

MINUTES

BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

March 25, 2010

**MEMBERS** Levoyd Williams, Chair  
**PRESENT:** Mayor Lamar Fisher, Vice Chair  
Vice Mayor Angelo Castillo, Secretary  
Commissioner Suzanne Boisvenue  
Vice Mayor Claudette Bruck  
Sara Case  
Vice Mayor Anne Castro  
E. Gerald Cooper  
Scott J. Cooper  
Commissioner Bobby DuBose  
Dan Hobby  
Vice Mayor William Julian  
Commissioner Lisa Mallozzi  
Louis Reinstein  
Mayor Michael Udine  
Bett Willett

**MEMBERS** School Board Member Maureen Dinnen  
**ABSENT:** Broward County Commissioner Stacy Ritter  
Les Stracher

**ALSO** Andrew Maurodis, Planning Council Attorney  
**PRESENT:** Henry A. Sniezek, Planning Council Executive Director  
Brad Seff, Real Time Reporter

(Mayor Udine entered the meeting as reflected in the minutes.)

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

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council was held at 10:12 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2010 in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Mr. Williams, called the meeting to order and requested that everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll and the Chair declared a quorum present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**C1 APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR MARCH 25, 2010**

**C2 MARCH 2010 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE**

**C3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Castro and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of C1, C2 & C3.

The Chair now called for a vote on the motion which passed, with Commissioner Boisvenue voting no.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**R1 LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY REVIEW: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE I, "NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION" AND ARTICLE XIV, "TREE PRESERVATION AND ABUSE ORDINANCE"**

Mr. Sniezek, Planning Council Executive Director, informed the Planning Council that this item was discussed by the Land/Use Trafficways Committee. It is a streamlining of the Tree Preservation and Abuse Ordinance, and Planning Council staff has found it to be in general compliance with the Broward County Land/Use Plan. It was also approved by the Land/Use Committee this morning.

Mr. Peter Burke, Broward County Development and Environmental Regulation Division, addressed the Planning Council and explained the fining process, explaining that fines can be up to \$15,000 per violation. The fines in the citation process can go up to \$500 per violation. The citation process is proposed to be used for only minor violations.

(Mayor Udine entered the meeting.)

A brief discussion took place among the Board about specific tree problems in specific jurisdictions.

(Mayor Udine left the meeting.)

**On motion of Mr. Gerald Cooper, seconded by Vice Mayor Castro and unanimously carried, the Planning Council approved the proposed revisions to the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Article I, Natural Resource Protection and Article XIV, Tree Preservation and Abuse Ordinance.**

## **R2 COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Mr. Maurodis, Planning Council Attorney, had no report today.

## **R3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sniezek informed the Planning Council that aside from the letter in the backup excusing School Board Member Dinnen from today's meeting, he also has received requests for an excused absence from Commissioner Ritter and Mr. Stracher.

**On motion of Vice Mayor Castro, seconded by Vice Mayor Castillo and unanimously carried, the Planning Council accepted the excused absences of all Planning Council members not present today.**

(Mayor Udine returned to the meeting.)

Mr. Sniezek announced that Barbara Blake-Boy has been reclassified and promoted to Deputy Executive Director for the Planning Council. Mr. Sniezek congratulated Ms. Boy and commented how much he appreciates working with her.

Additionally, Mr. Sniezek mentioned there are 19 amendments coming before the Planning Council soon. Mr. Sniezek commented that the May and June meetings might be lengthy.

Lastly, Mr. Sniezek discussed the MPO's proposal to become autonomous and separate from the County. The MPO currently has a staffing service agreement with the County. Because of that, the MPO employees do provide some services to the County, including some work for the Planning Council. If the MPO becomes autonomous there would be no agreement in place to provide services to the Planning Council. Mr. Sniezek stated he will have additional information after the April MPO meeting.

Several Planning Council members voiced their concern. While the decision to become autonomous is solely the MPO's, the Planning Council felt this would not be beneficial to Broward County taxpayers. There could be increased fees associated with being autonomous. Additionally, the Planning Council may also

have to increase fees and/or have to find others to do the work the MPO currently does for them.

In response to a question raised by a Board member, Mr. Sniezek explained that it is possible other County staff would be able to replace the work currently done by the MPO, or applicants could be charged and hire consultants, or additional staff might be needed for the Planning Council.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bruck and seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi, that a letter be written to the MPO and signed by the Planning Council Chair, explaining the Planning Council understands the MPO wants to become autonomous, with the Planning Council hoping the same mutually beneficial relationship both agencies have enjoyed will continue.**

**The Chair now called for a vote on the motion which passed, with Vice Mayor Castro voting no.**

**R4 CORRESPONDENCE**

(There was no correspondence.)

**R5 EXCUSED ABSENCES**

(See R3.)

**PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

***QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING***

**PH 1 A. RECERTIFICATION PCR 10-2**

Public Hearing on Recertification of the City of Pompano Beach Land Use Element - Map Amendment ("John Knox Village")

**B. RECERTIFICATION PCR 10-3**

Public Hearing on Recertification of the City of Pompano Beach Future Land Use Element - Text Amendment ("John Knox Village")

Mr. Maurodis explained there is one speaker available to answer questions, should there be any. If not, PH 1 and PH 2 can be moved with one motion.

**PH 2      RECERTIFICATION PCR 10-1**

Public Hearing on Recertification of the City of North Lauderdale  
Future Land Use Element - Text Amendment

**On motion of Mr. Gerald Cooper, seconded by Mayor Udine and unanimously carried, the Planning Council approved PH 1, A. Recertification PCR 10-2; B. Recertification PCR 10-3 & PH 2, Recertification PCR 10-1.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

(There were no comments.)

**NEXT SCHEDULED PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 22, 2010**

The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Council at this time, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

(A copy of the audio recording of this meeting is available upon request by calling Document Control located in Room 336U, at (954) 357-7297.)