



Council Minutes

June 12, 2006
10:00 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Chair, Mr. Robert Kersteen, Gubernatorial Appointee, Pinellas County
Vice Chair, Ms. Jill Collins, Gubernatorial Appointee, Hillsborough County
Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City
Past Chair, Commissioner Jane von Hahmann, Manatee County
Councilwoman Mary Alvarez, City of Tampa
Mayor Larry Bustle, City of Palmetto
Councilor John Counts, City of Seminole
Vice Mayor Larry Crowley, City of South Pasadena
Mr. Kenneth Hoyt, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Deborah Kynes, City of Dunedin
Mayor Mary Maloof, City of Treasure Island
Vice Mayor Janice Miller, City of Oldsmar
Councilperson Carlen Petersen, City of Clearwater
Vice Mayor John Phillips, City of Gulfport
Commissioner Robin Saenger, City of Tarpon Springs
Commissioner Mark Sharpe, Hillsborough County
Commissioner Steve Simon, Pasco County
Mr. Philip Waller, Gubernatorial Appointee, Hillsborough County
Councilman Earnest Williams, City of St. Petersburg
Ms. Kathleen Wolf, Gubernatorial Appointee, Pasco County
Mr. Bob Clifford, Florida Department of Transportation
Mr. Todd Pressman, SWFWMD

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Mr. Richard Albrecht, Gubernatorial Appointee, Pasco County
Commissioner Gigi Arntzen, City of Largo
Commissioner Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Mayor Ward Friszolowski, City of St. Pete Beach
Mr. Julian Garcia, Jr., Gubernatorial Appointee, Hillsborough County
Dr. Lois Gerber, Gubernatorial Appointee, Manatee County
Mr. Housh Ghovae, Gubernatorial Appointee, Pinellas County
Reverend James T. Golden, City of Bradenton
Mr. Michael Guju, Gubernatorial Appointee, Pinellas County
Commissioner Ken Halloway, City of Temple Terrace
Deputy Mayor Matthew McCaffery, City of New Port Richey
Commissioner James McCormick, City of Safety Harbor
Vice Mayor Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Gubernatorial Appointee, Pinellas County
Commissioner Kenneth Welch, Pinellas County
Ms. Michelle Miller, Enterprise Florida
Ms. Brenda Williams, Department of Environmental Protection

OTHERS PRESENT

Kevin Mineer, Planner, Genesis Group
John Healey, Planner, Hillsborough County
Trisha Neasman, Planner, SWFWMD
S. E. Houghtaling, Landowner
Mike Houghtaling, Landowner
Clayton Bricklemyer
Erin Larrinaga, Attorney, Fowler White
Joanne McClellan, Planning Liaison, SWFWMD

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Manny Pumariega, Executive Director
Mr. Roger Tucker, Legal Counsel
Mr. Avera Wynne, Planning Director
Ms. Suzanne Cooper, Principal Planner
Ms. Lori Denman, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Marshall Flynn, Principal Planner
Mr. John Jacobsen, Accounting Manager
Ms. Betti Johnson, Principal Planner
Mr. Richard Kephart, Senior Planner
Ms. Wren Krahl, Manager of Admin./Public Information
Mr. Bill Lofgren, Principal Planner
Mr. John Meyer, Principal Planner
Mr. Patrick O'Neil, Senior Planner
Ms. Jessica White, Senior Planner
Ms. Kim Williams, Communications/Graphics Coordinator
Ms. Sue Young, Recording Secretary

Call to Order - Chairman Kersteen

The regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was called to order by Chairman Kersteen on June 12, 2006 at 10:10 a.m.

The Invocation was given by Secretary/Treasurer Scott Black, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call - Recording Secretary

A quorum was present. No voting conflicts were filed.

Announcements:

Councilor John Counts, City of Seminole and Commissioner James McCormick (absent), City of Safety Harbor were introduced and welcomed to the TBRPC.

Two new staff members were introduced:

Ms. Kim Williams, Communications/Graphics Coordinator and Mr. Rich Kephart, Senior Planner. Secretary/Treasurer Black announced the arrival of his new baby son, Hayden Scott Black who was born a week ago.

Special Presentation:

Betti Johnson, Principal Planner, said this year, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the county emergency management agencies partnered with WFLA Channel 8 and the Florida Communications Group (FCG) to produce and distribute over 1.3 million hurricane guides in English and Spanish in the 11-county market area. Channel 8 developed an extensive bi-lingual promotional campaign to run throughout the hurricane season which includes the Tampa Tribune, TBO.com, 15 radio partners, and coverage partners (11 neighborhood newspapers) and covered 80% of the cost of design, print and distribution. The 32-page official regional guide includes evacuation zone maps, shelter information and guidance for residents to prepare their family disaster plans. Sponsors include Publix, Walgreens, SunTrust and the US Postal Service. WFLA Channel 8, The Tampa Tribune, TBO.com, Centro Grupo de Comunicacion and sponsors were recognized at the meeting. Brad Moses, Director of Marketing for WFLA Channel 8 accepted the awards noting that Channel 8 appreciated being part of the team for this important project. Team members recognized included Brad Moses, Jon Irvine, Kelly Clore, Malanda Schmitz, Paul Hellebusch, Carol Ward, Sharon Peterson, John Schueler, and Horatio Gomez and Orlando Nieves for the Spanish translation.

Mr. Moses stated this is a great challenge and very rewarding effort. The team that was formed all worked together. People are picking these guides up and there are still a lot of guides to be distributed. We are doing some really good work in the community as a team. Mr. Moses thanked the Council for the award.

1. **Approval of Minutes** - Secretary/Treasurer Black
The minutes from the May 8, 2006 meeting were approved. (Black/Miller)
2. **Budget Committee** -Secretary/Treasurer Black
A. The Financial Report for the period ending 04/30/06 was approved. (Black/Maloof)

Secretary/Treasurer Black pointed out the Statement of Financial Interest, located in Council folders. Please sign the affidavit which states that your Financial Report has been filed with your county supervisor of elections, and return the affidavit to Bobbi Jaroy.

3. **Consent Agenda** - Chairman Kersteen
Chair Robert Kersteen, Gubernatorial Appointee-Pinellas County, filed a voting conflict form for Consent Agenda item #3.H.6., Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendment DCA #06-1, City of Largo, and refrained from voting on this item.

Item #3.H.3. Local Government Comprehensive Plan DCA #06-1, Hillsborough County was removed for discussion. An Appearance Record was provided by Kevin Mineer of the Genesis Group who requested discussion of this item.

The consent agenda was approved. (Miller/Maloof)

Mr. Kevin Mineer addressed the Council on Consent Item #3.H.3. Future Land Use Map Amendment #CPA 06-03, which was found to be inconsistent. Mr. Mineer is a land planner with the Genesis Group and is assisting Spencer Farms, Dooley Groves development group in the development of their property. This is an existing orange grove that has been completely ravaged by canker and because the orange grove is gone they are now looking at development opportunities.

Mr. Mineer stated he wanted to get his client's concerns on the record regarding Item 3.H.3. CPA 06-03, which is a plan amendment within unincorporated Hillsborough County. The City/County Planning

Commission Board found it consistent with the Unincorporated Hillsborough County Comprehensive Plan. The Board of County Commissioners found it acceptable for transmittal. Mr. Mineer's client is concerned that the Council report found it inconsistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP). Mr. Mineer stated he spoke with staff on June 9th and it is his understanding that staff will be working with them over the next couple of weeks, after the report is transmitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), to ensure that all the information necessary to make an informed recommendation is there before it comes back to Council for final review. It was his understanding that the packet sent to TBRPC from the Planning Commission staff may not have had all of the information. Because it was found to be inconsistent, Mr. Mineer wanted to get their concerns on the record.

Chair Kersteen asked if Mr. Mineer would like to have the report deferred and Mr. Mineer stated he would, but it was his understanding that all of the reports under 3.H.3. go together as a package. He further stated he did not find out the report was inconsistent until Friday, because technically he is not the client.

Chair Kersteen said from what the executive director says there is a time frame. Mr. Mineer said while they are not happy, they are comfortable as long as they can work with staff when it gets sent up to DCA. They are confident they can explain why this is consistent with the different plans.

Commissioner von Hahmann: Can we have staff address this issue of inconsistency?

Mr. Wynne: Basically it is outside the Hillsborough County Urban Service area and they are going for 2 dwelling units per acre. To do such, there isn't available infrastructure so they have to have well and septic tank. Senate Bill 360 is looking for development concurrent with infrastructure. It may be that this area will be ripe for additional development in the future when, and if, it becomes an urban service area, or if it is provided with infrastructure to serve the development. It may be that one day it will be better, but at this time it is not ready for 2 dwellings per acre.

Mr. Pressman: I am aware that the Hillsborough County planning staff is very sensitive to proposed development outside of the urban service area. Why did the Hillsborough County Planning Commission staff support this request?

Mr. Mineer: They did not originally support the request and we had to take it in front of the planning commissioners. There are different policies in the Unincorporated Hillsborough County Comprehensive Plan that talk about 80% of all new development has to be near a service area. You have to hook up to sewer and water. We would love to hook up to sewer and water. We are in the rural area, but we are in a suburban enclave within the rural area which allows for the septic tank. We are completely surrounded by this existing rural enclave. It was never a big issue for us because we had a grove. Now the grove has been ravaged with canker and it can't be re-done. We are now looking at the development around us that meets the criteria for a rural enclave, all in well and septic. By law we have to do well and septic and we are comfortable with that. Very low density, not the density we are at today but a density that reflects the surrounding properties. Since the grove is gone we are now looking at redevelopment opportunities matching exactly the same development pattern of all the surrounding neighbors.

Mr. Pressman: So there are existing subdivisions surrounding your site that are well and septic?

- Mr. Mineer: Yes. And in the Unincorporated Hillsborough County Plan they have a provision. You are either in the urban service area or you are rural. But within the rural area you have these enclaves. It still doesn't meet the criteria for urban development requiring sewer and water, but because we are completely surrounded by this enclave it was voted by the Planning Commissioners and then the Board of County Commission for transmittal. They each found it consistent.
- Commissioner von Hahmann: Do we have the opportunity to recommend a more advanced system because this is a lot of units to be placing on septic. But I know there is an ability for centralized systems and maybe we could make a recommendation that as this moves forward to approval that they do require stipulations if it is going to be built outside the urban service boundary line.
- Mr. Wynne: We could make a recommendation to that affect. The fact that it is going on septic is of course contrary to the SRPP and it is in a somewhat sensitive area as well. That's only one of the issues. The other issue is perhaps the area is not ready for development. If it is, then they need to plan more comprehensively as opposed to an ad hoc manner of coming in and piecemealing these comprehensive plan amendments.
- Mr. Pressman: I'm confused. Because of time-lines this has to move forward for DCA approval and there is not enough time for staff to look at it and bring it back for additional discussion?
- Mr. Wynne: The process requires two public hearings at the county commission level. The transmittal hearing, and then the adoption hearing. The transmittal hearing, which is the one that just occurred, is for state and regional review. Those comments go forward to the state, which they use to render their Objections, Recommendations and Comments (ORC) report. That then goes back to the local staff and they advise the elected body for the adoption hearing. After it goes to the adoption hearing it will then come back once again for regional and state comment. At that point they have satisfied the issues and maybe some other policy initiatives have been made. It may be that staff will be able to make a favorable recommendation, although I'm not sure.
- Mr. Hoyt: We have a business that didn't burn down, it was burned down in pursuit of a larger public good which was the citrus canker. Now the property owner has to find an alternative use for his property since it can no longer be a citrus grove. He has a proposal for development, but we find it not compliant with certain things. He still has to find another use for his property to replace his income. It seems to me that this is falling between the cracks someplace in our process. I understand why we would find it inconsistent, but what I don't see here is any attempt on the part of government to open the door to allow the gentleman to have a different business.
- Commissioner von Hahmann: I believe he has the ability to develop this property as it sits right now, as rural. Does he not? That is the present zoning. He could technically just

take this and set it up in 5 acre lots. We have a strategic plan that we judge these by and I am very comfortable with what staff has come up with.

Mr. Mineer: The “yellow” boundary lines on the map indicate the suburban enclave that they are adjacent to and there are no services located within those boundary lines. Since they are adjacent to this they were able to get approval. Very low density, but greater than the 1 to 5 that they are today. Once the grove went away we felt it would be appropriate to develop similar to the neighbors. The 2 to 1 and then the 1 to 1.

Commissioner von Hahmann: Basically it looks like the boundary line is on the opposite side of the river so they would have to go under the river in order to provide sewer for this area. It also looks like there is a significant wetland habitat that passes just to the north and west of this property.

Mr. Mineer: The wetland is on our neighbor’s property, not on ours. We have a revised letter that was submitted to the Planning Commissioners that EPC, the local body, found our project appropriate and didn’t think there would be any issues with the septic tanks. I’m not the client, I didn’t know where we were going with this until I received a copy of the agenda. I have talked with your staff and I am willing to work with them over the next couple of weeks while it is being reviewed by DCA because there is a variety of information that your staff may not have received in the packet.

Ms. Collins: So are you saying to us that you want us to approve this today, conditionally?

Mr. Mineer: In a perfect world I would have known about this several weeks ago.

Ms. Collins: Where are we here at this point?

Mr. Mineer: It appears that it has to be transmitted today, regardless. I would love it if you could find it consistent with the SRPP, but I don’t think that is going to happen today. The best I can do is work with staff over the next couple of weeks, while it is being reviewed by DCA, to make sure that everybody has all of the information needed to show why this is consistent and appropriate.

Ms. Collins asked Mr. Wynne, would Council be bound to their vote today? If the staff report is approved and Council couldn’t come to an agreement or understanding with DCA, could we retract the report from the submittal? Mr. Wynne stated we could provide additional information at any time and the applicant certainly has the ability to forward that information to DCA as well. They will often pick up the phone and ask us what is going on, or what do you think now? At that time, if staff has a better feel for the project, we will let them know that as well. What they are asking today is to take this information on the record, and if, in fact, the dialogue that you have heard has swayed the Council to render a different opinion rather than inconsistent and to find it consistent, that of course is the Council’s prerogative. Basically the applicant is trying to get on the record so DCA will have the benefit of knowing that this dialogue is going on.

Ms. Collins: So either way, this will go up to DCA.

Commissioner Simon: It's not likely that the recommendation is going to be for consistency. The problem is you don't have any infrastructure. What's going to have to happen is there is going to have to be some public/private partnership if you want to preserve the open space and that character of the countryside, allowing for the clustering of the homes. The problem with that is you can't fit the wells or the septic on the smaller lots. You are going to have to see some kind of environmental partnership where we realize it is in our best interest that you don't start this off with well and septic, that you start it off with water and sewer. It's better for everybody concerned - and pick your area where you want the density to go. Now there is a level of control that everybody can understand. You don't beat somebody into the direction you want, you lure them there by the infrastructure. One needs that main line in order to tie in to it.

Ms. Collins: That is a good argument – losing urban service areas or expanding urban service areas because you're ending up putting 2 units an acre outside the urban service area. Eventually this will all develop, with or without the urban service area.

Mr. Wynne: The low density area is being leap-frogged so now you have these 2 dwelling units and 2 miles down the road you could have 6.

Commissioner von Hahmann moved that Hillsborough County CPA 06-3, Consent Agenda Item #3.H.3., be transmitted as recommended by staff. (Seconded by Ms. Collins)

Mr. Hoyt asked if it was possible to add a comment from the Council stating that given a reasonable amount of time, the developer, the county and Council staff would come to a conclusion that might have a different result?

Commissioner von Hahmann stated that this is a transmittal for a change in the comp plan for Hillsborough County and there is still plenty of opportunity to get that recommendation in the future. She asked that her motion stand.

Commissioner Simon said he agreed with the developer and also with Mr. Wynne. The density should be increased and the zone should be enlarged. That's how you prevent those 1 to 5s all over the place.

Motion to approve staff report carried unanimously.

4. **Item(s) Removed from Consent Agenda and Addendum Item(s)**
Item #3.B.7. IC&R #150-06, SWFWMD ERP #43030709.00-Westshore Beach Club, Hillsborough County, was removed from the Consent Agenda by the applicant in order to provide Council staff with additional information concerning the permit application. Upon receipt and evaluation of the additional information, a revised report will be prepared for consideration at the July 10, 2006 Council meeting.

Motion to defer Item #3.B.7. IC&R #150-06, SWFWMD ERP #43030709.00-Westshore Beach Club, Hillsborough County (von Hahmann/Black)

5. **Review Item(s) or Any Other Item(s) for Discussion** – None

6. **Manufacturing Supply Chain Study**

Staff recently completed the Tampa Bay Manufacturers' Supply Chain Study that was funded by the Economic Development Administration (EDA), TBRPC, and the Tampa Bay Partnership. The study includes all four Council counties, plus Hernando, Sarasota, and Polk counties. The project was to identify advantages and disadvantages local manufacturers face, and to explore any missing links in local supply chains. The results from Hernando county were removed from the report since they were not significant.

The questionnaire was initially constructed as a battery of Likert scale items, "on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important." Further discussion with economic development partners led the survey design team to reconfigure the questionnaire. As a result, a forced choice was chosen so that respondents would have to choose the three most important issues out of a larger range of issues for each major question. They were also requested to fill in percentage spaces to get a sense of how their operations were broken down without revealing trade secrets or other sensitive information. Open-ended questions allowed respondents to include information not otherwise requested in the survey.

A total of 2,000 self-administered questionnaires were mailed out in September 2005 to identify manufacturers in the Tampa Bay region. While the greatest majority of manufacturers were concentrated in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties, surveys were also mailed to manufacturers in Polk, Sarasota, Pasco, Manatee, and Hernando counties. Approximately 10% of the surveys were completed and returned. The surveys received were consistent with a normal distribution of responses for an industrial survey, therefore, the results can be considered to be representative of industry opinion and industry conditions in the Tampa Bay region. The final report was completed and sent to the EDA in March, 2006.

Using the audience response system Mr. O'Neil held a question and answer session for the Council, asking questions such as: Where do you think Tampa Bay Manufacturer's sales occur? Where do you think Tampa Bay Manufacturers find the most competition? How do your county's manufacturers feel about their situation? Where do you think Tampa Bay Manufacturers find the most competition? And, what do you think the biggest advantage Tampa Bay Manufacturers find in this area?

Hillsborough County shows its major presence in the national economy, with 37% and 38% of its sales and purchases in the U.S. The other large portion of sales, purchases, and competition reside within the local region.

Manatee County extends far beyond its county, yet is less of a major player in the U.S. than Hillsborough County. Almost all of its purchases are within the county or region, a great sign of self sufficiency. The competition has a semi-strong alignment with the sales areas.

Pasco County finds a lot more of their clients within the local region and county. Pasco may want to focus on a broader market to gain market share, increase revenues, and/or decrease costs.

Pinellas County is similar to Hillsborough in that Pinellas has a strong presence in the U.S. economy, however, Pinellas has a larger presence in its local county than Hillsborough, showing diversity and flexibility. This should help Pinellas if there is a slowdown in a specific region, which Pinellas would be able to easily redistribute efforts to target other growth areas.

In conclusion, the two most important statistics (39% of sales of final products take place within the region and 51% of regional input purchases take place within the region) from a regional perspective also indicate a large degree of regional self-supply. Regional self-supply is an important characteristic of a region's economic strength. If most secondary economic impacts take place within a county or a region, employment

multipliers will be higher because other inputs purchased from other firms generate more demand for labor, creating new jobs, and pushing regional wages up.

The down side of the results indicate that, aside from inherent advantages such as a warm year round climate and easy access to one of the largest U.S. populations, the Tampa Bay region's principal advantage is low wages. Given globalization trends, the "advantage," as opposed to a highly skilled labor force, puts the region's economy at a disadvantage because with long term falling transportation costs, other countries with even more "advantageous" labor costs will out-compete the Tampa Bay area for firms that are labor intensive.

The Tampa Bay Manufacturing Supply Chain Study can be found on our web site:
www.tbrpc.org/CEDS/supplychain.pdf

Comments:

- Mr. Hoyt: Within supply chain management today, my client's, who are all manufacturers, out-source the majority of their supply chain management. In other words, they set themselves as a virtual company as far as manufacturing facilities even though their business is designing, making and selling products. They don't care who made it or where, they just want to get a global solution, a global level of product that goes into their overall final product. And they want to get it assembled and available for their operations in Europe, or Asia, or the U.S. That's an entirely different approach. It looks to me that what you have here is mostly local companies who are doing their business, they know who their customers are, they are local, and they try to do business with as many people in the surrounding area and control their costs. But that's not at the manufacturing global level, the way business is done today.
- Commissioner Simon: Mr. Hoyt is talking about manufacturing by definition. That's not the case from what you are looking at. Most of these look self sufficient.
- Commissioner von Hahmann: They were pretty specific about what they were seeking. Their opening paragraph says that they "are looking to understand advantages and disadvantages encountered in purchasing products produced by other locals." Local manufacturers. So they were focused on what they were trying to define. I'm not sure that Mr. Hoyt's point on the global view might have been better.
- Mr. Hoyt: Obviously we didn't have a chance to review the study before being asked questions today, and the fact is that local businesses are doing a good job and that part is probably going pretty well. They would like to get as much of the materials supplied locally. Where are you going to go with this?
- Commissioner von Hahmann: And the respondents to this survey, did you categorize them as far as their size and that type of information?
- Mr. O'Neil: Yes, we have the sizes.....
- Mr. Wynne: When you read between the lines, a lot of people who come here to

manufacture come here to satisfy local demand for that product. If we are going to be competitive with Tech Data and those types of industries we have a lot of work to do to get over a lot of these issues.

Commissioner Simon: This is based on 10%, which is also 3 times the level of return and that is an excellent return.

7. **Council Members' Comments** - Chairman Kersteen

Councilman Williams extended an invitation to Council members for the August 3rd Devil Rays ball game and requested RSVPs to Sue Young as soon as possible. Tickets will be available at the July Council meeting.

Mayor Mary Maloof stated Mayor Friszolowski was named Tourism Person of the Year by the Beach Chambers. The Treasure Island bridge is now open for traffic, and there is no longer a toll. The month of June is pedestrian safety month throughout the barrier islands and all law enforcement will be enforcing this.

8. **Program Reports**

A. **Agency on Bay Management (ABM)** - Chair, Mayor Mary Maloof

The full Agency met on May 11th. Three items on the agenda were of particular interest:

Michael Henderson of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration presented the results of the recent federal economic impact study of the Tampa Bay Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS). This was the first such study of the nation's 14 PORT Systems. The study was conducted by a researcher from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. The bottom line of the study is that Tampa Bay PORTS, which operates on a budget of less than \$200,000 per year, provides 2.4 to 4.8 million dollars in direct economic benefit in the Tampa Bay area, another 2.2 million dollars in indirect benefit, and could provide another 2.2 million dollars in benefits if its data was fully utilized. Most of the benefits are in the nature of avoided costs for commercial operations and recreational users.

Mr. George Isiminger of the Manatee County Port Authority described the plan to expand the Port's dredged material containment area to handle future maintenance and expansion. This project will displace the existing state fish hatchery, which may be relocated on Port property. The project is currently undergoing permitting by the FL Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Isiminger also provided an update on the Piney Point public boat ramp, located north of the port. The Port will re-dredge the access channel, install navigation markers, and provide one launch ramp with an access dock and 15 parking spaces for boat trailers. This is a much needed project on Tampa Bay.

The full Agency will meet on July 13th. All were invited to attend.

B. **Clearinghouse Review Committee (CRC)** - Chair, Ms. Jill Collins

The CRC Special Meeting to discuss the current East Central RPC affordable housing methodology and transportation modeling, scheduled immediately after the Council meeting, was canceled due to Tropical Storm Alberto. This meeting will be rescheduled in the near future.

C. **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)** - No Report

D. Emergency Management

Ms. Johnson stated for the first time the Hurricane Guide is a true regional guide. It has maps for all eleven counties which can help with making plans for evacuation. You can pick the guides up at Publix, Walgreens, SunTrust, and the U.S. Post Office, as well as all local government buildings and libraries. Over 250,000 Spanish versions have been printed and they are coming in now. Approximately 40,000 will go in the Centro newspaper so it will be delivered directly to Hispanic households. We also have our partnership with the radio station who will put it in different Mom & Pop type restaurants and stores. The United Way, Hillsborough County, are driving around distributing the guides in residential areas.

Commissioner Simon asked where the Spanish guides are available since he knows of a few people who would like to be able to distribute them at their churches.

On June 1, 2006, the Governor signed House Bill 1359 (Benson/ Harrell), the Hazard Mitigation for Coastal Redevelopment. The bill has significant impacts for the State and regional planning councils in several ways. First, it requires the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate the update of all regional hurricane evacuation studies and requires the adoption of a level of service for county hurricane evacuation clearance times. Secondly, it clarifies the definition of the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) and provides that the application of development policies shall be at the discretion of local governments. House Bill 7121 includes an extensive revision of the policies and procedures related to special needs populations and funding priorities including a program providing assistance to homeowners to retrofit their homes and the hardening of critical facilities including EOCs and schools which serve as public shelters. The Notice of Availability of Funds is currently posted on the state website, www.floridadisaster.org.

Pursuant to HB 1359 and the designation of the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) as defined by the SLOSH Model, staff recommended that the results of the most up-to-date SLOSH storm surge analysis be approved and submitted to local governments for consideration and incorporation into the local government comprehensive plans.

Motion to approve Resolution #2006-3 and transmit the Resolution and Storm Tide Limits to the Department of Community Affairs and local governments in the Tampa Bay region. (von Hahmann/Kynes)

E. Legislative Committee - Chair, Commissioner Deborah Kynes

The agenda packet contained the 2006 FRCA Legislative Summary Report as well as the TBRPC Legislative Score Card.

The next Legislative Committee Meeting will be July 10th at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room "C", before the Council meeting.

The Transit Roundtable will meet Friday, June 16th, at 9:00 a.m. at the PSTA on Scherrer Drive.

In the Council folders you received a resolution from PSTA requiring a policy to accommodate transit systems such as PSTA, on both expanded or newly created roadways. We will talk about that at the Legislative Committee meeting.

F. Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) - No Report

G. Telework Tampa Bay - No Report

H. Economic Development - No Report

I. Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) - No Report

9. **Other Council Reports** - None

10. **Executive/Budget Committee Report** - Chairman Kersteen

This morning the proposed fiscal year 2007 budget was approved by the Executive/Budget Committee and will be forwarded to the Council at the July meeting.

Arrangements are in the making for a Council member/staff retreat which will be held at the Tradewinds Resort. The date is yet to be determined, but it is expected to take place sometime in the fall from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Staff provided a status report to the Committee regarding the upcoming metal roof repairs on a few continuing leaks.

The Regional Cooperative Alliance, Inc. 501(c)(3), established in 2001, was discussed. This has been inactive. It was recommended that it be maintained on an inactive basis in case future opportunities arise to secure funding from a private foundation.

11. **Chairman's Report** - Chairman Kersteen

Mr. Pumariaga, Ms. Krahl, Mr. Kersteen and Ms. Collins will be attending the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) conference in San Antonio at the end of the week. Mr. Kersteen, Commissioner von Hahmann and Suzanne Cooper will be attending the 2006 Environmental Summit in Orlando on the 16th.

12. **Executive Director's Report** - Manny Pumariaga

Mr. Pumariaga thanked everyone for coming to the meeting considering Tropical Storm Alberto. A storm policy was approved last year which states: if at the 5am advisory you have a tropical storm warning, everything is canceled. If we had followed that policy, we would not be here today. Staff was in conference this morning to make a decision on whether or not to cancel the meeting. There was a lot of concern because of travel over bridges and we appreciate your attendance.

We will send the policy via email and fax on the Thursday before the Council meeting, from July through November to keep everyone cognizant of our policy.

Adjournment 11:28 a.m.

Next Meeting - July 10, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Events Calendar located in Council folders.

Lori Denman, Recording Secretary

Robert A. "Bob" Kersteen, Chairman