



Recap of TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

Meeting Date: September 12, 2016

❖ Meet the TBRPC Tenants

Ms. Kathy Mize, Executive Director of *Ready for Life* will provided an overview of this great organization which assists and advocates for young adults who have “aged out” of the Foster care system. Dr. Lori Vallelunga, Executive Director of the *PACE Center for Girls* will provided an overview of this very successful program which educates girls ages 11 to 18 and helps them to overcome many obstacles they have faced during their formative years. Ms. Linda Thielman, Program Director for *Parents As Teachers+ (PAT+)* is a program of the Healthy Start Coalition of Pinellas. She provided an overview of this evidence based, court approved, home visiting parent education program that strives to improve child development, strengthen family relationships, support parent/child attachment, promote positive birth outcomes, and reduce substance use in parents.

❖ Coast to Coast Trail Marketing and Implementation

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, in partnership with East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) has been awarded a Department of Economic Opportunity Technical Assistance Grant to develop a marketing plan and implementation toolkit for the Coast to Coast Trail (C2C). This project will build on the recently completed work to develop the C2C Design Overlay and Asset Inventory.

❖ Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

Staff provided an overview of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Program and the Community Right-to-Know Act. The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) was enacted by Congress in 1986 as a means of addressing environmental and safety hazards posed by the storage and handling of hazardous materials and chemicals. In 1988, the State Emergency Response Commission delegated the Regional Planning Councils in the State to serve as the Local Emergency Planning Committees.

❖ TBRPC Adopts Comprehensive Economic Strategy (CEDS) Update

As the federally designated Economic Development District (EDD) for the Tampa Bay Area, the Council conducts economic development studies and coordinates planning efforts with respect to economic development in the region. The Council is also responsible for maintaining and periodically updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). For its annual update of the CEDS, staff worked with partners in the public and private sector to update the document’s Goals and data. Staff circulated the draft annual update of the CEDS for a 30 day public review period, incorporating received comments.

All presentations, pertinent links and minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org. Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information, wren@tbrpc.org.