



CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: The regular monthly meeting of the Broward Workshop Board of Directors was called to order on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7:35 a.m. at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. **Chairman Charles Palmer** welcomed members and guests. The minutes from the October 7, 2009 was approved by unanimous consent.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: **Hardy Johnson** reminded members of the **Fall Member Mingler, November 11th at Pier 66, from 6-8:30pm**. He also requested that members Save the Date for our “**2nd Annual State of the County Forum**” will be held on **Friday, March 12, 2010** at Signature Grand, 7:30-10am

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: **Colin Brown** advised that there would be a New Member Orientation and Membership meeting directly following the BOD meeting in the Mayhue Conference Room.

AMENDMENT 4 COMMITTEE: **Terry Stiles** advised that he would be liaison person between the Workshop and the Amendment 4 Executive Committee. He will provide feedback on a regular basis to the Workshop. Terry requested at least five Workshop members volunteer to participate on this sub-committee with him.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: **Ralph Marrinson** advised that **Dick Clark**, President & CEO of Clark Leadership Consulting has been retained by the RBA not only to facilitate their Strategic Planning Session, but also to assist in the Expansion and reorganization of the RBA as well.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: **Charles Palmer** encouraged members to participate in the BRAVO meetings scheduled with Senators Gelber/Rich/Ring from the Broward Legislative Delegation in which we discuss SFRTA Dedicated Funding as well as other important issues.

MANAGEMENT & EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE: **Keith Koenig** advised that Fishkind & Associates have been hired to conduct our Comparative Analysis Study and the findings would be showcased at the Workshop’s 2nd Annual State of the County Forum on March 12, 2010. He also encouraged members to support the “Oasis of the Sea” Inaugural Cruise on November 29-30, 2009- where 100% of the contributions will go to the United Way of Broward & Miami-Dade Counties.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: **George Morgan** advised that **Senate President Jeff Atwater** is pushing for a special legislative session in December to address SFRTA Dedicated Funding, Sun-Rail and High-Speed rail issues. **George Platt** spoke of the ‘Thank You Letter’ received from **Kent George**, FLL Airport Director thanking the Workshop for our letter to the county commissioners supporting the FLL/Hollywood Airport South Runway.

EDUCATION & YOUTH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE: **Alan Levy** thanked **Supt. Jim Notter** for the great work he continues to do in the Broward County School System and his support for the Online School Curriculum being developed. This is geared toward helping students to be job ready. He also spoke briefly of a dispute between the Dept. of Juvenile Justice and Broward County over the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) current facility. He will keep us abreast of the outcome.

URBAN CORE: **Pamela Adams** informed that the committee would be following up on City of Ft. Lauderdale’s new Homeless Taskforce. She also reported that Chief of Police, **Frank Adderley** reported at the October meeting that there is a decline in crime.

PROGRAM: ‘**South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study**’ - **Jim Wolfe**, *Secretary, District 4, FDOT and Scott Seeburger, Project Manager, FDOT*, provided a detailed presentation: www.sfecstudy.com

- The FEC (Florida East Coast Corridor) passes through 28 downtowns from Jupiter to Miami
- \$24.5M has already been spent on feasibility studies
- \$50M is needed to conduct draft environmental Impact Study, this is scheduled to start in 2010
- Broward County needs a large revenue source to fund their portion of the project
- FDOT’s role is to develop the plan not propose or advocate for funding options (that is the role of the other partners)

Some of the costs involved in the project are:

- Purchase ½ right of way - \$200M-\$1B, to buy corridor rights
- Build new tracks and not co-mingle with freight - \$3B (this includes overpasses, stations – land and trains)
- Engineering studies - \$75M
- Projected yearly operational cost - \$30M. This is the responsibility of the locality.
- It was noted that the Broward MPO 2035 long Range Plan includes funding options.
- Revenue Sources – sales tax, increased value of properties – TIF option
- High speed rail could get Federal money

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. Next meeting Wednesday, December 2, 2009 **Approved by:**

Chair – Charles Palmer

Date

Secretary – Mark McCormick

Date