

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-109**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA IN PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE JOINT APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE AND ESTABLISHING A WORKING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC, PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT, AND CIVIC SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WATER RESOURCE, HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NON-PROFITS, ACADEMIA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, SCHOOL BOARDS AND PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS.

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a new partnership to regionally coordinate federal housing, environmental protection, and transportation planning and investment; and

**WHEREAS**, this new partnership is looking to multidisciplinary regional councils of government to identify and coordinate regional strategies that:

- Provide a regional vision or plan for sustainable growth;
- Integrate housing, water infrastructure, transportation, land use planning and investment;
- Address energy efficiency;
- Address the impacts of climate change through the development of mitigation and adaptation strategies;
- Foster compatibility of sustainable built systems with restoration of the Florida Everglades;
- Promote the creation of equitable, sustainable communities;
- Promote social equity and access to opportunity;
- Promote environmental protection and restoration;
- Redevelop underutilized sites;
- Leverage federal investment in existing communities;
- Promote equitable affordable housing;
- Increase economic competitiveness; and,
- Promote multi-modal, regional transportation systems, and healthy, safe and walkable neighborhoods - rural, urban or suburban; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a clear understanding that the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program is designed to support the development of a comprehensive regional plan or vision identifying critical projects and infrastructure to improve the Region's sustainability and to be used as a guide by federal funding agencies to prioritize and focus future federal investment; and

**WHEREAS**, any application for funding under the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program should be prepared in consultation with the appropriate water resource, housing, environmental, and transportation agencies, local governments, non-profits, academia and research institutions, school boards, community-based organizations, and private sector organizations; and should include a formalized agreement among these entities to work cooperatively on the application and funded project; and

**WHEREAS**, the regional planning councils of Southeast Florida should commit the resources necessary within the limits of their budgets and work programs to prepare and submit a successful joint application under the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission on June 1, 2010 supports the application referenced herein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission does hereby strongly support the South Florida Regional Planning Council and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council in preparing a comprehensive joint application for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program, and the establishment of a working partnership agreement with regional stakeholders, including, but not limited to, water resource, housing, environmental, and transportation agencies, local governments, non-profits, academia and research institutions, school boards, community-based organizations, and private sector organizations; and should include a formalized agreement among these entities to work cooperatively on the application and funded project.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FIRST DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2010.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Kerdyk)

(Yea: Anderson, Cabrera, Kerdyk, Withers, Slesnick)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: C-12)

APPROVED:



— DONALD D. SLESNICK II  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ  
CITY ATTORNEY