



Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Council Minutes

December 13, 2010
10:00 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Chair, Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County
Vice Chair, Ms. Jill Collins, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County
Past Chair, Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Commissioner Nina Bandoni, City of Safety Harbor
Commissioner Ron Barnette, City of Dunedin
Commissioner Woody Brown, City of Largo
Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County
Mr. Robert Kersteen, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Councilman Bob Langford, City of New Port Richey
Councilor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole
Council Member Janice Miller, City of Oldsmar
Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island
Council Member Wengay Newton, City of St. Petersburg
Mr. Andy Núñez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mayor Kathleen Peters, City of South Pasadena
Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton
Vice Mayor Robin Saenger, City of Tarpon Springs
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Charles Waller, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Ms. Laura Woodard, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Earl Young, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alt., Ex-Officio, Florida Department of Transportation
Ms. Michelle Miller, Ex-Officio, Enterprise Florida
Mr. Todd Pressman, Ex-Officio, Southwest Florida Water Management District
Ms. Pamala Vazquez, Alt., Ex-Officio, Department of Environmental Protection

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Mayor Scott Black, City of Dade City
Commissioner Neil Brickfield, Pinellas County
Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant, City of Palmetto
Commissioner Al Halpern, City of St. Pete Beach
Council Member Bill Jonson, City of Clearwater
Vice Mayor Michele King, City of Gulfport
Mr. Harry Kinnan, Manatee County Gubernatorial Appointee
Councilwoman Mary Mulhern, City of Tampa
Council Member David Pogorilich, City of Temple Terrace
Vice Mayor Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park
Ms. Kim Vance, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Neasman, Planner, SWFWMD

Jason Mickel, Planner, SWFWMD

Don Aldridge

Alison Fernandez, Council Member, City of Temple Terrace

Will Augustine, Planner, Hillsborough County Planning Commission

Carmen Telesca, Principal Planner, Hillsborough County, PGM Planner

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Manny Pumariaga, Executive Director

Mr. Donald Conn, Legal Counsel

Ms. Suzanne Cooper, Principal Planner

Ms. Lori Denman, Recording Secretary

Mr. Marshall Flynn, Principal Planner

Mr. John Jacobsen, Accounting Manager

Ms. Betti Johnson, Principal Planner

Ms. Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information

Ms. Jessica Lunsford, Senior Planner

Mr. John Meyer, Principal Planner

Mr. Greg Miller, Senior Planner

Mr. Patrick O'Neil, Senior Planner

Ms. Amanda Shaw, Senior Planner

Mr. Brady Smith, Senior Planner

Mr. Avera Wynne, Planning Director

Call to Order – Chair Mariano

The December 13, 2010 annual meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

The Invocation was given by Vice Mayor Robin Saenger, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call -- Recording Secretary

A quorum was present.

Voting Conflict Report -- Recording Secretary - None

Announcements: - Chair Mariano

- Councilor Bob Matthews was thanked for providing the continental breakfast and for supplying refreshments throughout the year.
- A flyer announcing the 2010 Annual Report Edition of Visions was distributed. The Annual Report is now available for downloading on the Council website www.tbrpc.org.
- The Future of the Region Awards Call for Entries was distributed. The deadline for entries is January 14th.
- TBRPC staff decorated Christmas stockings which will be stuffed and delivered to the Suncoast Center for their Santa Toy Shop. Parents in need who receive services through the Suncoast Center will have the opportunity to select gifts for their children. Donations for the stocking

stuffings were received from the Tampa Bay Estuary Program staff and Florida Blood Services.

Annual Meeting Presentations - Chair Mariano

It is a tradition at the TBRPC Annual Meeting to recognize Council members who have served as Committee Chairs or Officers.

- Ms. Jill Collins was presented with an engraved bookmark for serving as the Vice Chair of the Council and the Executive/Budget Committee. Ms. Collins also served as the Chair of the Clearinghouse Review Committee and served on the Florida Regional Councils Association's Policy Board.
- Commissioner Larry Bustle was presented an engraved bookmark for serving as the Secretary/Treasurer this past year. He also served on the Executive/Budget Committee and the Clearinghouse Review Committee.
- Mr. Bob Kersteen was presented an engraved bookmark for serving as the Chair of the Agency on Bay Management.
- Councilor Bob Matthews was presented an engraved bookmark for serving as the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- Council Member Alison Fernandez was presented with an engraved bookmark for her service on the Council for the past three years.

Presentation - Mr. Manny Pumariega

Commissioner Mariano was presented with an engraved bookmark for his role as the Chair of the Executive/Budget Committee. Commissioner Mariano was very diligent in producing a budget in these difficult times for the TBRPC to operate under.

Larry Gispert Retirement Presentation - Ms. Betti Johnson

Mr. Gispert is retiring next month after thirty years of service. He is a native Floridian, born in Tampa. He served four years in the Coast Guard in emergency communications and came to emergency management in 1980, and has spent the last 17 years as Hillsborough County's Director of Emergency Management. In 1985 Hurricane Elena was 90 miles off the coast and caused \$118 million worth of damages and there were 315,000 in public shelters for a long Labor Day weekend. He has served this Council for the last 17 years in terms of supporting what we have done with the Evacuation Studies, Post-disaster Redevelopment Studies, and all the regional work that has been accomplished. In 2000 Tampa Bay was named the first region for Project Impact. In 2004 Mr. Gispert led the statewide regional aid to Charlotte County after Hurricane Charley and he went up to the panhandle after Hurricane Ivan. In 2005 he coordinated the Statewide Mutual Aid to Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina and participated in our Hurricane Forum. Mr. Gispert has not only been a leader in our region, but has also participated in the Governor's Hurricane Conference and The National Hurricane Conference. He has been involved with the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) as well as being the President of the International Emergency Management Association.

Mr. Gispert had a few departing words for the Council, saying we have not had a major landfall hurricane in Florida in the last five years. We have never ever in history gone six years in a row so next year we may be hit and I won't be here next year if a hurricane hits. I would like to say that the Tampa area is the most prepared in the country, but we have millions of people and a certain percentage are still clueless. We have always tried to educate them, but there are about 20-30% out there that we can't get through to. When we have a major landfalling hurricane we are going to have some deaths. I intend to stay in Tampa, but when you see my RV heading north on I-75 you know it's time to evacuate. The

Council does an immeasurable job of bringing together a diverse population. We are a part of the Tampa Bay area and it is truly a large metropolitan area and the question is not if, but when. Are you and your family prepared? If not, you will get a surprise wake-up one day by mother nature.

Recognizing that Mr. Gispert has plans to travel in his RV the Council presented him with a basket of AAA traveling maps and guidebooks, and a gas card.

To conclude the presentations this morning Chair Mariano recognized Mr. Manny Pumariega and Ms. Betti Johnson for their 30 years of service at the TBRPC. Over the past 30 years their knowledge, talents and dedication have played a pivotal role in the success of this regional planning council. Mr. Pumariega and Ms. Johnson were presented with a plaque which read *For Dedicated Service Celebrating 30 years*.

Mr. Pumariega said that he has held three different positions over the past 30 years with the Council and each position has been gratifying because of the quality of work by the staff and their passion for their work. They have developed our programs, such as emergency preparedness. Our elected officials over the years have been very supportive. We have had a lot of successes and a few challenges along the way but we always met them head-on. Thank you.

1. Approval of Minutes – Chair Mariano

Commissioner Bustle pointed out that under Agenda Item #2 Budget Committee, the minutes reflect that Commissioner Bustle called for the motion but it was actually Vice Chair Collins. The minutes from the November 8, 2010 regular meeting were approved with the correction (Kersteen/Núñez).

2. Budget Committee – Secretary/Treasurer Bustle

- A. The Financial Report for the period ending 10/31/10 was approved (Matthews/Peters)
- B. Motion to amend the authorized check signers to the newly elected Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Executive Director Manny Pumariega was approved. (Todd/Newton)
- C. Motion authorizing the newly elected Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer to sign contracts and other formal documents during the Chair's absence was approved. (Kersteen/Peters)
- D. Motion to approve the updating of the corporate bank resolutions to reflect/confirm the newly elected Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director Manny Pumariega was approved. (J. Miller/Peters)

3. Consent Agenda – Chair Mariano

Chair Mariano stated there are two reports which have been revised. Consent Agenda Item #3.H.6., in regards to sanitary Sewer, the City of St. Petersburg's staff report stated there will not be any additional capital expenditures anticipated beyond those concerning replacement and maintenance. TBRPC staff removed the sentence stating "there are no sanitary sewer projects in the near future" from the adopted amendment report. A copy of the revision was in the Council folders.

Consent Agenda Item #3.F.3., Bay Area Outlet Mall RY 2009-10 Annual Report has been revised to reflect a build out date of December 31, 2012, rather than the November 1, 2012 previously portrayed. This revised report was in the Council folders.

A. Budget and Contractual

1. **Federally Funded Homeland Security Grant Program**
Approval to accept Federally Funded Homeland Security Grant Program to fund a planner for 18-months beginning January 2011 and to perform duties specified by the Tampa Bay Regional Domestic Security Task Force, Region 4. The grant is from the Department of Homeland Security, through the Florida Division of Emergency Management/Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$75,000. The Department of Homeland Security has authorized two planner positions for each of the 7 Domestic Security Regions. One resides with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the second position is authorized to a regional county office, either with a county emergency management office or reallocated to a respective Florida Regional Planning Council. TBRPC will administer the Region IV RDSTF planner at TBRPC offices for the period outlined in the contract and will respond to statement of work developed by the state, appended to the contract. There is no requirement for in-kind match.

Action Recommended: Motion to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with Division of Emergency Management (DEM).

Staff contact: Amanda Shaw, ext. 21

2. Council staff submitted an application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for Economic Development District funding for the next 3 years in the amount of \$189,000. The Council has received similar funding from the EDA for the past 5 years. The funding is used to conduct planning activities for the Council's Economic Development District such as preparing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and assisting local economic development agencies with economic analyses. The grant requires 100% matching funds and will begin January 1, 2011.

Action Recommended: Authorize the Chairman to execute the grant agreement with EDA.

Staff contact: Avera Wynne, ext. 30 or Patrick O'Neil, ext 31

B. Intergovernmental Coordination & Review (IC&R) Program

1. IC&R Reviews by Jurisdiction - November, 2010
2. IC&R Database - November, 2010

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

C. DRI Development Order Reports (DOR) - None

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

D. DRI Development Order Amendment Reports (DOAR)

1. DRI # 66 - Tara, Manatee County
2. DRI # 157 - Trinity Communities, Pasco/Pinellas Counties

Action Recommended: Approve staff reports

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

E. Notice of Proposed Change (NOPC) Reports

DRI # 106 - Corporex, Hillsborough County

Action Recommended: Approve staff report

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

F. Annual Report Summaries (ARS)/Biennial Report Summaries (BRS)

1. DRI # 74 - River Ridge, RY 2009-10 ARS, Pasco County
2. DRI #103 - Cooper Creek, RY 2009-10 ARS, Manatee County
3. DRI #123 - Bay Area Outlet Mall, RY 2009-10 ARS, City of Largo
4. DRI #131 - Regency Park North, RY 2009-10 ARS, Hillsborough County
5. DRI #195 - Gateway Areawide, RY 2009-10 ARS, City of St. Petersburg
6. DRI #212 - Hillsborough River Realty, RY 2009-10 ARS, City of Tampa
7. DRI #226 - Busch Gardens S/D, RY 2009-10 ARS, City of Tampa
8. DRI #231 - CFI Gypsum Stack Expansion, RY 2009-10 ARS, Hillsborough County
9. DRI #240 - Heritage Harbour, RY 2009-10 ARS, Manatee County
10. DRI #241 - Harbor Bay, RY 2009-10 ARS, Hillsborough County
11. DRI #242 - Phosphogypsum Stack System Expansion, RY 2009-10 ARS, Hillsborough County
12. DRI #244 - Cypress Creek, RY 2009-10 ARS, Pasco County
13. DRI #245 - Big Bend Transfer Company, RY 2009-10 ARS, Hillsborough County

Action Recommended: Approve staff reports

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

G. DRI Status Report

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

H. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)

Due to statutory and contractual requirements, the following reports have been transmitted to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA) and the appropriate local government in accordance with Rule 29H-1.003(3), F.A.C.

1. DCA # 10-1PEFE, City of San Antonio (adopted)
2. DCA # 10-1, City of Plant City (adopted)
3. DCA # 10-1CIE, City of Plant City (adopted)
4. DCA # 10-2, Hillsborough County (adopted)
5. DCA # 10-1CIE, Manatee County (adopted)
6. DCA # 10-1CIE, City of St. Petersburg (adopted)
7. DCA # 10-2, Manatee County (adopted)

Action Recommended: Receive and file.

Staff contact: Jessica Lunsford, ext. 38

I. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)

The following report(s) are presented for Council action:

1. DCA # 10-1CIE, Town of Redington Shores (adopted)

Action Recommended: Approve staff reports

Staff contact: Jessica Lunsford, ext. 38

J. Other Items

Tampa Bay EPCRA Awareness Week Resolution

Each year the State Emergency Response Commission for Hazardous Materials and the Governor proclaim Florida Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in recognition of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA). Governor Scott is expected to proclaim February 13-19, 2011 as EPCRA Awareness Week. Local city councils and commissions are urged to pass a similar resolution proclaiming EPCRA

Awareness Week in their communities.

Additional Materials: Resolution # 2010-08

Action Recommended: Motion to have the Chair sign Resolution # 2010-08,
proclaiming February 13-19, 2011 as EPCRA Awareness Week.

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

The consent agenda was approved. (Miller/Newton)

4. **Item(s) Removed from Consent Agenda and Addendum Item(s) - None**

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

6. **Annual Report**

Mr. Avera Wynne, Planning Director, provided a presentation summarizing the Council's activities for 2010. The Annual Report is available on the website: www.tbrpc.org

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's (TBRPC) mission statement is: *To serve our citizens and member governments by providing a forum to foster communication, coordination, and collaboration in identifying and addressing issues and needs regionally.* The TBRPC serves four counties: Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas.

Regional Planning Councils are unique and are Florida's only multipurpose regional entity that deal with a myriad of issues and crosses different boundaries from transportation to land-use, to emergency preparedness planning, natural resource planning, affordable workforce housing planning and the like.

In 2010 One Bay activities were continued and the Congress of Regional Leaders was held April 16th.

Every five years the Corridor Plan Update for the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway needs to be updated. The update is due at the end of the month and will be submitted. FDOT has secured money to expand the bridge for pedestrian and bicycle access, as well as some of the connections to get to the bridge. That is in the tune of \$12-15 million and is on-going grant money. Commissioner Jonson and staff Jessica Lunsford are on that committee.

An Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Workshop was held at the Council for communities that will be updating their EARs. The workshop was well attended.

The 18th Annual Future of the Region Awards was held in March. The MacIntosh Award went to co-winners the New All Children's Hospital and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Master Plan. The Goldner Award, which is the individual regional leadership award, was presented to Jan Platt.

Get Ready Tampa Bay is a new initiative launching electric transportation. We are the champion and have partnered with Project Get Ready in Colorado that is organizing cities throughout the country to be prepared for electric transportation. TV commercials for the Chevy Volt, Nissan Leaf and the GE charging station are now being shown and we need to have the infrastructure in place if the electric car will be viable.

GIS Decision Support is a large part of the Council's planning activities and is the infrastructure of the technology to help make decisions. GIS supported One Bay and is a big part of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Update that was presented earlier this year.

Emergency Preparedness:

The Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Update was completed August 24th and launched in the Council conference room with state representatives and regional emergency planners attending. This was 36 months in the making and was a well received document.

Project Phoenix was launched last January with 200+ folks. A video was produced showing the aftermath of a major hurricane event in Tampa Bay.

The Statewide Disaster Housing Initiative Plan and the Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning, specifically for Pinellas County, will be wrapped up towards the end of 2011.

floridadisasterkit.org is still being maintained and updated to reflect different conditions for small businesses. You can go on-line and create your own business plan.

The Hurricane Guide was distributed in seven counties, in English and Spanish.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):

The LEPC meets quarterly. They were busy once again working with the Hazardous Materials Planning Team doing ammonia siren workshops and shelter in place. 12 workshops were conducted with 564 participants and 5,909 training hours. The LEPC website has been maintained and the Section 302 facilities training survey was completed. These are the people out in the field that have hazardous materials at their facilities.

Regional Domestic Security Task Force:

TBRPC has a new RDSTF Planner, Amanda Shaw. As Mr. Gispert mentioned earlier, everyone is working together and getting to understand the different needs of our counties.

Economic Development:

Activities include maintaining and updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan. We will be using a lot of the information from the Industry Cluster Study and Workforce Skills Assessment that is underway with our partner, the Tampa Bay Partnership. We have contracted with SRI and they are working on identifying what industries will be growing in our region, nationally and internationally and then trying to figure out what skill sets, training and education will the workers of the future need, as well as what type do we need to attract to our region to be successful and move forward. We are working on the Disaster Resiliency grants from Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding to identify industries who work with each other and in the event of a disaster, which businesses do we need to get up and running first - which are most critical in getting the supply chain back up and running. This will be completed within the next year.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review:

Council issued 73 Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reports; 95 amendments to Future Land Use maps; 54,000 acres and 129 text amendments. The number of amendments were very complex and intensive in terms of the number of acres that were included and the types of activities that were being analyzed. There was a lot of activity in advance of Hometown Democracy and we anticipate a slow down except for planning requirements in legislation that local governments will have to heed and update their comp plans.

Developments of Regional Impact:

Overall, activity has been slow. The same five DRIs that were under review are still under review and there have not been any final reports on those five. There are a couple of new DRIs getting ready to come in for review. Staff reviewed: 69 Annual and Biennial reports, 14 Notice of Propose Change reports, and 13 Development Order Amendment reports.

Intergovernment Coordination and Review (IC&R):

A total of 106 IC&R proposals were processed in 2010. Of those 106, 48 were “regionally significant” and 8 full reports were generated. Anything that involves federal money or, in some cases, federal permits such as Army Corps of Engineers permits or in some cases SWFWMD permits go through the IC&R process.

Agency on Bay Management:

- ◆ Discussed the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and prepared recommendations for a TBRPC resolution regarding offshore drilling.
- ◆ Reviewed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ proposed widening of Tampa Bay Ship Channel Cuts A & B and plans for habitat impact mitigation.
- ◆ Discussed the proposed Federal Nutrient Criteria for Freshwater. The deadline has been pushed to March or April 2012. The Agriculture Commissioner is filing suit on EPA for an injunction.
- ◆ Reviewed proposals for wetland habitat impact mitigation banks.
- ◆ Examined the Tampa Bay Habitat Master Plan.
- ◆ Bay Soundings is in its 9th year. There are 4 editions a year, with 30,000 circulation per issued. The web page is doing phenomenal with a lot of hits.

The TBEP license tag is not doing as well as it has in previous years but we think that is due to the increase overall in fees for auto registration. The tag has raised around \$1.26 million to date to help restore the bay.

Technical Assistance:

The Audience Response System (ARS) is a popular technical assistance service. The ARS is an interactive voting system and TBRPC provided ARS services to: Pasco BOCC; Super Region Leadership Summit; Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority; Florida APA Conference; and the Pinellas PDRP process.

What’s Upcoming in 2011?

- ◆ Resilient Tampa Bay - a brochure was distributed.
- ◆ Broadband Planning - one of the key infrastructures in moving forward in Florida will be broadband access. We have to make sure that we have a plan in place, not only in the Tampa Bay region but statewide. We are currently working on a grant which involves other regional planning councils as well as TBRPC.
- ◆ Disaster Resiliency Study
- ◆ Industry Cluster Study and Workforce Skills Assessment
- ◆ Incorporate One Bay Vision into the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) and promote inclusion through the Evaluation and Report (EAR) process.
- ◆ Get Ready Tampa Bay to get infrastructure for electric transportation

The 19th Annual Future of the Region Awards will be held in March 2011. Last year was a very good year with a lot of entries. This year we have new categories - *Going Green!* *And the First Annual One Bay Award*. Submissions deadline is Friday, January 14, 2011. The One Bay Award will be presented to honor a project that best implements the One Bay recommendations for a sustainable Tampa Bay region.

The 2010 Annual Report is available to download from our website: www.tbrpc.org

Council presentations can be found at:

www.tbrpc.org/council_members/council_presentations.shtml

Councilman Newton asked for information about the EPA / State of Florida lawsuit regarding the

Freshwater Nutrient Criteria. Mr. Conn, Legal Counsel, stated he has not been following that and will have to get back to him at a later date with information.

8. Program Reports

A. Agency on Bay Management (ABM) – Chair, Mr. Robert Kersteen

The Natural Resources/Environmental Impact Review and the Habitat Restoration committees met jointly last Thursday.

Ms. Lindsay Cross of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program described the Longshore Bar project, which is designed to test four different techniques for recreating the effect of the natural bars that once rimmed middle Tampa Bay, both protecting and being protected by seagrass beds.

Mr. Ryan Fair of Florida Power & Light presented the company’s renewable energy program and discussed solar generation in particular.

Suzanne Cooper described the new project, under contract to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, to inform local governments, developers and planners about the state and federal nitrogen reduction requirements and how these will affect development land use and development regulations.

The full Agency will meet January 13th. All are invited.

Special thanks to: Mayor Bob Minning, who served as Vice Chair this past year, and to Council members Neil; Brickfield, Woody Brown, Al Halpern, Robin Saenger, and Michele King who served on the Agency this year.

B. Clearinghouse Review Committee (CRC) - No Report

C. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – No Report

D. Emergency Management - No Report

E. Legislative Committee – Mayor Scott Black, Chair - No Report

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

G. Economic Development - No Report

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

9. Other Council Reports

Resilient Tampa Bay 2011: An Exchange with Dutch Experts will take place on February 21-23, 2011 at the University of South Florida, Tampa. Mr. Brady Smith, Senior Planner, provided a presentation.

Tampa Bay is vulnerable to flooding due to storm surge, extreme rainfall events, and sea level rise. The Dutch have developed strategies for “living with water.” Half of their country is below sea level and over 50 years ago they had a storm that killed over 2,000 people in the Netherlands.

Certainly, for a very long period of time, they have been dealing with the vulnerabilities of flooding and living with water. Because of shared vulnerabilities with New Orleans they came in and collaborated with folks in New Orleans. The Dutch dialogue was a series of events that took place to come up with ideas to mitigate and better plan for the vulnerabilities of flooding events. Tampa Bay is hoping to replicate that resiliency planning by bringing together Dutch experts with our own professionals, policymakers, and the community to look at how Tampa Bay can better improve on the idea of living with water. This event is being spearheaded by the University of South Florida in partnership with the Netherlands, the Chairs Coordinating Committee, TBRPC and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP). Also the Office of Sustainability at the Patel Center, USF.

We will try to build upon our excellent track record for resiliency planning and our efforts that are ongoing with our local governments, and recently with Ms. Johnson's efforts with resiliency planning and bringing in academic ideas as well from the Dutch professionals and USF. We hope the recommendations from this event will become a resource as we continue our resiliency planning in the Tampa Bay area.

Monday, February 21 st :	Half day tour to show vulnerabilities in the Tampa Bay region, followed by an evening reception welcoming our Dutch participants at the Florida Aquarium.
Tuesday, February 22 nd :	Location: the new Patel Center at USF-Tampa. Presentations from a variety of speakers, talking about vulnerabilities in the Tampa Bay region and potential mitigation.
Wednesday, February 23 rd :	Location: the new Patel Center at USF-Tampa. A luncheon with a keynote speaker and breakout groups presenting findings and recommendations.

On line registration will take place after January 1st. www.resilientampabay.org or contact Brady Smith, 727-570-5151 ext. 42 or brady@tbrpc.org. A brochure was distributed.

Chair Mariano welcomed Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County representative to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

10. Executive/Budget Committee Report – Chair Mariano - None

11. Outgoing Chair's Report

Chair Mariano stated it has been an honor to serve as the Chair for the past year. Since joining the Council he has been encouraged and enthused with the type of items that are looked at as a region. It goes without saying that with an organization that has served its citizen's for almost 50 years, its endurance speaks to the dedication and purpose of its mission.

Chair Mariano thanked Council members for graciously giving time to serve their cities, counties, and the region and for working beyond those jurisdictional boundaries. We are very lucky to have such a wide spectrum of expertise represented on this board. He thanked his fellow officers, Ms. Jill Collins and Commissioner Larry Bustle for their expertise. Chair Mariano thanked staff for their work and dedication to implement the Council's mission. This is

a small staff that does a tremendous amount of work and within the last three years have absorbed the work of three positions that were not refilled. They continue to provide top notch services to our constituents. It is because of the staff that this Council has become a leader among regional councils across the state of Florida and the nation.

As the Chair it has been fulfilling to work with the Council and staff in taking some of our important initiatives to the next level such as the One Bay Regional Vision, the kick off of the electric vehicle Get Ready Tampa Bay initiative, Project Phoenix Catastrophic Study, and the completion of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Plan. The Super Regional Leadership Conference in Orlando was a success and the TBRPC staff took control of the technology and created all the coordination for this event. The Transportation Secretary from Washington DC watched the Tampa Bay Partnership and the Orlando Central Florida Partnership unite and when Orlando gave the check for \$25,000 to help the rail project move forward.

Over the past year the Council has held important discussions and taken positions on topics such as Amendment 4, oil drilling off the shores of Florida, and the EPA's Numeric Nutrient Criteria and what implications that may have on local governments.

It was also exciting to continue with Vice Mayor Dodson's idea to host the 2012 NARC Conference. This will be a big boost to our economy and will allow us to shine in many ways in front of a national audience.

Chair Mariano said he looks forward to continuing with the Council and will support the incoming Slate of Officers. It will be my honor to pass the gavel to our new and former Chair, Vice Mayor Bill Dodson.

12. Installation of Officers

Ms. Diane Corna, City Clerk for the City of Pinellas Park, administered the Oath of Office to Vice Chair Bill Dodson, Chair; Commissioner Larry Bustle, Vice Chair; and Mayor Bob Minning, Secretary/Treasurer.

Incoming Chair presented Ms. Corna with a snow globe for graciously taking the time to administer the Oath of Office to our 2011 Slate of Officers.

Incoming Chair Dodson stated throughout his tenure with the Council Commissioner Mariano represented this Council in a professional and competent manner. When he accepted the gavel from Vice Mayor Dodson he pledged to support the endeavors of the Council with projects such as the One Bay Regional Vision, the completion of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Plan, and the new and innovative Electric Car Initiative Get Ready Tampa Bay. He has provided us with great leadership regarding these initiatives and didn't shy away from addressing tough issues either, such as Amendment 4 and oil drilling off the coast of Florida. Under his leadership we have gathered new and valuable information to take back to our member governments.

Chair Dodson presented Commissioner Mariano with a signed print by Neil Adamson as an expression of appreciation for dedicated service as the 2010 Chair.

Chair Dodson thanked Ms. Jill Collins for her service to the Council and was slated to be our Chair this year. She has some exciting changes happening in her life which will prevent her from accepting the job as Chair. I am honored to step in for her in order to preserve our three year rotation of officers. Ms. Collins has served the Council in an honorable fashion. She is a member of the National Association of Regional Councils representing Florida and Georgia, and a member of the Florida Regional Councils Association. Council members provided her a round of applause for her dedicated service to the Council.

13. Incoming Chair's Report - Vice Mayor Bill Dodson

Since joining the Council in 2002 it has been a pleasure observing and learning from several great folks that held this position before me. People like Mayor Scott Black of Dade City, Mr. Bob Kersteen, Ms. Barbara Todd, and now Commissioner Jack Mariano. Thank you for your service to the Council as Past Chairs and your continued service since.

We are also lucky to have a wide spectrum of expertise represented on this Council. Each of you are leaders in your own community. Your contributions and support continue to elevate the Council to new heights. As we embark on our 50th year I look forward to working with each of you.

Chair Dodson thanked the Executive Director and staff for their dedication and for consistently performing their duties in a professional and competent manner, especially as revenue reduction and cost containment has prevented them from receiving any new compensation. They are a great team.

The incoming officers FY 2011 were recognized: Manatee County Commissioner Larry Bustle, Vice Chair; and Mayor Bob Minning of the City of Treasure Island as the Secretary/Treasurer.

In December of 2008, when I accepted the gavel for the first time, I stated in my remarks: "we are in a time when everyone is trying to make ends meet," and "that it is imperative we continue on a focused and steady path," and "that we use our resources in a fiscally responsible manner."

Now, we are finishing 2010, starting into 2011, and our economy is still struggling at the local, state and national levels. The uncertainty of the housing market recovery, financial market stability and world wide unrest suggest that we continue the path of prudence. We need to be conscious of our mission statement, but focus on providing fundamental core services to our member governments. Affordability will be the key to delivery.

My goal as your Chair is to provide common sense leadership that will build on the CURRENT projects and programs of the Council.

I look forward to the next steps of ONE BAY which will include Electronic Newsletters, collecting resolutions of support from local governments and establishing the new ONE BAY Award as part of the annual Future of the Region Awards program.

I am also looking forward to the progress we will make over the next year regarding our electric car initiative, GET READY TAMPA BAY. Staff has begun to make presentations to groups throughout the region. They are gathering additional support and providing education on electric vehicles. In the near future we will begin hosting meetings and events to educate target groups on more technical issues related to electric vehicles.

We will be completing a number of key projects such as the Industry Cluster and Workforce Competency Study, a Disaster Resiliency Plan and the Homeland Security Functional Exercise. We will also begin amending the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

The early part of next year may involve an open and candid discussion regarding the mission of the Department of Community Affairs. The enacting legislation creating the agency will SUNSET at the end of this month. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, along with the ten additional Regional Councils, will follow this matter closely. We'll be involved in talks if re-organization is determined to be the course of action under a new administration.

And, in conclusion, it looks like I get to work on something I started in 2009, the 2012 National Association of Regional Councils Conference which will take place at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort in St. Petersburg. The upcoming year will be a year for planning and promoting our big event. You may recall, with each of our member government's financial support, TBRPC has secured adequate funding, in advance, to host the national convention without any hardship placed on its own resources; at least financially. The staff, officers and Executive Budget Committee will be working on plans for this important event and it's successful outcome.

In closing, I am honored to serve you and our Council as your Chair in 2011. I learned a lot when I did this the first time. My "Do Over" will be an effort to serve you well. I assure you I will work hard and do my best.

7. Council Member Comments (taken out of order)

Council Member Janice Miller said the Suncoast League of Cities and the Manasota League of Cities and the Tri-County League of Cities has decided to form a new league called the Central Florida League. There will not be any By-laws. We spoke with a gentleman from Palm Beach and they have their own League, as well as Broward and Dade. They got together and formed the Gold Coast League. This will be a think-tank and will meet every other month and anyone from their perspective Leagues is invited to participate. The president of the Florida League is always either from North Florida or South Florida and we discovered that our League brought in 44% of the vote in the last election along the I-4 corridor. We are hoping that by us having this League that we can coordinate as one and go to Tallahassee as a block. For more information: www.suncoastleague.org.

Chair Mariano said when the Tampa Bay region formed the Bay Area Legislative Delegation we became more effective in Tallahassee.

Mr. Nunez said that the high speed rail project is still moving forward. In November 2009 the Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission was brought on board to start the engineering and construction committee of the commission. Mr. Nunez will be working on not only the Tri Rail project in southeast Florida but also in Orlando and hopefully, eventually, the Tampa Bay area as well, in addition to high speed rail.

Councilman Newton requested the Council prepare a letter of support to guarantee that the new governor accepts federal funding for high speed rail. Also, the first week of December we did the National League of Cities Conference in Denver, CO. We attended a mobile workshop and looked at their rail system and what they have is a consortium of 38 Mayors talking and agreeing and they go with a uniform effort in their approach in Washington DC for funding. Their entire system has been funded. We stopped in each little town and every Mayor or representative talked about their infrastructure and where rail stops will be. They are leaps and bounds ahead. Because of their forward thinking they have a lot of conferences in the future. We need to keep moving forward.

Mr. Pumariega reminded the Council that a resolution was passed this past year in support of light rail and a regional transit system in the Tampa Bay region.

Motion for the Council to prepare a letter of support for the Chair's signature to guarantee that the new governor accepts federal funding for high speed rail. (Newton/Kersteen)

Councilor Matthews said there are pocket calendars available on the refreshment table. Ms. Todd thanked Councilor Matthews for providing the monthly refreshments at the Council meetings.

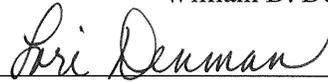
14. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Pumariega thanked staff for all their work and for producing great products.

Adjournment: 11:37 a.m.



William D. Dodson, Chair



Lori Denman, Recording Secretary