



Council Minutes

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December 8, 2014
10:00 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Mr. Andy Núñez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee, Chair
Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County, Vice Chair
Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island, Past Chair
Mayor David Archie, City of Tarpon Springs
Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City
Council Member Bob Boss, City of Temple Terrace
Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County
Councilwoman Yvonne Yolie Capin, City of Tampa
Commissioner Carlos Diaz, City of Safety Harbor
Council Member Michael Fridovich, City of Gulfport
Council Member Hoyt Hamilton, City of Clearwater
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Bruce Livingston, City of Dunedin
Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County
Councilor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole
Mr. John Neal, Manatee County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Gail Neidinger, City of South Pasadena
Councilwoman Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg
Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton
Mr. Tim Schock, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Robert Sebesta, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Scott Sheridan, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Bruce Williams, Alt., City of Palmetto
Ms. Mary Yeargan, Ex-officio, FDEP
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alt., Ex-officio, FDOT

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo, Sec./Treasurer
Mr. Nick DiCeglie, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Mayor Maria Lowe, City of St. Pete Beach
Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County
Mr. Mike Moore, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips, City of New Port Richey
Council Member Jim Ronecker, City of Oldsmar
Councilman Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee

OTHERS PRESENT

Misty Cladas, Tampa Bay Estuary Program
Trisha Neasman, Planner, SWFWMD

STAFF PRESENT

Manny Pumariega, Executive Director
Don Conn, Legal Counsel
Maya Burke, Senior Planner
Lori Denman, Recording Secretary
Randy DeShazo, Principal Planner
Marshall Flynn, IT Director
Betti Johnson, Principal Planner
Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information
John Meyer, Principal Planner
Brady Smith, Senior Planner
Avera Wynne, Planning Director

Call to Order – Chair Núñez

The December 8, 2014 annual meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) was called to order at 10:12 a.m. A quorum was present.

Voting Conflict Report – A voting conflict form 8B was filed by Mr. John Neal for Consent Agenda Item #3.F.8. – DRI # 202, Unnamed Exclusive Golf & Country Club, RY 2013-14 ARS, Manatee County and he refrained from voting.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Gail Neidinger, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements:

It was a successful election for many of our Council Members and congratulations were provided to the following:

- Commissioner Crist won his re-election.
- Vice Mayor Brown is now the Mayor for the City of Largo. Mayor Brown was unable to attend today's meeting due to a travel commitment.
- Councilor Bob Matthews has once again been re-elected to the City of Seminole Council.
- Councilman Roff also won his re-election.
- And, Mike Moore is now Commissioner Moore for Pasco County.

New Council Member Welcome

- Please join me in welcoming Commissioner Bruce Livingston. Commissioner Livingston will be representing the City of Dunedin.
- Commissioner Brian Williams, City of Palmetto was welcomed. He was sitting in for Vice Mayor Jonathan Davis.

Future of the Region Awards Call for Entries

- The deadline for the 23rd Annual Future of the Region Awards Call for Entries is approaching fast so please work on getting those projects and programs entered by Friday, January 9th.

Council Meeting Recap

- The Council Meeting Recap will be emailed to you following today's meeting. We hope you find this to be a useful tool in reporting on Council activities.

Annual Meeting Presentation

It is a tradition at our Annual Meeting to take a moment to recognize those members who have served as our Committee Chairs or Officers and accept our token of appreciation:

- Commissioner Victor Crist for serving as Vice Chair of the Council, and Chair of the Clearinghouse Review Committee. Commissioner Crist also serves as Vice-Chair of the Executive/Budget Committee, and serves on the FRCA Policy board.
- Mayor Bob Minning for serving as Chair of the Agency on Bay Management. Mayor Minning also serves as Vice Chair of the Clearinghouse Review Committee.
- Commissioner Scott Black for serving as Chair of the Legislative Committee, and serving on the CRC Committee as well as the FRCA Policy Board.
- Councilor Bob Matthews for once again serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- Mr. Pumariega recognized Chair Nunez for being the Chair of the Executive/Budget Committee.

Each was presented with an engraved business card holder.

1. **Approval of Minutes – Mayor Minning, Past Chair**
Approved the minutes from the October 13, 2014 regular meeting. (Black/Long)
2. **Budget Committee – Mayor Minning, Past Chair**
 - a. Approve the Financial Report for the periods ending 9/30/14.
 - b. Approve the Financial Report for the period ending 10/31/14.
 - c. Approve the amendment to check signature authorization for Northern Trust and TD Bank accounts.
 - d. Authorize the Officers to sign documents.
 - e. Approve the updating of the corporate bank resolution to reflect/confirm officers.

Motion to approve the Budget Committee items a through e (Black/Hamilton)

3. **Consent Agenda - Chair Núñez**
 - A. **Budget and Contractual**
 1. The Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) entered into a Scope of Work Agreement with TBRPC with a purchase order dated November 6, 2014. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will provide symposium planning and management services for the Bay Area Scientific Information Symposium 6 (BASIS 6) scheduled for September/October 2015.
Action Recommended: Motion to approve Executive Director's execution of Purchase Order Scope of Work Agreement with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program.
Staff contact: Wren Krahl, wren@tbrpc.org or ext. 22
 - B. **Intergovernmental Coordination & Review (IC&R) Program**
 1. IC&R Review by Jurisdiction – October/November 2014
 2. IC&R Database – October/November 2014Action Recommended: None. Information Only.
Staff contact: John Meyer, johnm@tbrpc.org or ext. 29
 - C. **DRI Development Order Reports (DOR) – None**
Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

D. DRI Development Order Amendment Reports (DOAR) – None
Staff contact: John Meyer, johnm@tbrpc.org or ext. 29

E. Notice of Proposed Change Reports (NOPC) – None
Staff contact: John Meyer, johnm@tbrpc.org or ext. 29

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

1. DRI # 68 - Cargill Riverview Facility, RY 2013-14 ARS, Hillsborough County
2. DRI #106 - Corporex Park, RY 2013-14 ARS, Hillsborough County
3. DRI #108 - Hidden River Corporate Park, RY 2013-14 ARS, City of Tampa
4. DRI #129 - Seven Oaks, RYs 2012-14 BRS, Pasco County
5. DRI #139W - Tampa Technology Park/West, RYs 2012-14 ARS, City of Tampa
6. DRI #151 - Crosstown Center, RY 2013-14 ARS, Hillsborough County
7. DRI #163 - Cannon Ranch, RY 2013-14 ARS, Pasco County
8. DRI #202 - Unnamed Exclusive Golf & Country Club, RY 2013-14 ARS, Manatee County
9. DRI #254 - Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport S/D, RY 2013-14 ARS, Manatee/Sarasota Counties & City of Sarasota
10. DRI #256 - Northwest Sector, RYs 2012-14 BRS, Manatee County
11. DRI #259 - Lake Hutto, RY 2012-13 ARS, Hillsborough County
12. DRI #267 - Sunwest Harbortowne, RYs 2012-14 BRS, Pasco County

Action Recommended: Approve staff reports.
Staff contact: John Meyer, johnm@tbrpc.org or ext. 29

G. DRI Status Report
Action Recommended: None. Information Only. [report attached](#)
Staff contact: John Meyer, johnm@tbrpc.org or ext. 29

H. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)
Due to statutory and contractual requirements, the following reports have been transmitted to the State Land Planning Agency and the appropriate local government in accordance with Rule 29H-1.003(3), F.A.C. No Report is prepared for adopted amendments that do not require Council comments.

1. DEO # 14-4ESR, City of Largo
2. DEO # 14-5ESR, City of Largo
3. DEO # 14-2ESR, City of Dade City
4. DEO # 14-1ESR, City of Palmetto
5. DEO # 14-1ESR, City of Madeira Beach
6. DEO # 14-2ESR, City of Palmetto
7. DEO # 14-2ESR, City of Zephyrhills
8. DEO # 14-6ESR, Pasco County

Action Recommended: Approve staff report(s)
Staff contact: Brady Smith, brady@tbrpc.org or ext. 42

I. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)
The following report(s) are presented for Council action:

1. DEO # 14-3ESR, Pinellas County

Action Recommended: Approve staff report(s)
Staff contact: Brady Smith, brady@tbrpc.org or ext. 42

J. Nominating Committee – 2015 Slate of Officers
The Nominating Committee met on November 24th, 2014 and approved the following for the 2015 Slate of Officers to be presented to the full Council for approval: Commissioner Victor Crist, Chair (Hillsborough County); Mayor Woody Brown (City of Largo), Vice Chair; and Councilman Patrick Roff (City of Bradenton), Secretary/Treasurer.

Action Recommended: Approve the 2015 Slate of Officers.
Staff contact: Wren Krahl, ext. 22 or wren@tbrpc.org

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. (Bustle/Capin)

4. **Item(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda and Addendum Item(s) - None**
Council members shall notify the Chair of any items they wish to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. These items will be discussed and voted on separately after the remainder of the Consent Agenda is approved.

5. **Review Item(s) or Any Other Item(s) for Discussion**
Chair Nunez introduced Misty Cladas with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) who provided an overview of the King Tide “Chasing the Waves” Photo Exhibit located in the lobby of TBRPC.

King tides are extremely high tides which occur typically two times per year, in the spring and fall, when the earth, sun, and moon align and the gravitational pull is at its greatest. In 2012 the Tampa Bay Estuary Program and the Sarasota Bay Program partnered for a photo contest asking the community to take pictures of high and low tides showing the difference in the tides. We used those submissions as well as photos that we found from all over the world. There are photos in the exhibit from Tampa Bay, Sarasota, Maryland, California, small Pacific nations as a reminder that the King Tides and sea level rise are not just a Tampa Bay issue, it’s a global issue and something that everyone should pay attention to.

The Exhibit was kicked off at the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program office in June, 2013 and it has been traveling since then. The exhibit has been displayed at the South Florida Museum, the NOAA office building where the TBEP is located, the Valentine House, and the Manatee County Public Library.

There is a fact card with interesting facts about the exhibit and information located in the TBRPC lobby. Ms. Caldas’ asked that if anyone would like the exhibit to be displayed at their location to contact her at 727-893-2765 or misty@tbep.org. Dates are available for 2015.

6. Mr. Avera Wynne, Planning Director, provided a presentation summarizing the Council’s activities for the year 2014.

Our Mission 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. TBRPC serves four counties: Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas. The regional planning council (RPC) is recognized as Florida’s only multipurpose regional entity that is in a position to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems on greater-than-local issues, provide technical assistance to local governments, and meet other needs of the communities in each region per Florida Statute 186.502(4)l.

Under some of the programmatic responsibilities from 2014 we had the Regional Collaboration Committee and staff met with the Directors of a myriad of agencies – airports, transportation directors, marketing folks at the counties with the CVBs, the amateur sports folks at the counties. We also addressed and looked at manufacturing skills gaps and the needs for additional STEM education and a certification concept. Employees that are looking at relocating to our region are interested in the quality of our education in our region but they are also interested in their workers being able to gain certain certifications. There is a big emphasis underway in the economic development community. We have been looking at additional remote sensing data, wireless network signaling data to try to assist in transportation planning and economic development, tourist planning and the like.

The One Bay Land Use Working Group continued to meet this year and are focusing their efforts on the economy and resiliency in the near future. Staff has continued to serve as the corridor

management entity for the Courtney Campbell Causeway. We also conducted a forum on The New Normal: Demographics. With the RESTORE Act we brought people together to discuss the Restore money.

The Agency on Bay Management is staffed by Maya Burke. Some of the notable issues addressed by the ABM in 2014 are:

- Celebrated 80th Anniversary of Florida Coastal Islands Sanctuaries
- Endorsed Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment
- Previewed Plans for Center for Conservation and Energy Technology
- Discussed Potential Environmental Impacts of:
 - Proposed High Speed Ferry Terminal at Schultz Preserve
 - Tampa Bay Cruise Industry pre-Feasibility Studies
 - St. Petersburg Downtown Waterfront Master Plan

Decision Support Geographic Information System

- Mapping and Analysis Support for One Bay
- Sea Level Impact Analysis Tool for the Federal Highway Works Administration (FHWA). This was a pilot project looking at critical issues in the Hillsborough County area on critical needs. Forty-fifty years from now the projects that we are building today and how they may be inundated in the future and if we need to build them differently to be more resilient.
- The Statewide Directional Atlas Analysis Tool.
- Marshall Flynn developed the State Broadband Web Map
- And Database enhancements for Emergency Management, Economic Development, and Broadband Planning. Historically we have done them as an average of all of the storm possibilities but this model is to get an idea of when the impending storm is coming to look at the direction and some of the other data we have to make decisions based on real time data.

ONE BAY: Coastal Resiliency

We recently received a NOAA CRest Grant for Coastal Resiliency. The One Bay Working Group met this past Friday and talked about sea level rise, technologies and different activities that can help visualize what can happen in the future with sea level rise on our built environment as well as our natural environment. That will be an exciting project for the next two years and that's how we are focusing our ONE BAY efforts.

Emergency Preparedness

Betti Johnson is the staff person and this year she was honored at the Governor's Hurricane Conference with the Governor's Award.

We have been working with Homeland Security for the development of the 2015 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Critical Infrastructure Climate Resilient Exercise. The planning will culminate in February and the event will be held in March.

420,000 copies of the official Disaster Planning Guide, in 8 counties in English and Spanish were produced.

Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) is another program of Betti Johnson's. They are in the process of finishing up their Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meets quarterly and is staffed by John Meyer. The LEPC keeps track of all of the hazardous materials in our region and talk about how to respond as first responders. They keep up a database to know where hazardous chemicals are so when the first responders show up on site they know what is in the building and whether to evacuate the area.

The LEPC assisted in the coordination and conduct of the “Hightide” regional exercise involving the deployment and joint response of Tampa Fire Rescue, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue and the DHS to a terrorist/hazardous materials maritime incident.

Development Coordination

- Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review: 30 comprehensive plans amendments were reviewed in 2014. The quantities and size of the amendments have been down. Brady Smith is the staff person. We have scaled down what we do with the reviews. We look for the clear, regionally significant resources, evacuation routes, natural resources and that type of thing as well as extra-jurisdictional impacts, as well as job creation.
- Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) Coordination. John Meyer is the staff person. While DRI review activities proceeded at a slower pace in 2014, DRI staff continues to track and assess the status of these developments. Staff keeps track of the percentage of approved DRIs and what percentages are built out. Referring to a chart, of Pasco County’s residential of approved entitlements, 66% are unbuilt. In Pasco County’s case there are a lot of mixed-use development that are just under the DRI threshold and there are a lot of unutilized entitlements out there across the board.
- Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (IC&R). John Meyer is the staff person for the IC&R Program. In 2014, 64 applications have been processed of which 30 were deemed regionally significant. Twelve of the regionally significant applications out of the thirty were transportation plans. Listings and summaries of all applications are prepared for Council members.

Recently the Council approved the MPO Interlocal Agreements between FDOT, The MPOs, TBARTA, PSTA, Pasco County Transportation. They are all a part of these Interlocal agreements. All of the large scale plans, the transportation plan, the transportation improvement program and the unified planning work program are required by the federal government to go through a review process. The agreement provides our role and responsibilities as a regional planning council along with the other review agencies.

Bay Soundings – Maya Burke is the staff person.

Bay Soundings is in its 13th Year of Publication. Three editions a year – winter, spring/summer, and fall. There were 72,000 print copies distributed a year with 219,000 web hits a year and a 79% increase in Facebook likes.

The Tarpon Tag \$111,000 was raised for Tampa Bay in FY 2014, with 7,250 plates registered. To date \$1.7 million has been raised. Some of the tag money goes toward Bay Soundings. Revenues are down from two years ago but they are starting to increase now since the tax fees changed. When there was the option of renewing for two years people thought it was too expensive to have a specialty tag. The Tarpon Tag kept its position in the hierarchy of where it ranks. When the tag was first approved it was number 60 and we were told they would approve no more specialty tags but now there are 160 specialty tags. Senator Sebesta was one of the sponsors of the tag and Bob Henriquez from the House, who is now the Property Appraiser in Hillsborough County, was another sponsor.

Economic Development District (EDD) – Randy Deshazo is the staff person.

Staff competed for Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnerships (IMCP) and identified medical devices and the related industries as the one to try and get federal designation. We are in the process of teaming with Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) and South Florida for the I-75 corridor designation: Tampa to Miami. The reason medical devices is the one between our three regions that we have, we all have concentrations in it and particularly for the export market. In the Miami area people export to the south, Latin America. It has been interesting learning about medical devices because it gets complicated with the plastics. Plastic isn’t

categorized as medical devices but a lot of plastics go into stents and bags and different types of tools. We have to figure out what constitutes “industry.”

We received an EDA grant to conduct geospatial research on advanced manufacturing. It’s a small grant and we are working with the SWFRPC. We are going to try and leverage that to maybe get the manufacturing communities designation.

We worked on alignment strategies with the Florida Chamber’s Six Pillars with The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan.

Economic Analysis Program

This position was vacant for a couple of months which is a part of the reason for the downturn and the number of projects. 22 projects are still quite a bit and they aren’t all catalogued. We average about 31 per year. Clients included: Florida Tax Watch, Hillsborough MPO, Pasco EDC, Pinellas EDC, Hillsborough EDC, HCA Hospitals, New Port Richey and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program.

The Energy Resiliency Study has won several awards and we are proud of that.

The Valuation of Tampa Bay was finished in the summer. We were in partnership with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program. One out of five jobs in the Tampa Bay watershed depends on a healthy bay as well as other areas in the region and for the bay in general, 1 in 2 jobs. This contains valuable information for the Estuary Program and the Agency on Bay Management for their missions in trying to keep the bay healthy. When you talk about economic development, the climate of our region and our bay quality are two things that stand out from other places in the country and the world. A dollar invested in maintaining the quality of the bay gives tremendous returns.

Solar Ready Florida – Brady Smith is the staff person. This project is geared towards roof-top for residential. Roof-top residential is still hard to do from an economic standpoint. The project is going to start to wind down early next year. Commercial applications with solar is more viable. Residential viability is there and some people are installing systems but they aren’t necessarily doing it for economic reasons. They are doing it because they think it’s the right thing to do or they know for sure they are going to be in their house for the 5-10 years it will take to get the payback. In the residential market a lot of people aren’t willing to make that 5-10 year commitment. Residential folks don’t stay in one place as long as we used but the businesses do. We have Great Bay Distributing, Anheuser Busch Distributor, Poly Pak and the Automobile Museum. There are a few installs from within but it is primarily business buildings that are owned by the business within the building and they plan to be there long term and know they will get a return on their investment.

On January 13th, 2015 the Solar Finance Workshop will be held at our facility to try and explain how you can get financing for Solar. We are also working toward an Energy Summit in 2015 to talk about alternatives in renewables that are available.

Future of the Region Awards – Wren Krahl is staff. For the first time The Harbors, West Market Redevelopment Infill Plan won two of our big awards – the MacIntosh Award and the One Bay Award. Commissioner Ann Hildebrand, also from Pasco County, won the Herman Goldner Award. Other winners were FishHawk Ranch and Waterset, the City of Largo, the City of Oldsmar for their Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant, The ECO System Restoration Plan at MacDill AFB, and the City of Pinellas Park Medical District. You can submit a project by Friday, January 9th for this year’s event. The Awards Luncheon will be held at the Carillon Hilton.

The Annual Report is available on our website: www.tbrpc.org

Questions & Comments:

- Councilman Roff: I have a question about the medical devices. Are there many facilities in Southwest Florida? I know we have a lot here in our region. Also, it sounds like Miami may or may not be involved?
- Mr. Wynne: Southwest Florida isn't very strong in manufacturing. They need our region to be competitive from that standpoint. They provide a connection to the Miami area.
- Councilman Roff: I was wondering if you are using that as a link.
- Mr. Wynne: Yes. But they do have large employers. GE is still located there and they do medical devices, whether or not they do medical devices there. There are two in Collier County. They are the strongest. The other thing is the port to port concept. We have two ports here, they have two ports in Miami and we could try to link them up with the I-75 corridor. There are also the airports to consider when you are dealing with medical devices.
- Mr. Pumariega: As Avera mentioned we have a manufacturing grant. One of my daughter's is a dentist and I learned this morning that we manufacture dental chairs in our region from our new Commissioner Livingston. He owned a company which he sold a couple of years ago. Did you export out of the country?
- Commissioner Livingston: We did, primarily to Western Europe.

Presentations provided at Council meetings can be found at:
www.tbrpc.org/council_members/council_presentations.shtml

7. Council Members' Comments

Commissioner Black invited everyone to Dade City, the last Saturday in January for the Kumquat Festival.

Chair Nunez mentioned that Mr. Farah provided a spreadsheet showing the details of improvements on U.S. 19 in Pinellas and Pasco County. Copies were available to those who are interested.

- 8. A. Agency on Bay Management (ABM) –No Report**
- B. Regional Collaboration Steering Committee (RCSC) – No Report**
- C. Local Emergency Planning Committee – No Report**
- D. Legislative Committee**
Commissioner Black, Chair of the Legislative Committee said there will be a DRI bill this year and that's something we will be tracking. We will have a Legislative Committee meeting on January 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at TBRPC.
- 9. Other Council Reports - None**
- 10. Executive/Budget Committee Report - None**
- 11. Chair's Report – Mr. Núñez - None**

12. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Manny Pumariega
The FRCA Activity Report went out in the agenda packet. The FRCA Policy Board will be meeting January 8-9, 2015 and we will bring a report to you at the February meeting. The FRCA Annual Report was distributed in Council folders. Mr. Pumariega thanked the board for their support of staff.

13. Outgoing Chair's Report – Mr. Núñez
It has indeed been an honor to serve as your Chair this past year. Before I continue, I would like to thank my fellow Officers who served with me...Commissioner Crist and Mayor Brown. Thank you very much for agreeing to serve in this capacity and for your continued support of Council initiatives. Thank you.

I would also like to thank Manny and the staff for their dedication to the Council. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you and to observe first- hand the type of talent that we are privileged to have on our staff. Thank you.

I am proud to say that 2014 marked the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's 52nd year in regional planning. During the last five decades the Council has strived to achieve best practice standards in all aspects of its programs and endeavors.

I would also like to convey that the Tampa Bay Regional Council is comprised of leaders who understand the importance of coming together as a region and working beyond those jurisdictional boundaries. This is key to our success and we are fortunate to have a dedicated Board with a wide spectrum of expertise and who also serve their communities well.

Avera did a great job of summarizing the annual report but I would like to reiterate that the year 2014 served as a "kick off" for the Council's newly established Strategic Initiatives Plan. This process allows us to reflect on our past endeavors and to engage in the "here and now" issues affecting the Tampa Bay region. And as you know, convening the region through collaborative efforts continues to be the main outcome of the Council's strategic planning process.

This past year, the Council held collaborative meetings with Sea Ports, Airports, Tourism Boards and Amateur Sports Boards within the region in an effort to maximize and capitalize on the aspects and strengths each brings to a healthy Tampa Bay economy.

Other noteworthy TBRPC projects and programs were completed such as the Statewide Energy Resiliency Study, the Statewide Energy Assurance Study, and the ground-breaking Tampa Bay Valuation Study. The Council also received grants to study Solar Energy, Coastal Resiliency and Sea Level Rise, as well as, an EDA grant award to analyze advanced manufacturing. All of these projects and programs are covered in detail in the annual report and can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org.

TBRPC also actively participated in the Florida Regional Council's Association (FRCA) Strategic Planning Session which will serve as a future guide for Florida's 11 regional planning councils. Our regional planning councils and other regional organizations provide a pivotal role in designing strategies and creating the partnerships for effective regional cooperation.

As the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council embarks upon its 53rd year it is my hope that we will continue to focus on the spirit of cooperation as we endeavor to serve our local governments and the citizens of the Tampa Bay region.

Whatever we try to accomplish in the future, whatever problem we try to solve and whatever solutions we come up with, we need to make a difference in the daily lives of our citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chair and I look forward to supporting Commissioner Crist, Mayor Brown, and Councilman Roff, as well as working with each of you in the coming year to continue the good works of this great organization.

Please join me in welcoming, Ms. Diane Corna, City Clerk for the City of Pinellas Park. Ms. Corna is becoming a tradition at our annual meeting. Since moving into our new facilities, Ms. Corna has been gracious enough to administer the Oath of Officer to our new officers for the past 10 years.

14. Installation of 2013 Slate of Officers

Ms. Corna administered the Oath of Office to:

Commissioner Victor Crist, as Chair
Councilman Patrick Roff, as Secretary/Treasurer

Mayor Woody Brown, Vice Chair, was absent.

15. Incoming Chair's Report – Commissioner Crist

There are some things that I think have been missing here that we need to add to the agenda to elevate our presence and our relevancy so that we can have a stronger standing with Governor Scott in Tallahassee. It's time for the Regional Planning Councils to step back up to the plate and be visible in the value and importance of what we do in fostering meaningful collaboration to benefit our local governments. To that end, tempered all the way through the agenda next year are a half dozen new things to help elevate that. I ask that you keep an open mind and bear with me because I think this is going to be a pleasurable experience and we will fill every seat in the house as we move forward.

Presentations:

- Ms. Corna was presented a snow globe in thanks for administering the Oath of Office.
- Chair Crist stated that Mr. Nunez is an avid boater. He has been a very active member of the St. Pete Yacht Club for a very long time. Mr. Nunez was presented with a framed picture of the original old St. Pete Yacht Club inscribed:

*Andres "Andy" Nunez, Jr., Chair
For Dedicated Service
Presented by
The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
December 8, 2014*

Thank you for your outstanding service to the Council and your leadership and for serving as our Chair.

It is indeed an honor to serve as your Chair. Before I continue with my remarks, I would like to thank Mayor Brown for serving as Secretary/Treasurer. And, I would like to welcome Councilman Roff to the Slate of Officers.

Since joining the Council, I have had the pleasure of observing and learning from several great leaders that held this position before me. People like Commissioner Black, the Late Robert Kersteen, Ms. Todd, Commissioner Mariano, Commissioner Dodson, Commissioner Bustle, Mayor Minning and Mr. Nunez. I would like to thank each of you for your dedicated service.

We are very privileged to have such a wide spectrum of expertise represented on this board. As we embark on our 53rd year I would like to recognize our outstanding staff. This building is filled with some of the greatest minds and experience that you could imagine. To that end we have a lot of quality work that is done. Avera, you and your staff and everybody here, thank you so much for your service.

I would also like to thank Manny. You deserve a separate recognition. I've been working with you for years in many different capacities. Even when you didn't have to open the door to me, you always did. You've always been a gracious gentleman, you've always been overly anxious to accommodate, even when we were putting this agenda together I knew that you were raising those eyebrows at some of the ideas and saying, well, you know, have you thought about looking at it this way? You've been able to contain quite a few of these things and make them a little easier to work with. You have such a great way about you and I look forward to working with you.

My role is to be a facilitator to help keep your juices flowing and get discussions moving forward and for us to get the work done that we are charged with. I will try my best to do that. We have expertise and experience – real experience, life experience in every inch of space in this room. There is no reason that we, as a team of regional leaders can't come together from time to time and address common ideas and issues of the day and take back to our respective governmental bodies and deal with it. What may be my issue today may be your issue tomorrow or someone else's the day after. What we're going to do is open things up so that at strategic times throughout the year, where we have a window, where we can have an open discussion, an open debate, an open dialogue on whatever issues you want to bring forward to this Council in hopes that we can build a consensus among us that each of us can then take back for a resolution to our respective appointed bodies as a baseline to be able to work from. Where we can say this was on your discussion at the regional planning council and as regional leaders and a regional body they felt that this was a doable solution and at least everyone could live with it at some level. It may be less than what we are willing to do and we may want to do more, or it may be more than what we're willing to do and we may want to do less but at least the issue has been elevated, looked at, and it's being discussed. I think that by being able to bring those things forward each of us will have a greater buy-in to what we are doing and will be able to bring things forward that originates from us. You can bring nothing to the table or you can bring something. I would like to see more engagement from this room. Staff will be working with you to set up the times when those windows will be most appropriate.

My goal as your Chair is to provide leadership that will assist in moving forward the projects and programs found in our *2013 Initiatives Plan* and to continue our mission of bringing local governments together in productive collaboration, to elevate our presence, strength in our relevance, and put the Council back at the forefront of leadership of regional thinking and collaboration in the Tampa Bay area.

We know that by working together based on a common vision, we can unite and resolve these common issues and concerns on a truly regional basis.

Our areas of interest vary -- economic development...transportation.... housing.... infrastructure.... domestic security.... all hazard emergency preparedness... water resource preservation and management.... clean water or clean energy. Our common goal is to solve these problems and build consensus. We have demonstrated that this organization in the past has been able to successfully accomplish this and in the present we are doing this and in the future we will continue. The Council is dedicated to continuing this effort.

We have a busy and productive year ahead for the Council.

When you look at the bay area we have some of the most outstanding qualities of healthcare, delivery, and services of anywhere else in the world. Yet we've not been able to come together and collaboratively leverage those resources. To that point we are going to begin those discussions here

in the hope that each of our economic development agencies and Councils will come together and work with us in cultivating each of these areas. I'm picking one that I know is important to our Governor and show him that we are worth funding.

It is time to begin developing a road map to grow viable medical tourism in the Tampa Bay market. We have quite a few facilities, programs, scientific research and educational opportunities that need to come together. The silos need to come down. We need to be a family, a team, to make this happen. We have an airport which within the next 36 months, after \$1 billion worth of investment will be the finest airport in the world. We have developed the land in and around the airport in three different counties. We have roads and access points to four or five different counties and every city is within a reasonable range of business. There is no reason why we can't pull our resources together and work together as a medical hub for people to come, get their medical issues addressed, enjoy our beautiful climate, stay in our comfortable hotels, and homes and condos, and the family can enjoy the beach during a very stressful time.

We will begin these discussions in February. For a presentation we have invited the National Association of Medical Tourism and the State Association of Medical Tourism to come and provide a full-fledged presentation where they will be leaving with a proposal for us to partner in some fashion in hopes that this can kick off to what could be a regional effort to grow a viable opportunity for all of us. Also in February we will have the Department of Homeland Security on a Climate Adaptation Exercise which will bring together emergency management staff, planners, and local officials to identify strategies for existing and future coastal challenges.

At our March meeting we will have a presentation of the discussion of public transportation, another controversial issue. There was an attempt to do a summit two months ago on ride sharing. The Tampa Bay Partnership found out that we were going to address the issue and had their own summit where they brought a handful of people to the table. A real summit needs to be held with a real discussion and where all the parties and stakeholders will be at the table to ask questions, argue points, and walk away with a perspective of how you see this issue. It's going to affect each and every one of us. The issue is ride sharing. It's an emerging industry. And it is controversial in every city, every county and every state where it is trying to open the door. We are going to learn what ride sharing is, how it works, what the issues of concern are, and what it means to us here at home and if it could be a benefit and if so what we would need to change for it to be a benefit. Strictly objective.

On March 27th, the 23rd Annual Future of the Region Awards will be taking place at the Hilton in Carillon Park. The Call for Entries is now available on our website and I would like to encourage each of you to spread the word.

There are a lot of innovative ideas out there and there are a lot of people who are trying to knock on each of our doors to get in to see us and get us to assist with their innovative ideas. I figured I would invite you to bring your ideas to Manny, he would then screen them for relevancy and take them forward to our Collaboration Committee, which will then screen them and place them on the agenda for what will be a workshop in June for innovative, creative new ideas and ways of doing things to help solve our problems. It could be anything such as dealing with trash pickup, dealing with insurance, energy efficiency, anything that we have to deal with on a regular basis. We will give each of these groups 15 minutes to present and have time for us to ask questions so we can understand innovative new things that are coming into our markets that are possibilities. Generally June is a slow month so we think that's a good place to fit it in.

As an initiative of the Council's Regional Collaboration Committee we will be hosting a 2 day Energy Summit sometime in May. Staff is currently working on the dates and the venue for the summit. This is very important and many of us have participated in previous energy summits and they have been very interesting. It will be beneficial to all of us. It won't be at a Council meeting but will take place for 2 days during the month.

In August we will be hosting a symposium on the ONEBAY Resilient Communities initiative. This initiative is establishing a common approach to understanding, communicating and planning for coastal hazards.

The Bay Area Scientific Information Symposium, or BASIS 6, will be taking place in late September. This 3 day symposium is conducted by TBRPC and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program. BASIS takes place every 5 years to gather the latest scientific information on Tampa Bay and produce a conference proceeding report.

Late in the fall there will be a presentation and discussion and looking at a possible regional approach in dealing with public transportation. Everybody does it differently. In Hillsborough County we have one agency that regulates cabs, limos, taxis and tow trucks. In Pinellas every single city, plus the county, all individually do it. Manatee and Pasco are completely different. What would be the pros and cons of looking at a regional authority like this to have one standard in the region where we can begin to look at if you are on the beach and you want to go to the airport the cabs are at the airport? You want to go to Dade City or New Port Richey you can. If you are a veteran and you live out in Hudson and you want to get to the VA Hospital in Tampa you can. Look at how we can look at the bay area as one market and regulate the industries in a uniformed way and then return any licensing dollars left after operating costs back to each of the cities and counties. So it should be an earning, not a loss to each that regulate those industries today. There's no reason why that can't occur. In the larger markets like New York that's how they do it and they do it very successfully. It's at least worth a discussion, and worth contemplating.

At this point you can see there are only about 6 items that have been added to a 12 month list so that means there are positions that are open. We invite all of you to bring issues and ideas forward that we can work into the schedule as well because we want this to be a family of discussion and we want you to leave this year with some new things that could benefit us for generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve for the next 12 months. I look forward to helping move the agenda forward so we can all walk away in a year and say we did a good job. Thank you.

Manny wanted me to mention the Committee Assignments. I asked him to put the list together of who we felt would best serve on each of the committees and asked him to try and accommodate your first, second, and third priorities. He brought the list back and I saw names that had not been assigned to a committee and I said everyone needs to share in the workload. If you don't like your assigned committee please contact Manny. Everyone in the room needs to be involved in a committee.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:21 a.m.



Victor Crist, Chair



Lori Denman, Recording Secretary

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE NAME NEAL, JOHN, A.	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE TBRPC
MAILING ADDRESS 8141 WWR MAIN ST, STE 209	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY COUNTY BRADENTON MANATEE	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED:	MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies equally to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing the reverse side and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which inures to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also is prohibited from knowingly voting on a measure which inures to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained), to the special private gain or loss of a relative, or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, co-owner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

You must abstain from voting and disclose the conflict in the situations described above and in the manner described for elected officers. In order to participate in these matters, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes.
- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, John Neal, hereby disclose that on December 8, 2014:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss,
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____;
- by whom I am retained, or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____;
- which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me

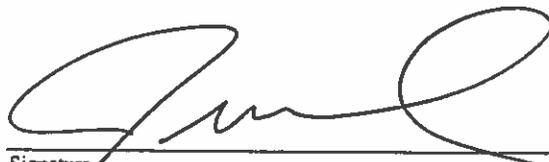
(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Item 3F(B) of today's agenda pertains to DRI # 202 of which I am both the manager and owner.

Date Filed

12/8/14

Signature



NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.