



Council Minutes

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December 14, 2015
10:00 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County, Chair
Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo, Vice Chair
Mayor Scott Black, City of Dade City
Councilmember Bob Boss, City of Temple Terrace
Councilwoman Yvonne Yolie Capin, City of Tampa
Mr. Jacob Cremer, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Jonathan Davis., City of Palmetto
Commissioner Carlos Diaz, City of Safety Harbor
Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Mr. Robert "Pete" Edwards, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Rick Falkenstein, City of St. Pete Beach
Council Member Michael Fridovich, City of Gulfport
Council Member Hoyt Hamilton, City of Clearwater
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Ronald Kitchen, Citrus County
Commissioner Bruce Livingston, City of Dunedin
Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County
Councilor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole
Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island
Mr. John Neal, Manatee County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Gail Neidinger, City of South Pasadena
Councilwoman Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg
Mr. Frank Rygiel, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Scott Sheridan, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alt., Ex-officio, FDOT
Mr. David Dunbar, Ex-officio, SWFWMD

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton, Sec./Treasurer
Mayor David Archie, City of Tarpon Springs
Commissioner Betsy Benac, Alt, Manatee County
Mr. Nick DiCeglie, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Andy Núñez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee, Past Chair
Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips, City of New Port Richey
Commissioner Diane Rowden, Hernando County
Mr. Tim Schock, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Council Member Eric Seidel, City of Oldsmar
Mr. Robert Sebesta, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Kathryn Starkey, Pasco County
Councilman Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Ms. Mary Yeargan, FDEP

OTHERS PRESENT

Sean Sullivan, Future TBRPC Executive Director
Trisha Neasman, Planning Supervisor, SWFWMD
Ty Maxcy, Principal, Mexgen Land Planners
David Facon, Int. Bd. Of Med.
Diane Corna, City Clerk, City of Pinellas Park

STAFF PRESENT

Avera Wynne, Interim Executive Director
Don Conn, Legal Counsel
Maya Burke, Senior Planner
Randy Deshazo, Principal Planner
Marshall Flynn, GIS Director
Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information
John Meyer, Principal Planner
Brady Smith, Principal Planner
Beth Williams, Accounting Manager
Avera Wynne, Planning Director

Call to Order – Chair Crist

The December 14, 2015 annual meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

Voting Conflict Report – Consent Agenda Item 3.F.5.- DRI # 202 – Unnamed Golf & Country Club, RY 2014-15, Manatee County, filed by Mr. John Neal, Manatee County Gubernatorial Appointee.

The invocation was given by Councilor Bob Matthews, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close the Public Comment passed without objection.

Chair Crist made a motion to change the order of Agenda Item 7 and 8 and place 8 before 7. Motion to accept the agenda passed without objection.

Announcements:

The Council received a Thank You card from Manny thanking the Council for all of the well wishes that were brought forward to him and most of all for hosting his retirement dinner celebration at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. Manny's note in the card said: *Council Members, thank you for hosting my retirement dinner celebration at the Columbia Restaurant and for the gift card and Columbia Restaurant print. Again, thank you for your support, guidance, and leadership during my tenure at the Council. Best wishes in the future.*"

Sean Sullivan was introduced. His background was provided at the last meeting when the Council unanimously voted to extend an offer to hire him for the position of Executive Director and which he has accepted. He will start today and take ten (10) days off, as part of our agreement, to relocate his family to the Tampa Bay region.

Mr. Sullivan thanked the Council for placing their faith in him. He is looking forward to working with everyone. He and his family are in the process of relocating from the Boston area to the Tampa Bay region. They spent time this weekend looking for housing in the region. Last week Congress agreed on the transportation bill, called the Fast Act, fixing America's surface road transportation. The budget isn't finalized yet but is expected to happen by Wednesday and that will provide five years of re-authorization for transportation funding. Mr. Sullivan stated he is looking forward to working on behalf of the Council to seek transportation funding for the Tampa Bay region and anticipates the seventh round of Tiger Grants - the

transportation investment which generates economic recovery is a highly competitive grant program. Mr. Sullivan said everyone has been helpful and he is looking forward to the challenge.

Chair Crist told Mr. Sullivan that he has an incredible solid team of professionals and each person in this organization is extremely talented, hard-working, and dedicated and that he is walking into a well-oiled machine. Your predecessor did an outstanding job of balancing the books, building this agency and establishing us. You have a good firm foundation to build on. You will be bringing to this agency new ideas, new perspectives – but most of all the experience of the big market and the portfolio of accomplishments that few others in this state match. We look forward to working with you and may the transition be a smooth one for you and your family.

Chair Crist stated we said good bye to the former director and hello to the incoming director. There's been a huge void in between. So often organizations aren't able to fill voids like that and operate smoothly. We were, and that is because of the great staff. Avera has been a blessing to work with, he is very organized, he knows this agency like the back of his hand, he has a lot of respect. But most of all, he is brilliant. When you have a problem he is the guy you go to because you know he will give you a brilliant answer. We've been able, in the short period of time, to bring a lot of the agenda for the year to closure. Between Avera and Wren you have been there for me in my capacity as Chair. Both of you uniquely different, uniquely talented, and well balanced. Between the two of you there isn't anything that anyone could ask and not be able to get 100%. On behalf of the organization thank you for your service and for bridging the gap between our two directors.

Special Committee Chair Recognitions – Chair Crist

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.

Mayor Woody Brown was recognized for serving as Vice Chair of the Council, and Chair of the Clearinghouse Review Committee. Mayor Brown also served as Vice Chair of the Executive/Budget Committee and serves on the Legislative Committee. Mayor Brown was presented with a travel tumbler.

Councilman Roff was unable to attend today's meeting due to a scheduling conflict. He is recognized for his outstanding service as our Secretary/Treasurer and our incoming Vice Chair.

Mayor Minning served as Chair of the Agency on Bay Management and also served on the Executive Budget Committee, the Legislative Committee and the FRCA Policy Board. Mayor Minning was presented with a travel tumbler.

Commissioner Scott Black served as the Chair of the Legislative Committee. He also served on the Executive Budget Committee and the FRCA Policy Board. Commissioner Black was presented with a travel tumbler.

Councilor Bob Matthews served once again as the Chair of the Nominating Committee and was presented with a travel tumbler.

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd Chaired the successful Energy Summit. She also served on the Executive Budget Committee, The Clearinghouse Review Committee, the Legislative Committee and is Vice President of the FRCA Policy Board. She was thanked for her service, absenteeism.

Mr. Avera Wynne, Interim Executive Director, thanked Chair Crist for his time served as the Chairman of the Executive Budget Committee this year and was presented with a traveler tumbler.

1. **Approval of Minutes – Vice Chair Brown**
Approved the minutes from the November 9, 2015 regular meeting without objection.

2. **Budget Committee – Vice Chair Brown**
- A. Approved the Financial Report for the period ending 10/31/15 without objection.
 - B. Approved the amendment to check signature authorization for TD Bank accounts without objection.
 - C. Authorized Officers to sign documents without objection.
 - D. Approved the updating of the corporate bank resolution to reflect/confirm officers without objection.

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3. **Consent Agenda - Chair Crist**

A. **Budget and Contractual - None**

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

- 1. IC&R Summary by Jurisdiction for November 2015
- 2. IC&R Reviews - November 2015

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Staff Contact: John Meyer, ext. 29, john@tbrpc.org

C. **DRI Development Order Report (DOR) - None**

D. **DRI Development Order Amendment Report (DOAR)**

DRI #157 - Trinity Communities, Pasco County

Action Recommended: Approve staff Report

Staff Contact: John Meyer, ext. 29, john@tbrpc.org

E. **Notice of Proposed Change (NOPC) Report - None**

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

- 1. DRI #108 - Hidden River Corporate Park, RY 2014-15 ARS, City of Tampa
- 2. DRI #140 - Tampa Triangle, RY 2014-15 ARS, Hillsborough County
- 3. DRI #151 - Crosstown Center, RY 2014-15 ARS, Hillsborough County
- 4. DRI #158 - Tampa Bay Park of Commerce, RY 2014-15 ARS, City of Oldsmar & Pinellas County
- 5. DRI #202 - Unnamed Golf & Country Club, RY 2014-15, Manatee
- 6. DRI #218 - Gateway North, RYs 2013-15 ARS, Manatee County

Action Recommended: Approve staff Reports

Staff Contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

G. **DRI Status Report**

Recommended Action: 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 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 # 15-2ESR, City of Tampa
- 2. DEO # 15-5ESR, City of St. Petersburg
- 3. DEO # 15-1ESR, City of Temple Terrace
- 4. DEO # 16-1ESR, Pinellas County
- 5. DEO 15-1ESR, City of Brooksville

Action Recommended: Approve staff report(s)

Staff contact: Brady Smith, ext. 42, brady@tbrpc.org

I. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)

I. DEO# 15-5ESR, Hillsborough County

Action Recommended: Approve staff report

Staff contact: Brady Smith, ext. 42, brady@tbrpc.org

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed without objection.

4. Item(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda and Addendum Item(s)

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 – None

6. A. Medical Tourism Update

Since August, the Council's consultant, Global Healthcare Resources (GHR) has been conducting stakeholder meetings and collecting data to study the feasibility of developing the Medical Tourism industry in the Tampa Bay Area. Ms. Rene Marie Stephano of GHR presented an interim report. The final report is due in March 2016. Ms. Stephano's presentation is available in its entirety on the Council website.

Questions & Comments:

Council Member Fridovich asked, are we prepared language-wise to go to Miami where you have Spanish. Do we have languages available to people so they can understand what's going on? Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, etc. Ms. Stephano said facilities that have existing programs utilize translators. For all markets no. However, we have to be careful when using just translators and need to create greater language competency across the sector. They are hiring nursing staff that speak languages to create support systems.

Is your idea to focus on people who are already traveling here? Ms. Stephano replied that the lowest hanging fruit is going to be the existing inbound tourist. Being able to convert them to a health tourist is the easiest thing to do because they already want to come to Tampa. Going to a new market when you're not currently getting that demographic doesn't make sense as a primary goal. You can look at a long term goal/strategy at a market where there is a huge outbound referral base and then create the strategy to create awareness for the Tampa area and drive a new market. The statistic that was used is International Statistic is 15-25 % increase per year we see from destinations that are focused on the creative data programs.

Looking at the end goal, how do you anticipate the marketing program for each individual country? Are you going to isolate different practitioners, would you recommend social media, brochures? Ms. Stephano said because she doesn't want to draw any conclusions at this point for Tampa Bay she will speak in the hypothetical. You would want to create a hub that centralizes with the technology on the back end that can track all of your data and information first. From that hub you would attach to a web site. Into that web site goes all of your efforts in marketing activities and social media. Each individual facility is linked to that web site as well. It doesn't disturb what they are already doing, it actually enhances it. You create a centralized marketing strategy that goes to that one site and that hub, whether it's an individual patient or it's a corporate firm. They can access information. It will also provide a central location for all of the facilities that are members or participants in the hub to be able to provide information and updates and news and things that keep it live and interesting. Is there a centralized administrator? Ms. Stephano said you would ideally have a centralized administrator of this site. The facilities could say they are only interested in the Chinese market and the middle east market so they only come up when someone is looking at the site in Chinese or Arabic. They can choose how they want to participate. They can choose what services. This is the key to specialization. The idea is to encourage the facilities to create a narrow focus in terms of service lines and in terms of markets they want to attract and doctors they want to include in that. And they're making the decision making process a lot easier.

I'm trying to figure out your scale or ratings saying we need more 5 star hotels and restaurants because depending on whose rating we're looking at – AAA giving a 5 diamond rating, there's only a handful of those properties in the state of Florida and the demand for it and the cost of building it is extensive. I think our market has a great mix of higher end accommodations as well as restaurant opportunities. I'm trying to understand where you think we need them and how do we elevate that?

By 5 star it doesn't matter how many stars are fixed by whoever is rating it. 5 star means the services within the hotel facility and resort. A 3 star hotel could provide 5 star services to a recuperating patient. It's not that we need to build new hotels it's that we need to build up appropriate services for recuperating patients and their families based on the demand that's being sought. Most of the hotels have directed their focus on medical meetings and many of them don't understand the opportunity in terms of medical tourism and treatment and being able to provide housing for recuperating patients. They might be interested in investing a certain percentage of their rooms for a higher end clientele that needs more specialized services.

You talked about regulatory conversion in your presentation but in your presentation you left out the Caribbean market. Were they left out because of income levels? I also noticed you didn't mention that as a secondary market nor did you mention the Eastern European or African markets. I'm wondering where do those markets fit in as potential and could you explain why the Caribbean was not included when you had Latin America and South America?

I didn't identify all of the secondary markets. We are still conducting interviews. The challenge with the Caribbean market is high competition. A small percentage are coming on their own. Most of them are being referred by physicians that is driven by consulting and advisory services, and government referrals. Airlift is also an issue.

One thing you might want to look at, whether it's the Caribbean or Eastern Europe or Africa – if you are talking about a partnership and the way conventions are coming into this area I would think the Hillsborough County Hotel/Motel Association could bond with us and your program and have us as a part of an information packet so the corporate people could get that information and perhaps even lobby them when they are here for a big convention. Ms. Stephano said she agreed. The Eastern European market is very difficult to tap into. It is individual cash paying patients who are very price sensitive and there aren't facilitators sending people out. Typically they are going to other destinations within Europe and also because of the EU directive and the health insurance they are able to cross-border healthcare and get a lot of coverage.

This is a lot of information to digest. Pinellas County, about two years ago, became a high impact county as it relates to the numbers of tourism people. We are almost double that this year. On top of that, on Clearwater Beach we have four brand new resorts getting ready to come on line. I would be very interested in what your criteria is in terms of marketing to those types of people that may come for medical purposes. We now have a liver transplant center at Largo Medical as well as Johns Hopkins. Who would the facilitator be to pull all of this together to have a focus on this particular niche? Ms. Stephano said the challenge with transplants and international patients is the fact that most of the countries that these patients are coming from don't have appropriate hematology services when they return home. Transplants are not recommended for international patients. Domestically, absolutely. We met with All Children's and their affiliation with Johns Hopkins. Johns Hopkins will probably be driving all of their Caribbean patients in. Children patients as well from Latin America. That creates an opportunity but you also have the issue of having the appropriate housing for children and their families and what period of time, etc. Also Shriners is changing their entire model to actually go strongly towards medical tourism. You will look at the pediatric market at a huge area and is best done through physician referrals, pediatric groups and on line in advisory services with pediatric hospitals.

I hear what you are saying, my question to you is – what organization, what facilitator is used to bring all these silos together to focus on this particular niche? We have a tendency in this region to talk in silos. There has to be somebody that pulls all of this together.

A good model would be a P3 whereby there is Regional Council support. Perhaps the state of Florida support. And that a private company administers all of the marketing, the facilitation and that there is a centralized facilitator that manages all of the inbound inquiries.

As a redeveloping city, the City of St. Pete Beach, where can they get the information to develop the rooms that are needed for the various after-healthcare?

There's a program which provides standards from facility infrastructure, ADA, everything you would need for that as well as the patient experience, the soft standards and program style information.

A friend of mine from Montana flew here to a rock star cataract surgeon and stayed at the Ritz Carlton in Sarasota. When she lived here in Tampa she had a heart attack and was in a small hospital. She wanted to be flown to Los Angeles but I told her she needed to go to Tampa General. The image she had of Tampa General was welfare. She did not want to go and had to be convinced to be transported. You have all of that to overcome.

That was the initial gap, local perception of healthcare services. The shift to an international program and international recognition raises the bar and standard. It helps in recruiting physicians, improving the programs and investments and all those things that create a greater better perception of that organizations brand. Generally Tampa Bay lacks brand in terms of healthcare quality. With a dedicated program and focus on specialized services you would achieve that.

Chair Crist mentioned that it has been difficult for the consultants to get in the door at a variety of places. It's important that we get ready as an organization for this product prior to the beginning of the legislative session, the second week of January. We would like to have you come back for meetings with the two editorial boards and have our staff, our Chairman go and meet with the editorial board and have them have their reporter present. They will probably come out with a story first and then a week later an editorial. We want to make sure it's informative with what we've learned and how valuable it is. We want to make sure they recognize this organization for our keen insight and foresight for being assertive in getting this done because it begins to establish our brand with the legislature and with the governor as they move into the appropriation and policy-making of the state legislature. We also are going to want to move into Phase II of this and we will be seeking support and financial help from them and this sets the stage at the right time for that to happen.

Vice Chair Brown said he would like to put together a committee to foster the next move. This is an opportunity for the region to get together and seize an opportunity. This organization needs to seize opportunities and overcome challenges that affect the entire region. Ms. Stephano said everyone is looking for leadership and the Council is the right place for that leadership. Medical Tourism is of tremendous interest internationally. The recognition for this is critical.

Comment: Bay Care does about \$3 billion a year in medical services with ten hospitals. To proceed ahead without having someone from the medical field, like a Bay Care Florida Hospital, Mayo Clinic, John Hopkins – if they're not involved and we get ahead of them I don't think that's a good idea. We need to reach out to them before we start doing editorial boards and legislative push. You have to get them involved because they are the big winners here.

Commissioner Long stated the Council should form an ad hoc committee to study what the strategy is before getting ahead of ourselves. I know we are up against the clock but if we do it wrong...

Comment: They will join your committee, you just have to ask them. The Bay Cares of the world, All Children's, Johns Hopkins – they will participate.

Chair Crist disagreed because those were the doors that had to be pried open. They all want to do it on their own, individually and independently. They don't want to come together and collaborate. That's been the

issue – getting them all to the table. What we were hoping is that by virtue of getting a little attention to this agency and what we are trying to accomplish that it would help open those doors and bring them to the table.

Ms. Stephano said she met with all the institutions and their administrators and they understand what's being done and will support it. When I asked each of them the question, if we created a consortium and an advisory council would you participate as a collaborative all of them said that they would. I think you could move forward with a Press Release because they know the program is going on.

Chairman Crist suggested inviting them to participate in that presentation and that way they're at the table and can answer questions.

Comment: If I'm running Tampa General's Heart Program and its viewed as the best by US World Court and at Morton Plant Hospital they do more open heart surgeries than any place else in the bay area and they've got the finest surgeons, whose going to get the referral that's coming on the private jet? That's their concern.

B. Annual Report

Mr. Avera Wynne, Interim Executive Director, provided a presentation summarizing the Council's activities for the year 2015. To view the presentation please click the link below.

Council presentations can be found at

http://www.tbrpc.org/council_members/council_presentations.shtml

Motion to accept the Annual Report was approved without objection.

7. Council Members' Comments

Council Member Matthews stated he would like one of the first projects that the new director undertakes would be the TBRPC phone system. I have called here a number of times and have gotten voice mail. If we have to put someone on the payroll I would support that. Commissioner Long stated she has never called TBRPC and spoken to a live person. Chair Crist stated he didn't think we needed a motion for that and that he concurs and thinks the Board should have direct access without going through a voice mail system.

Council Member Fridovich said he thought it would be nice to have a microphone so people could be heard when they speak.

Commissioner Long stated that she finds the placement of the projector screens difficult to follow along with. The Council has provided some very important presentations and everyone would be much better served if we had screens on the two walls instead of where they are currently located. Chair Crist agreed. Secondly, the county commission as well as the PSTA are moving towards Ilegislate which is on my iPad already where you are able to work with your agenda and follow your agenda. It seems to me that we might want to move into the future with our technology. I don't know if that's possible for us but it helps cut down on paper. Everywhere I go, in groups that are focused on economics, jobs, and the welfare of the future for this region, transportation rises to the top as the number one challenge. I am excited about our new executive director joining us and really look for him to be transformational on this issue since he isn't bringing in any local baggage with him. He is new and has an opportunity to make a huge difference and I hope that we, as a group, can get behind him with our support.

Chair Crist said he thinks that as we move forward and hear from him that is on his agenda. His first steps are wise ones and that is to get rooted here and established so when he steps forward he will be sure-footed and strong. He will need all of us to help him open doors. He has what many don't have, he has the track record and the portfolio. He brings experience of having done it.

A. Announcements/Events

Commissioner Black reminded everyone that the last Saturday in January, every year, is the Kumquat Festival in Dade City. It's a one day event. In the days before the Kumquat Festival there is a press tour, including the kumquat growers facility. I can let everyone know about that as well.

Comment – Chair Crist, I was impressed when you took the helm a year ago and announced the agenda and vision you had including the medical tourism. Today's discussion was on an important issue that this body should be looking at and I want to thank you for your leadership.

8. Program/Project Reports

A. Legislative Committee - Commissioner Scott Black, Chair

The Legislature will begin its 2016 regular session on January 12. Over a thousand bills have been introduced so far and the Legislative Committees are busy holding hearings. A few of the bills that are of interest to the Council and that are starting to move through the process are:

SB-178 by the Health Policy Committee – Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation (“Visit Florida”) are directed to promote Medical Tourism and market the state as a healthcare destination. “Visit Florida” is required to include the promotion of Medical Tourism in its 4-year marketing plan and showcase Florida providers. The Plan must promote the state nationally and internationally on:

(1) The qualifications and specializations of health care providers and the scope of services available throughout the state;

(2) Opportunities for medical-related conferences, businesses, and training from the medical field; and

(3) Initiatives that showcase the selected and qualified providers that bundle packages of health and support services.

SB-7000 by the Community Affairs Committee – This bill exempts from the DRI Process any project that would otherwise be subject to the State Coordinated Review Process if it is consistent with the Local Comprehensive Plan.

HB-7005 by the State Affairs Committee – this is a comprehensive water bill that will likely be the vehicle for legislation affecting water resources this session. It provides for a conservation lands database, authorizes certain water management district pilot projects, requires adoption of minimum flows and levels for outstanding Florida Springs, creates the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act, and modifies certain aspects of water use permitting. This bill is similar to SB-552 introduced by Senator Dean.

SB-584 by Senator Brandes – establishes a matching grant program of up to \$50 million for local governments to implement flood risk reduction policies and projects.

HB-33 by Representative Rogers and SB-240 by Senator Soto – these bills establish the Community Investment Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity to encourage investment and reduce poverty in economically disadvantaged communities.

SB-172 by Senator Brandes – this bill deals with renewable energy source devices that store or use solar energy and provides certain tax exemptions for such devices.

Finally the good news is that no bills have been introduced that directly address or modify the duties, responsibilities or membership of the Regional Planning Councils.

In response to Council Member Fridovich's question about RPC funding Chair Crist said we may get some money indirectly from the Governor through one of the departments for economic opportunities for the tourism program, Phase II.

Commissioner Long said she serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Counties as well as their Legislative Leadership Group and took RPC funding out of the priorities this year because we recognize that we have a lot of work to do and we are doing fine with the way we are operating right now.

Motion to approve the report was passed without objection.

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B. Agency on Bay Management (ABM) – Mayor Bob Minning, Chair

A meeting of the Agency on Bay Management Habitat Restoration Committee was held on Thursday, November 12th. The committee heard presentations on the ongoing land management activities at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve in St. Petersburg, the status of the Fort Desoto Phase 2 Recirculation project, and an update on the Rock Ponds Ecosystem Restoration project located on the eastern shore of Tampa Bay near the Hillsborough-Manatee county line.

An invitation was extended to Florida Department of Environmental Protection Southwest District staff to discuss the existing legal framework to manage stormwater and wastewater discharges within the bay and watershed and to share the results of the utility coordination facilitated in response to the August rainfall events. FDEP staff suggested that February or March would be an appropriate timeframe to present this information to the full Agency. Therefore, the December meeting of the full Agency on Bay Management has been cancelled.

The Public Information/ Bay Soundings Editorial Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on January 14th. Additionally, a special joint meeting of the Agency on Bay Management and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on January 21st. All are welcome to attend.

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Council Member Fridovich said Clam Bayou is still suffering from the issues of the dump.

Commissioner Long asked to be excused for a meeting at the courthouse.

Motion to approve the report was passed without objection.

C. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

LEPC staff has participated in and/or conducted numerous hazardous materials outreach, planning and training activities and initiatives since the last meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Staff distributed a Recap of the November 18, 2015 LEPC meeting.

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D. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update

As the Economic Development District for the Tampa Bay region the Council is required to update its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy every five years. Staff provided an overview of the update process. To view the presentation in its entirety visit www.tbrpc.org

Staff Contact: Brady Smith, ext. 42, brady@tbrpc.org

E. ONE BAY Resilient Communities Working Group

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council staff has presented the *Recommended Projection of Sea Level Rise in the Tampa Bay Region* to a variety of audiences since the report was received by the Council for distribution to local governments in October. Presentations have been made to the following:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Date</i>
Barrier Islands Government Council	Elected Officials	10/28/2015
UF/IFAS Extension Gateway Gathering	County Administrators	10/29/2015
Salty Topics	General Public	11/5/2015
Dunedin Committee on Environmental Quality	Appointed Citizens	11/24/2015
Pasco County Board of County Commissioners	Elected Officials	12/1/2015
Seminole City Council	Elected Officials	12/8/2015

9. **Other Council Reports - None**

10. **Executive/Budget Committee Report - Chair Crist - None**

11. **Interim Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Avera Wynne - None**

Staff Contact: Avera Wynne, ext. 30, avera@tbrpc.org

12. **Outgoing Chair’s Report – Chair Crist**

It has been a very busy and productive year. We have all done a good job coming together. Today we heard Mr. Wynne touch on some of the significant things we did throughout the year. We had meetings, discussions, and presentations and learned about vehicles for hire, Uber and Lyft and the issues evolving around those emerging industries. We began discussions and learning about how to advance medical tourism in the bay area. We heard a presentation on wellness programs for municipalities and counties and what they are doing to improve and advance wellness programs for their employees. We learned about improving efficiency models in local government field operations. We took a look at the American Manufacturing Skills Initiatives that are best practices to advance the industry. We took a look at and discussed the Tampa Bay Express and various transportation efforts. One of the big projects that will be carried forward is Medical Tourism.

The Energy Summit was a two-day summit with over 250 attendees and it was a tremendous success. The Tampa Bay Estuary Program and the Bay Area Scientific Symposium (BASIS) was another success with over 300 participants.

Manny’s retirement was a big deal. He had been here for over 3 decades and was the face of this agency. There were a lot of folks internally and externally that were concerned with whether or not that transition would be a smooth one. One of the most important things we did this year was search diligently, nationally, to bring in something different, something new to take us in a different direction – one that should strengthen the brand of this agency and the importance of this agency and to improve the quality of life in all of our communities.

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 11 years.

- 13. Installation of the 2016 Slate of Officers – Ms. Diane Corna, City Clerk, City of Pinellas Park**
Ms. Corna administered the Oath of Office to:
Mayor Woody Brown, as Chair

Councilman Patrick Roff and Commissioner Janet Long were absent.
Councilman Patrick Roff, as Vice Chair
Commissioner Janet Long, as Secretary/Treasurer

- 14. Incoming Chair's Report – Chair Brown**

It is my pleasure to have my first duty as Chair to continue a tradition that we have done here by showing appreciation to Ms. Corna and presenting her with a 2015 Snow Globe. Ms. Corna has graciously come here since 2004, since we moved into our building, to swear in our new officers.

My second duty is to thank and honor our immediate Past Chair, Commissioner Victor Crist. Throughout this past year and tenure with the Council he has always represented us in the best possible fashion. We have greatly benefited from his wisdom and years of experience in state and local government. Commissioner Crist was presented a plaque with the inscription *For Dedicated Service Commissioner Victor Crist, Chair, Presented by The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, December 14, 2015.*

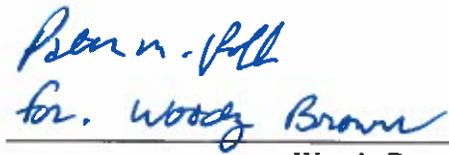
Chair Brown thanked Commissioner Crist for his leadership and direction and probably the most important process that we've undergone since I have been on the Council – the selection of our new Executive Director.

It is an honor to serve as your Chair for this coming year and to serve with Councilman Roff and Commissioner Long. I am excited about our new Executive Director. I think our role is an underutilized role in this region and we can continue to seize opportunities like medical tourism and continue to improve the challenges that face this region. For years, I think that the reason for some of the main problems in the Tampa Bay region have not been solved is because we are a fractured region and this is the organization that helps bring all the different areas together for the success of the whole region.

I would like to thank each of you, and many of you have been here as long as I have, for your dedication to the region.

Adjournment – 12:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.



Woody Brown, Chair



Lori Denman, Recording Secretary

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

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MAILING ADDRESS 214 LAKEWOOD MAN ST, STE 201	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 BRADENTON, FL COUNTY MANATEE	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: MANATEE
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED: 12/14/15	MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" 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.