



Minutes Relevancy Committee June 18, 2018

Attendees: Chairman Thomas Perry, Commissioner Mr. Willie Shaw, Commissioner Donna Sorter-Long, Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Commissioner Julie Wilkins and Executive Director Margaret Wuerstle

The following Items were discussed:

1. **Relevancy of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC).** The Committee requested that the Executive Director prepare a report outlining the duties mandated by State Statutes along with the amount of time it takes to address these duties and how much it cost to fulfill these duties. Some expressed the opinion that the SWFRPC should be more streamlined and do only what is required by State law. Others felt that the SWFRPC should not stray from its stated mission: ***to work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share for the benefit of our future generations.***

Members stated that relationships need to be built with the City Managers of each jurisdiction to ensure that cross collaboration can be achieved. Members wanted SWFRPC meetings to discuss such issues as: resiliency, sea level rise, beach renourishment, hurricane evacuation, increasing workforce, affordable housing, infrastructure and any other topics that can “move the needle”. They felt that members should share what was done right and what was done wrong in specific situations. Some members felt that arts & culture planning and habitat planning should be eliminated as focus areas. The members also felt that perhaps there would be better attendance at the meetings if the meetings were held every other month, instead of every month, and focused on a relevant topic.

Mr. Perry stated that he wanted the following presentation made at the September 20, 2018 meeting of the SWFRPC:

- Staffing over time including numbers and expertise
- Budget changes over time
- State mandated responsibilities
- Programs that we do that are not planning

The Committee decided that another meeting should be held in late July or early August before the September meeting where the council will focus on the future of the SWFRPC. Ms. Wuerstle will send out a doodle poll to establish the next meeting of the Relevancy Committee.