

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

COUNCIL MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

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DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair
Pasco County Board of County Commissioners

Mr. Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2021 10:00 a.m.

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Topic: TBRPC March Council Meeting

Time: Mar 8, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County, Chair
Council Member Brandi Gabbard, City of St. Petersburg, Vice Chair
Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Manatee County, Secretary/Treasurer
Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton, Past Chair
Mayor Chris Alahouzos, City of Tarpon Springs
Commissioner John Allocco, Hernando County
Councilman Peter Altman, City of New Port Richey
Councilor Thom Barnhorn, City of Seminole
Mayor Sandra Bradbury, City of Pinellas Park
Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo
Councilman Joe Citro, City of Tampa
Commissioner Harry Cohen, Hillsborough County
Mr. Jacob Creamer, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Commissioner Maureen "Moe" Freaney, City of Dunedin
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Ronald Kitchen, Citrus County
Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Maribeth Wetzell, City of Treasure Island
Ms. Charlie O'Neal, Alternate for Ms. Mary Yeargan, Ex-Officio, DEP
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alternate for Ming Gao, Ex-Officio, FDOT

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City
Council Member James Chambers, City of Temple Terrace
Commissioner Carlos Diaz, City of Safety Harbor
Vice Mayor Michael Fridovich, City of Gulfport
Vice Mayor Ward Friszolowski, City of St. Pete Beach
Council Member Hoyt Hamilton, City of Clearwater
Commissioner Nancy Hodges, City of Madeira Beach
Commissioner Sheldon Jones, City of Palmetto
Mr. Frank Rygiel, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mayor Arthur Penny, City of South Pasadena
Council Member Dan Saracki, City of Oldsmar



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STAFF PRESENT

Sean Sullivan, Executive Director
Wren Krahl, Deputy Executive Director
Don Conn, Legal Counsel
Marshall Flynn, IT/GIS Director
John Meyer, Principal Planner
Brian Ellis, Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Sue Geer, Accountant
Sarah Vitale, Senior Planner
Cara Woods Serra, Comprehensive Resiliency Planner
C.J. Reynolds, Director of Resiliency and Engagement
Alana Todd, Environmental Planner
Harry Walsh, Economic Development Planner
Jamie Neville, Statewide Economic Analyst
Simone Chapman, GRPS Policy Fellow

Call to Order: Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair

Chair Mariano called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Brian Ellis, Recording Secretary

A quorum of the full Council was not present. A quorum was present for the Council's Executive Budget Committee which has the authority to approve all action items.

For purposes of a quorum, Council Members are encouraged to report their absences in advance of the meeting via email to the Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Voting Conflict Report: Mr. Brian Ellis, Recording Secretary

There were no Voting Conflicts to report.

Public Comment: Members of the public who wish to be heard are requested to fill out a speaker's card and provide it to the Recording Secretary before the start of the meeting. Speakers will be given three (3) minutes to address any item on the agenda or an item of regional interest.

No Public Comment-Upon motion duly made and seconded Public Comment was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

[\(Link to Administrative Agenda Item Reports\)](#)

1. Approval of the Minutes

Additional Material: Minutes from the March 8, 2021 Meeting.

Staff Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org. ext. 22

2. Budget and Finance

A. The financial statement for the month ending February 28, 2021.

Additional Material: Financial Statement for the month ending February 28, 2021.

Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org. ext. 16

3. Budget and Contractual

NONE TO REPORT.

4. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Program (IC&R)

Staff Contact: John Meyer, Principal Planner, johnm@tbrpc.org, ext. 29

IC&R Summary by Jurisdiction

IC&R Review Log

5. Development of Regional Impacts (DRI)

Staff Contact: John Meyer, Principal Planner, johnm@tbrpc.org, ext. 29

DRI Development Amendment Report(s)

Notice of Proposed Change Report(s)

Annual/Biennial Report Summaries

DRI Status Report

6. Local Government Comprehensive Plan (LGCP)

Staff Contact: John Meyer, Principal Planner, johnm@tbrpc.org, ext. 29

LGCP Amendment Summary by Jurisdiction

LGCP Amendments Review Log

Due to statutory requirements (and if applicable), LGCP Reports may have already been transmitted to the State Land Planning Agency and the appropriate local government in accordance within the 30 days following receipt, as specified in Rule 29H-1.003(3), F.A.C.

7. LEPC Activity Report

Additional Material: LEPC Activity Report

Staff Contact: John Meyer, Principal Planner, johnm@tbrpc.org, ext. 29

8. FRCA Monthly Report

Additional Material: FRCA Monthly Report

Staff Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org, ext. 22

9. Resolution #02-2021 Declaring April 2021 as County Government Month

Additional Material: Resolution #02-2021 Declaring April 2021 as County Government Month

Staff Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org, ext. 22

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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS (E)

E-1 Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director

Recommended Action: Information Only.

Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org. ext. 16

- *Mr. Chairman most staff members are continuing to work from the safety of their homes. We continue to hold mandatory virtual staff meetings twice a week. I have been pleased with staff productivity during the Pandemic and will continue to monitor the situation to determine when the time is best for a safe return to normal operations.*
- *Senate Bill 62 has not had a companion Bill filed in the House of Representatives at this time, which is encouraging for all RPC's across the State. We have not taken our foot off the gas pedal in an effort to defeat this Bill and we will continue to monitor this with our FRCA colleagues and our Lobbyist.*
- *There has been some encouraging news from Tallahassee recently indicated that the State Legislature could allocate up to \$100 million dollars for statewide flooding and sea level rise resilience planning. TBRPC staff will be tracking this legislation and is optimistic that resources could become available to assist with advancing resilience planning in our region.*
- *The State legislative session for 2021 began on March 2nd and is scheduled to conclude on April 30th.*
- *Staff recently applied for an environmental grant from the Tampa Bay Estuary Program in accordance with their Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund. The project if funded, will provide a detailed economic valuation of Tampa Bay by demonstrating the bay's value to the regional economy.*
- *On March 26th I chaired a statewide meeting of public and private sector Partners of Regional Planning Council's. Partners in attendance included the U.S. Economic Development Administration, State Dept. of Economic Opportunity, State Dept. of Environmental Protection, Representatives from FAC and FLC and the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.*
- *On April 9th I participated on a panel in USF's global virtual conference on sustainability and resiliency during a Pandemic. This two-day event featured numerous public and private speakers who discussed how they continued their work during the Covid Pandemic.*

- I have been working with the Federal Government Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation on developing a scope for a resiliency study of MacDill AFB. It is anticipated that TBRPC will be awarded this contract with procurement likely to begin in late spring.*
- Mr. Chairman, the next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10th. This meeting will be the last Council meeting for our IT and GIS Director, Marshall Flynn. Marshall joined the Council shortly after his graduation from Eckerd College in St. Peterburg and was hired here at TBRPC by Wren's Mom, former Executive Director, Julia Greene. 33 years later, Marshall has decided it is time to retire and we will miss his professionalism, institutional knowledge, and most of all, his kindness.*

E-2 Regional Cooperative Alliance 501c3 Councilmember Patrick Roff, RCA President
Recommended Action: Information Only.
Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org. ext. 16

Councilmember Patrick Roff serves as the President of the Regional Cooperative Alliance 501c3. The RCA met prior to the Council meeting and staff provided an update on the REACH project.

PRESENTATIONS and GUEST SPEAKERS

All PowerPoint presentations will be posted to the Council website following the meeting at www.tbrpc.org

St. Petersburg Pier Project

Speakers: Mayor Rick Kriseman, City of St. Petersburg

Spread out along 26 acres of sparkling Tampa Bay waterfront, the new St. Pete Pier District offers a public green space unlike any other. Visitors will find waterfront restaurants, interactive areas for families, a marketplace of local artisans and vendors, a fishing deck, stunning public art and much more. Touted as the Southeast's largest waterfront playground, the St. Pete Pier District offers plenty to do - and, plenty of ways to relax. Swim, stroll or read a book at Spa Beach. Walk, bike or rollerblade along the waterfront and enjoy great views of St. Pete's Municipal Marina and the city skyline. Peruse local goods at The Marketplace. Let the kids try for a big catch at the fishing deck or spend time at the family playground and splash pad.

Staff Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org. ext. 22

The Taking Stock Report

Speakers: Mr. Randy Deshazo, TBRPC Director of Planning and Research

In a September 9, 2020 Tampa Bay Times editorial, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, Chris Sprowls, and President of the Florida Senate, Wilton Simpson acknowledged the great risks facing the Tampa Bay Area because of sea level rise and related extreme weather impacts. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has called attention to this issue since at least 1991, and most recently, with *The Cost of Doing Nothing* (2017). The Climate Science Advisory Panel, a voluntary association of Tampa Bay area scientists, has issued revised sea level rise projections through 2100. Those projections have raised the upper range impact case scenario of nearly three feet of sea level rise by 2060—the horizon year of the Council's economic model—to three and a half feet. With support from the US Environmental Protection Agency, Gulf of Mexico Program, this report serves three purposes—first, to update the *Cost of Doing Nothing*, to provide a primer on the best available science on climate change in the Tampa Bay Region if no significant climate policy action is taken and carbonization of the economy increases, and to show that in the worst case scenario there are significant economic impacts on the region from sea level rise and from increasing temperatures.

Staff Contact: Randy Deshazo, Director of Planning and Research, randy@tbrpc.org, ext. 31

This concludes the Presentations for today's Agenda.

TBRPC PROJECT, PROGRAM and COMMITTEE REPORTS (P)

TBRPC Programmatic Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: Economic Development and Fiscal Impact Analysis; Environmental Planning; Emergency Preparedness; Resiliency; GIS Mapping and Modeling Services; Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance to Local Governments.

Committees of the TBRPC include but are not limited to the following: Executive/Budget Committee; Agency on Bay Management; Legislative Committee; Nominating Committee; Clearinghouse Review Committee; Florida Regional Council's Association Policy Board; and The Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition.

P-1 Agency on Bay Management **Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Chair**
Recommended Action: To Be Determined.
Staff Contact: Alana Todd, Environmental Planner, alana@tbrpc.org. ext. 40

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Chair of the ABM provided the following report: The last ABM meeting was held on March 11th via Zoom. Our new environmental planner and staff coordinator for ABM, Alana, has been working to revitalize the membership of ABM as well as the subcommittees that over the past two years have become inactive.

The first half of the meeting was spent reviewing the ABM's operating procedures and membership. Participants were then asked to prioritize Activities assigned to ABM and the TBRPC in the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Tampa Bay. These give the full ABM and its subcommittees tangible initiatives to begin working on. As such, you will likely hear more chair reports from me in the coming future.

The ABM meeting featured two more presentations, which I would like to briefly summarize to you all as they are issues that affect each and every county in our region.

The first presentation was by Jennifer Shafer from the Science and Environment Council. She just completed a Regional Red Tide Impact and Response Assessment, which summarizes the regional red tide response of the five counties surrounding the Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay region during the sixteen-month red tide event that began in 2017. The report highlights some of the notable actions and innovations taken by some counties, identifies gaps and challenges, lists recommendations for future red tide response, and the report even provides county-specific templates for a Red Tide Response Operations Plan. For example, some of the success stories included counties creating new data tools, such as GIS-based dumpster management and red tide reporting apps.

Most importantly, the report identifies opportunities to coordinate response efforts. Some of the reported challenges included the fact that none of the five counties had formal red tide emergency response plans prior to the incident and there was little institutional memory from the last red tide event in 2005 and 2006. In addition, neighboring counties did not have a formal process for coordinating response efforts, including sharing data, equipment, and contractors

Pinellas was able to receive seven and a half million dollars in reimbursement grant funds from the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, which was more than seven times the reimbursement received by Manatee and Sarasota Counties, and Pinellas collected five times more debris than some of the other counties. This demonstrates that we have much to learn from one another and there is a great opportunity here to increase regional cooperation between counties and develop standard operating procedures for assessing and responding to red tide.

All of this information was organized into draft Red Tide Response Operations Plans for each county, incorporating detailed steps for monitoring and reporting, cleanup, communications, and records management. The report offers additional recommendations to enhance regional cooperation.

Staff here at the TBRPC are currently exploring ways in which they can support each of the region's counties in implementing these recommendations. I look forward to seeing this initiative progress and all of the counties proactively plan for responding to future red tide events.

The second presentation was given by George Heinrich of the Florida Turtle Conservation Trust. Mr. Heinrich provided an overview of conservation for the imperiled diamondback terrapin. The diamondback terrapin is the only turtle in the world that is entirely restricted to brackish water, and Florida's coastline represents 30% of their entire habitat range. Five of the seven subspecies of terrapins live here, thus Florida's terrapin populations and habitats are critical to the conservation of the entire species. Yet, Terrapins face major threats, including the loss of nesting habitats, poaching for illegal pet trade, predation, and climate change. Another major threat to terrapins is high mortality due to bycatch in crab pots, so the cages used by crabbers often accidentally trap terrapins and they are unable to escape. Research has shown that the use of bycatch reduction devices can reduce terrapin mortality by more than 70% while having no impact on the crabs captured. Another issue are ghost pots, which continue to trap wildlife long after they are abandoned or lost. Therefore, the greatest immediate conservation action that could be implemented by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission would a regulatory change requiring bycatch reduction devices on commercial and recreational crab pots used in Florida waters. FWC is currently considering prohibiting poaching of terrapins, further limiting possession, and requiring bycatch reduction devices in some areas of Florida, but not all which is contrary to current recommendations. One of those bycatch reduction zones includes Tampa Bay, but it does not include any habitats northwest of the Bayway Bridge in Pinellas northward through Pasco county. Their declining population raise the need for coastal habitat managers to include diamondback terrapins in their management plans, and more research is needed to understand their distribution, long-term population, and threats. I look forward to working with you all to make progress on any recommendations provided by the ABM.

Chair Mariano suggested that staff prepare a resolution in support of FWCs efforts on conservation of the Diamondback Terrapin for consideration by the full Council.

- P-2 Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition** **Commissioner Janet Long, TBRRC Chair**
Ms. Wren Krahl, Deputy Executive Director will present a brief report on potential venues for the Resiliency Summit taking place January 27th and 28th, 2022.
Recommended Action: To Be Determined.
Staff Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org, ext. 22

Ms. Wren Krahl provided a brief report on the venue selection for the 2021 Resiliency Summit which will be taking place at the Hilton Carillon Park on January 27th and 28th, 2021. Saddlebrook Resort was also considered but were not available to accommodate the dates of the event.

- P-3 Covid-19 Recovery Task Force** **Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Chair**
Recommended Action: To Be Determined.
Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org, ext. 16

In the interest of time Chair Baugh deferred her report to the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

TBRPC serves as a forum to foster communication between local governments. This portion of the agenda is dedicated to our Council Members to announce events and discuss emerging issues in your communities and jurisdictions. We encourage you to take an active role in submitting issues as well as to share those best practices that are working in your jurisdictions.

2022 Proposed Council Events

Recommended Action:

Staff Contact:

Ms. Wren G. Krahl, Deputy Executive Director

To Be Determined.

Wren G. Krahl, Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org. ext. 22

Ms. Wren Krahl provided a brief report on Council events occurring in 2022 at the Hilton Carillon Park.

January 27th and 28th, 2022

April 29, 2022

May 6, 2022

2022 Resiliency Summit

28th Annual Future of the Region Awards

REACH Affordable Housing Event

This concludes Council Member Comments for today's Agenda.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Next Council Meeting: May 10, 2021

The Council, in accordance with its adopted rules of procedure, may only take action on matters not on the printed agenda involving the exercise of agency discretion and policymaking upon a finding by the Council of an emergency situation affecting the public's health, safety, and welfare. Council meetings are Public Meetings within the context of [Section 286.011, Florida Statutes](#). Public Hearings on issues before the Council are conducted by individual local governments and are the proper forum for public comment.

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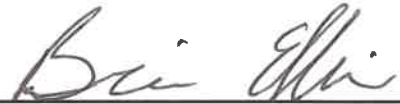
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_____ Date: 6/14/21

Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair



Brian Ellis, Recording Secretary