulation Division
Alexandra Bascombe, Guest
Nancy Cavender, The Laws Group

(A sign-in sheet reflecting those present is filed with the supplemental papers to the transcript of this meeting.)

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013, in Room 302 of the Broward County Governmental Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (The meeting was relocated to Room 302 as a result of a power outage in Room 422)

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(The following is a near-verbatim transcript of the meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anne Castro called the meeting to order.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay, everyone. As you can see, we're a little bit challenged today, so we're going to have to kind of do this off-the-cuff. There are no microphones.

So I first want to thank staff for making a switcheroo in less than 60 seconds, because this is not at all how this room was configured, you know, three minutes before we came down here.

So everybody who's with us, check your car in the parking lot, because if they can rearrange a room this far -- fast, I'm thinking they could swap a car even faster.

CHAIR CASTRO: What I'm talking about now is not important. Secondly, to help them, if you go to make a motion today or a second, please give your name first, because without our nameplates, they're at a little bit of a disadvantage.

So, you know, say I'm so-and-so and I move this, and I'm so-and-so and I second it, so they can make sure they record it and they get it. I want to thank all of our guests for also being flexible and shifting with us very quickly. It was a quick change. So, with that in mind, we're going to go ahead and call this Broward County Planning Council Regular Meeting and Public Hearing for April 25th, 2013 to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR CASTRO: And first, we're going to stand and do a pledge. And we have a special guest here. Her name is Alexandra Bascombe. She is at Take Your Child National Work Day, and she is a student from Saint Coleman.

And because we don't have a flag here, we're going to give you my iPad with a picture. Commissioner DuBose will hold it up so we can all pledge.

(THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY ALEXANDRA BASCOMBE.)

CHAIR CASTRO: And one moment, before everyone sits down. I'd like to take one moment of silence for the people in Boston, for the families, the

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victims, the residents of Boston. So if you'd bow your head for one moment, please.

(MOMENT OF SILENCE)

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

ROLL CALL

CHAIR CASTRO: Will you please take the roll?

THE REPORTER: I don't have the actual roll call. I have a seating chart, but it should include everyone. Oh, I do have the roll call sheet. Mr. Tim Bascombe.

MR. BASCOMBE: Here.

THE REPORTER: Vice Mayor Richard Blattner.

VICE MAYOR BLATTNER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Vincent Boccia.

MAYOR BOCCARD: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Sara Case

MS. CASE: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Neal de Jesus.

MR. DE JESUS: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Bobby DuBose.

COMMISSIONER DUBOSE: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Lamar Fisher.

MAYOR FISHER: Here.

THE REPORTER: School Board Member Patricia Good.

MS. GOOD: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Mary Graham.

MS. GRAHAM: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Dan Hobby.

MR. HOBBY: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Martin Kiar. Commissioner Michele Lazarow.

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Michael S. Long. Commissioner Rita Mack.

COMMISSIONER MACK: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Louis Reinstein.

VICE CHAIR REINSTEIN: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Michael Ryan.

MAYOR RYAN: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Nicholas Steffens.

MR. STEFFENS: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Daniel Stermer.

MAYOR STERMER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Anne Castro, Chair.

CHAIR CASTRO: Here.

MS. SAUCIER: I'm sorry about that.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. It's okay. It's all part of the exercise.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're blessed.

CHAIR CASTRO: We're going to at least have fun today, if nothing else, so.

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I want to let the record reflect that Commissioner Long had a family emergency, so he's excused, as well as Commissioner Kiar.

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-4

CHAIR CASTRO: So, from the Consent Agenda, does anybody have any pulls or any issues? May I have a motion -- oh, sorry, Ms. Boy

MS. BOY: Sorry. I just want to let everyone know that the final agenda was exactly the same as the original agenda. There were no additions to the back-up agenda.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

MAYOR FISHER: I'll move the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER DUBOSE: And I'll second it.

MAYOR STERMER: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: Do you have names, for the record?

MAYOR FISHER: Lamar Fisher. Bobby --

COMMISSIONER DUBOSE: Yeah, Bobby DuBose.

MAYOR STERMER: Daniel. I'm Bobby DuBose. I can't get my voice that deep.

CHAIR CASTRO: All in favor? Any opposed? It passes unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM R-1 - COMPLETE STREETS

CHAIR CASTRO: Now on to the Regular Agenda. The Complete Streets, we have Mr. Henry Sniezek here. And, again, we have no microphones, but I think Henry's booming voice will get heard by us all. So -- and I'm sure there was going to be a beautiful PowerPoint presentation or something like that.

MR. SNIEZEK: No.

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CHAIR CASTRO: Oh, okay. Good.

CHAIR CASTRO: And welcome back, by the way. I think this is your one year away from us.

MR. SNIEZEK: Yes.

CHAIR CASTRO: So welcome back. It's nice to celebrate the anniversary of your new position, and, of course, we miss you, like you always know. So thank you.

MR. SNIEZEK: Thank you. It's always good to visit the Planning Council. Thank you. I'd like to take a couple minutes of your time. By the way, I'm Henry Sniezek. I'm the Director of the County's Planning and Environmental Regulation Division.

I'd like to just take a couple minutes of your time to talk about the County's Complete Streets efforts and ask for your participation and support of that. It's my understanding, I think, in February you were given a briefing by the Urban Partnership representative on the Complete Streets concept, and you also got some background about the Broward Complete Streets guidelines under the leadership of the Broward MPO, and Barbara's also been keeping you in the loop.

I think in your backup you have a copy of the County Commission's action of March 12th, in which they gave us some directives about how to go forward on Complete Streets. There's a couple items that directly involve the Planning Council I'd like to touch on, ask for your support.

Number one, the County Commission asked us to develop a Complete Streets Team at the staff level with County staff, and we've done that. We've also developed subcommittees, which we'd like the Planning Council and staff to participate in.

One of them is a policy and planning subcommittee. That committee could produce proposed changes to the County Land Use Plan text. Obviously, any of that stuff that's produced or recommended would have to come to the Planning Council for your full review and recommendation as a board.

Also, one of the subcommittees is the outreach committee. I'd like the staff to participate in that. One component of that is just to disseminate information about the Complete Streets program from the County's perspective. A second component of that, which is very important, and it was discussed when I was here at the Planning Council staff, is to have some -- to solicit feedback on the whole Land Use Transportation Planning program for the

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County.

And that could involve serious discussion about, you know, maybe modernizing or reforming the Land Use Plan itself. And, of course, if it gets to that stage, the Planning Council as a board is going to be very involved in that, and you might have your own subcommittees. So I'd like your participation on that.

The second issue is just to try to solicit municipal support for the program. We'd like to -- the County Commission has tentatively approved a waiver or a suspension of the trafficways plan for two years for the context sensitive corridor designation, alone, so if we could get municipal participation on that. That designation actually kind of corresponds generally to the Complete Streets program in and of itself.

Of course, anything that's submitted through that program, even if the fee's waived, it still has to go through a full Planning Council process, and the Board itself would vote on this. So that's my briefing. I'd like to answer any questions you have, and I'd also ask for your official support to participate in the program.

CHAIR CASTRO: First, any questions? Would anybody like to make a motion that the Planning Council support the team participation at this time?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

MS. GRAHAM: Mary Graham. I'll make the motion.

COMMISSIONER DUBOSE: Bobby DuBose. Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. We have a motion by Mary Graham, and Bobby DuBose, a second. All in favor? Any opposed? Seeing none, unanimous. Thank you.

MR. SNIEZEK: Thank you very much.

MS. GRAHAM: Thank you.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM R-2 - FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET PROPOSAL

CHAIR CASTRO: The fiscal year budget proposal, we just reviewed the budget at the Executive Meeting, and we have a recommendation. And I'm going to have Ms. Blake Boy go over it really quick and give you an overview,

and tell you what we are making the recommendation about, and then we'll take it up here.

MS. BOY: Good morning. Thank you. And thanks to everyone for being so understanding with our room for this morning. I really appreciate it. It makes it much easier when everybody's happy about it. The fiscal year 2014 budget proposal, as Ms. Castro said, was presented to the full Executive Committee at this morning's meeting.

The FY '14 proposal is for \$945,490, and that's per the County's Office of Management and Budget. And they basically take a look at our FY '13 budget and where we're at, and that's how they do the projection.

Planning Council staff -- they've also asked us to identify a five percent potential reduction for next year, as they're asking all agencies just to identify that. So the Planning Council staff identified a couple of different things. And just to take a quick look at it, it would be that we've already identified a 3.4 percent reduction from our adopted fiscal year '13 budget, which means we're already identifying a savings this year.

So we want to recognize that for next year. So that's the beginning of our five percent. But to make up the remainder of 1.6 percent, Planning Council staff identified a couple of operating budget lines that could be reduced, potentially.

And then, if we needed to get to the full five percent, at that point we would consider most likely making a Planning Council position part time. One important thing to also think about as part of if we were making -- happened to make a position part time, if it got to that point, is that Planning Council staff has also been working with the Budget Office, as far as a succession plan for our administrative staff. And what that is is that our office manager is currently in the State's deferred retirement option, so we know a time certain that she will be retiring on or before June 1st, 2015.

So we just lost a -- our secretary, basically, to retirement last month. So we're going to hold off on re-filling that position, and then we would re-fill at the end of either December or January, and then train that person to fill the office manager position. That potentially, when the office manager retires, we would be able to eliminate one administrative position.

So basically, what I'm just letting you know is that we're going to be able to identify even more cost savings over the next two, two and a half years. So the budget, as it stands at the \$945,490, is basically status quo. Planning Council staff, everything would remain the same, operating, et cetera.

And the Planning Council staff is in support of that. Also, the Executive Committee made a motion to support that number, also recognizing that it's a 3.4 percent reduction in, from this year's adopted budget.

CHAIR CASTRO: Any questions? Ms. Case.

MS. CASE: Does the County or -- in the past, the County was requiring these kinds of reductions. What is the status of this five percent?

MS. BOY: This is the same thing they asked us to do last year for this year's budget, to identify if, when the numbers come in from the tax rolls on June 1st and they really know what the budget is, if there needed to be reduction, where they can start looking at agencies for reductions.

So it's basically so that we have an idea and they have an idea, if it got to that point, where we would start. Generally, the action that the Planning Council has taken is that we wouldn't want to cut additional funds unless every agency was being required to cut the same thing.

MS. CASE: Okay.

VICE MAYOR BLATTNER: Commissioner Blattner. So if the County said, well, you don't have to do that -- or something less than five percent -- it's a fair assumption that the changes you talked about with regard to personnel would still take place, moving forward?

MS. BOY: Yes, but those changes are really not even based on the -- their proposed reduction. It's just office efficiency and how we see ourself operating over the next couple years. It's really based on that, and really nothing to do with a budget reduction, but just an efficiency.

VICE MAYOR BLATTNER: Thank you.

CHAIR CASTRO: Anybody want to make a motion?

VICE MAYOR BLATTNER: I'll move it. Commissioner Blattner.

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Second. Lazarow second.

VICE MAYOR BLATTNER: Vice Mayor.

CHAIR CASTRO: And that's the 945 amount; right?

MS. BOY: \$945,490.

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CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. All in favor? Any opposed? Thank you.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM R-3 - COUNSEL'S REPORT

CHAIR CASTRO: Counsel's Report, Mr. Maurodis.

MR. MAURODIS: No report today.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. Before Ms. Blake Boy gives her report, I just wanted to thank all of you that attended the workshop. I thought it was a really good workshop. It was a lively, lively exchange of ideas and discussion, which I greatly, greatly appreciated. And we even generated or came up with some ideas of things that could actually be implemented.

And I think she's going to address some of those here in a few minutes. So I want to thank everybody for coming and participating. I especially want to thank staff for hosting it and setting it up. I know that's a lot of work as well.

Those of you who missed it, I'm sorry. Again, it was really great debate, so it was a lot of fun. And it -- and if you're a policy wonk, it was especially a lot of fun for those. So I don't know if anybody else has any comments who attended or wanted to bring anything up specific. Good?

MR. HOBBY: Very good.

CHAIR CASTRO: Great.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It was excellent.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excellent.

AGENDA ITEM R-4 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CHAIR CASTRO: Your shot.

MS. BOY: Thank you. Under the Executive Director's Report, first, I'd just like to follow up on what Ms. Castro said about the workshop. I think it was really productive.

One of the things that came out of the workshop was pending planning topics and having staff provide additional information to you. So this month, we've

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actually gone ahead and started that, and that's under Regular Agenda Item 5, the urban agriculture item.

And this is just essentially meant to be information for you to have, kind of what's going on in the world, what's going on in Broward County. So there's a lot of good information on locally what's going on here, ideas, things that are happening.

We've also provided additional information, and if you want to do independent research, of course you can Google it. You just have to use the search engine on the Internet. But just some guiding documents to help you out. So we just started that this month.

The other thing as part of the report is just the overview of the State Road 7/441 collaborative. At the February meeting, Mr. Reinstein resigned, and Mr. Steffens stepped forward. He's going to be the Council's new representative on the -- on the collaborative.

So Mr. Reinstein worked with our staff to put together a summary of what's been happening at the State Road 7 collaborative, and that's included in your backup, more just really for your information and letting you know what's been happening on the committee.

CHAIR CASTRO: Does anyone have any issues or questions for either one of them based on their participation on that? Because I know some people were kind of wanting to know the update, but did you need any clarification of anything, or are you good with the backup? Yes, sir.

VICE MAYOR BLATTNER: Vice Mayor Blattner. Just an FYI, although we've been a member, in theory, at least, for years, I can tell you we have no idea what the collaborative does. And I've asked for a report at the next Commission meeting.

MS. BOY: He's talking about the City of Hollywood.

VICE MAYOR BLATTNER: Yes.

CHAIR CASTRO: No. We got it.

VICE MAYOR BLATTNER: Thank you, Barbara.

CHAIR CASTRO: Anything else?

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: I'd just like to say thank you for including this. I told Ms. Blake that I'm really excited about this urban agriculture and really

hope the County and each city decides to move more in that direction, for a number of reasons. But, again, thank you for including that information.

CHAIR CASTRO: And I would acknowledge Mr. Bascombe –

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Yes.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- because that was his idea –

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Right.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- (inaudible). And he talked about the fact we have a lot of subject matter experts around here – and there are so many things that really impact planning today that we don't all have our arms around. So the idea was to start pulling –

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Excellent.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- some of the research, current event elements together and make sure we're looking at all aspects of everything. So I thank you for that.

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Thank you for that.

VICE CHAIR REINSTEIN: And if I can add just a special thanks to Pete Schwarz for his work on the overview. Couldn't have done it without him. Thank you.

MR. STEFFENS: A quick question. It's actually for Mr. Maurodis. If -- I just don't want to have -- if I wanted to sit down with Louis and discuss this collaborative with him, would that be a potential sunshine violation?

MR. MAURODIS: Well, if it's a matter that could come before this Board for discussion, then it could come within -- under the ambit of sunshine.

MR. STEFFENS: Then I'll just dive in head first and figure it out.

VICE CHAIR REINSTEIN: And I don't have to sit down with Nick, so that's good.

MR. MAURODIS: You'll find that the sunshine law will, yeah, will sometimes make you do three times the amount of work, but it's better than the alternative, which is violating it, so.

MR. STEFFENS: Right.

MS. BOY: And then I just have one more item, which is also thanks to Mr. Bascombe.

I think I sent everyone the Drop Box link this month, and it's a work in progress. We're working on it. But if anyone would prefer to receive that as opposed to a hard copy of the backup, just let me know. I'll send out an email over the next couple of weeks reminding people. It's not perfect yet. I forgot to put the Executive Committee agenda on it, but I'm working on it. So we're working on perfection.

CHAIR CASTRO: And it all saves money.

MS. BOY: Exactly.

CHAIR CASTRO: We learned in our last session that these little tabbies are a dollar, dollar fifty apiece. So -- and each book is about \$30 to \$60. So it saves paper. It's good for the environment. It is very, very easy, and just about everybody around here seems to be holding one of these these days, so.

I've been using the Drop Box for a year now, but they had to send me a CD, and then I had to load the CD, upload the documents to my Drop Box. They have now created the account. All you do is click on it, say you want to download the files to your Drop Box, and there they are. All the graphics, everything. You're not missing one page. It's all there.

And if you want to see it on my iPad before you leave, I can show you what it looks like, if I can encourage you to use it.

MR. STEFFENS: Maybe if we all do that, then we can get the bagels paid for.

CHAIR CASTRO: Yes.

MAYOR STERMER: And I presume if we need help, Mr. Bascombe's daughter can teach us all how to use it.

CHAIR CASTRO: Anything else?

MS. BOY: No. That's all for my report. Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA ITEMS PH-1 - PH-4

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Now we're moving into the Public Hearing Agenda. Start with PH-1, PH-2, PH-3, and PH-4, are there any pulls?

MS. BOY: All of the quasi-judicial hearings have been waived by the applicants.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. Any speakers for anything?

VICE CHAIR REINSTEIN: Motion to move.

MAYOR STERMER: Second.

THE REPORTER: Who made the motion, please?

VICE CHAIR REINSTEIN: Louis Reinstein, motion to move.

MAYOR STERMER: Stermer seconded.

CHAIR CASTRO: All in favor? Any opposed? Seeing none, we're done.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you all very much. One more thing. I'm sorry. I totally forgot that. One more issue. Sorry. Wait, wait. Withdraw the adjournment one second, please.

MR. BASCOMBE: I will be very quick, I promise, because everybody is (inaudible) by this. I had a very interesting meeting yesterday with a gentleman by the name of Victor Dover. I've known him for many years. He's actually putting the plan together for the Seven50 Group. I think most people understand what it is, but, for those who don't, it's seven counties getting together and actually planning out 50 years ahead. It's a very informative group of people, a very informative plan that he has, and he's willing to give a presentation to us. And I just wanted to put it out to the Board for their consideration.

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Great. Love it.

MS. BOY: So we'll contact him and see when he can get on the agenda.

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Barbara, you better watch your job. I think somebody's coming up right behind you.

MR. BASCOMBE: Not to worry, Barbara.

ADJOURMENT

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay? Any questions? Good. Now we're adjourned. Thank you all again very much.

(The meeting concluded at 10:48 a.m.)