



NEFRC Planning and Growth Management Policy Committee

Thursday, September 3, 2009

MINUTES

The NEFRC Planning and Growth Management Policy Committee meeting was held on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216. **President Boyle** called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

PRESENT

Mr. Spaeth
Mr. Register
Mr. Thompson
Commissioner Davis
Mr. Smallwood
Ms. Brown
Commissioner Parsons
Mayor Robinson
Commissioner Harris
Mr. Larson
Vice-Mayor Lawson-Brown
Commissioner Bryan
Commissioner Crichlow
Mr. Cole (Ex-Officio)
Mr. Parks (Ex-Officio)
Ms. Weatherford for Greg Strong (Ex-Officio)
President Boyle

EXCUSED

Ms. Vallencourt
Councilman Bishop
Mayor Graham
Ms. Stern
Commissioner Griffis (Chair)

ABSENT

Others: Geoff Sample, Steve Fitzgibbons, Sarah Langieri, Valerie Britt, Michele Gandee and other members of the public.

Staff: Margo Moehring, Ed Lehman, Guy Parola, Michael Calhoun, and Angela Giles.

President Boyle welcomed everyone present.

***Approval of Minutes - Mr. Larson moved approval of the August 6, 2009 meeting minutes; seconded by Vice Mayor Lawson-Brown; motion carried unanimously.**

August Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review - Ms. Moehring stated that there were seven (7) Comprehensive Plan Amendments that were reviewed during the month of August. There were no transmitted amendments; one (1) adopted amendment and two (2) Evaluation and Appraisal Reports (EARs) are brought before the Committee and Board for review. The six Small Scale amendments have been reviewed by staff and are generally consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP). Ms. Moehring informed the members that a new format is being used for the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Form C-7.

*Flagler County Adopted EAR – Ms. Moehring gave a brief overview of the Flagler County Adopted EAR. Staff prepared the Flagler EAR. Ms. Moehring highlighted the local major issues: Sustainability, Water, Public Infrastructure, Family Friendly environment, Economic Development, Transportation and Coastal Protection and Preservation. The Flagler EAR has a regional coordination theme which resonates throughout their local major issues. Staff had no concerns with the Flagler EAR and recommends that the Committee and Council recommend to DCA that the Flagler EAR is sufficient and consistent with the SRPP. Discussion followed regarding a development that straddled the County line. **Mr. Register moved approval of recommending to the DCA that the Flagler EAR is consistent with the SRPP; seconded by Ms. Brown; motion carried unanimously.**

Town of Hastings Adopted EAR – Mr. Parola provided an overview of the EAR, pointing out the local major issues and issue statements, beginning with Transportation Concurrency Coordination and Transportation Planning. Hastings traffic is heavily influenced by St. Johns County to the east and Palatka and Putnam County to the west. Intergovernmental coordination is needed for future development and LOS standards. The availability of infrastructure is the second local major issue – Hastings is the only water/sewer provider. Deep Creek is a constrained facility. Water Conservation was the final local major issue addressed. Staff had no comments or concerns with the EAR. Staff recommends that the Committee and Council recommend to DCA that the EAR sufficient and consistent with the SRPP. **Vice-Mayor Lawson Brown moved approval of the Town of Hastings EAR recommendation; seconded by Mr. Larson; motion carried unanimously.**

*City of Bunnell Adopted Amendment 09-1 – Mr. Parola informed the members that this amendment recommendation is presented in the new DCA form C-7 format, which will be the standardized format throughout the State. He gave a brief overview of the amendment, stating that it consists of 9.21 acres that are part of the larger development of Flagler Central Commerce Park, and does not change the number of dwelling units, but shifts them to other parcels. The Regional Council reviewed the transmitted amendment in June 2009, and had no concerns at that time. Staff recommends that the Committee and Council find the amendment consistent with the SRPP. **Ms. Brown moved approval of the City of Bunnell Adopted Amendment 09-1; seconded by Mr. Register; motion carried unanimously.**

*Commissioner Harris arrived at 9:45 am.

Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Report - Mr. Lehman stated that the DRI report is for information only and does not require an action. Mr. Lehman informed the members that Cordova Palms will not be heard in September as they have been delayed and that it may be before the Council around April 2010. Old Brick Township is under review right now, even though based upon Senate Bill 360 DULA, they would not technically be required to remain in the DRI process. The Three Lakes DRI added 30 acres of conservation land in Flagler County, a non-DULA area, and will now be permitted to use the DRI process. Discussion followed.

Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICR) – Mr. Lehman stated that during the month of August there were 10 applications for environmental permits and 3 applications for grant requests. This is for information only and does not require an action.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 1, 2009, at 9:00 am at the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.