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PROJECT NAME:  **Hobe Grove**

APPLICANT: Becker B-14 Grove, Ltd.

JURISDICTION: Martin County

SIZE: 2,823 acres

LOCATION: Adjacent to the west side of the Florida Turnpike south of Bridge Road (CR 708)

POPULATION: 9,604

EMPLOYMENT: 10,500

USES:
- Residential
- Town Center
- Mixed Use Research, Office, Education
- Hotel

STATUS: Preapplication meeting held on February 16, 2011.
Application for Development Approval submitted on May 27, 2011 and found insufficient on June 24, 2011.
Submittal of the sufficiency response was received on August 19, 2011 and found insufficient on September 15, 2011.
Letter dated January 5, 2012 from the applicant requesting a time extension to submit a response to questions contained in Council’s Determination of Informational Sufficiency dated September 15, 2011.
Letter sent to the applicant on January 10, 2012 agreeing to extend the time for response to December 1, 2012.
Letter dated November 6, 2012 from the applicant requesting a time extension to submit a response to questions contained in Council’s Determination of Informational Sufficiency dated September 15, 2011.
Letter sent to the applicant on November 26, 2012 agreeing to extend the time for response to June 1, 2013.

BUILDOUT DATE: 2031
MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: January, 2013

OUTREACH

- Met with Doug Wheeler, Director of the Florida Ports Council, and shared with him examples of the interaction between seaports and RPCs, including RPCs’ efforts to secure grants in support of port related projects and the involvement of ports in economic development activities throughout the regions, including representation on Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committees.
- Prepared an Economic Impact Analysis Program Fact Sheet to share at the Enterprise Florida, Inc. Stakeholders Meeting, but the breakout sessions were cancelled at the last minute and rescheduled for August.
- Began working with Michelle Dennard to establish a process for identifying and appointing representatives of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to each of the RPC Boards.
- Met with John Kaliski (Cambridge Systematics) to discuss the Policy Board’s interest in receiving a presentation in June regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s three sustainability projects in Florida; and, discussed the Florida Department of Transportation’s Corridors Initiative and the importance of its linkage to the sustainability projects, regional visions, and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies.
- Met with Juan Flores, State Freight, Logistics, and Passenger Operations Administrator at the Florida Department of Transportation, to explain FRCA governance and invited him or Richard Biter, Assistant Secretary, to speak at the June Policy Board meeting.
- Attended a meeting of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership in Tallahassee.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Participated in Enterprise Florida, Inc.’s (EFI’s) Stakeholders meeting, Community Competitiveness and Marketing Task Force meetings, and monthly conference call, and attended EFI’s meeting of its Board of Directors; all of which focused on the new Florida Brand for attracting business, funding for the marketing plan, incentives, FPL’s new economic development programs, and ways to begin rolling out the Community Competitiveness Self-Assessment Program.
- Participated in a meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative, which discussed the Klausner Lumber One catalyst site project in Suwannee County as well as a proposal for a new Tallahassee Community College educational facility in Wakulla County.

Monthly Accomplishments, January 2013
• Participated in a meeting of the state agency Economic Development liaisons, hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, which included an overview of the Florida Economic Development Council by its Executive Director, Amy Evancho; an explanation of the Governor’s initiative to create a dashboard that would measure each state agency’s progress toward achieving the Governor’s priorities; and, a discussion regarding the Department’s approach to developing the tactics and metrics appendix in the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development, which is still scheduled for release in February, 2013.

• Attended a meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, which met to receive presentations from its 2013 grant applicants and decide on grant awards (grant award announcements are expected in February); also had the opportunity meet and spend time with the Lt. Governor’s Chief of Staff, John Konkus.


LEGISLATIVE

• Attended legislative committee meetings and issued two legislative updates and bill tracking reports during the month.

• Participated in a 1000 Friends of Florida webinar focused on the 2013 Legislative Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Made the following changes to the FRCA website:
  o Added a section on Sequestration to the Advocacy Webpage;
  o Posted the 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles and Procedures;
  o Posted the presentations from the January FRCA Policy Board meeting;
  o Updated and posted the list of Policy Board members to reflect the new Executive Committee; and,
  o Posted FRCA meeting documents and legislative updates.

• Finalized the logistical and food and beverage arrangements for the January Policy Board meeting and reception; helped brief Commissioner Asseff prior to the Policy Board meeting; helped speakers prepare their presentations; finalized the Partners Agenda for the February FRCA meeting, and drafted meeting summaries for the Chair’s approval.

• Completed a NARC dues survey and a survey of RPC retirement programs.

• Helped distribute announcements to interested parties pertaining to the WFRPC’s 1st Annual Transportation Symposium and SWFRPC’s 1st Annual Southwest Florida Brownfield Symposium.
MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: February, 2013

OUTREACH

- Attended the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter’s annual Public Policy Workshop; the Florida Chamber of Commerce’s Transportation Summit; a meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force; and, Workforce Florida, Inc.’s quarterly board meeting.
- Met with Julie Dennis, planner for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s Waterfronts Florida Program, to discuss the Department’s initiatives in Franklin County.
- Participated in a webinar hosted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, which provided an overview of the RESTORE Act, gave an update on the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, and discussed how the Council will seek public input related to development of the Comprehensive Plan, which is due July 6, 2013.
- Had numerous conversations with staff from the Small County Coalition and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s Bureau of Economic Development regarding implementation of Enterprise Florida, Inc.’s Rural Economic Development Study.
- Provided assistance to a consultant from Minnesota who is working to create a system of statewide regional collaboration in Montana.
- Provided assistance to representatives from Florida PACE and the Florida Association of Counties regarding wind mitigation workshops that they are each conducting in Florida.
- Provided assistance to the new Area 6 U.S.D.A. Rural Development representative regarding the agency’s work program in South and Southwest Florida.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Participated in Enterprise Florida, Inc.’s (EFF’s) Stakeholders Conference call, which focused primarily on Enterprise Florida’s response to the Integrity Florida report.
- Participated in a meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative, which reviewed and discussed the Memorandum of Understanding that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity executes with each of the counties within a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern; Enterprise Florida, Inc.’s Rural Economic Development Study; and, the proposed legislation to expedite permitting related to manufacturing.
- Participated in a meeting of the state agency Economic Development liaisons, hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, which addressed the process by which each agency will develop its respective section for the Appendix in the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development.
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- Participated in a videoconference hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity that provided an overview of the Sector Plan process in anticipation of increased sector planning activity.
- Participated in a Greenways and Trails conference call on behalf of Pat Steed (CFRPC), which addressed updates on a variety of issues, including the upcoming release of the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan and rule development.
- Completed development of the RPCs’ section of the Appendix for the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development and circulated it for review, prior to submission to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**LEGISLATIVE**

- Developed legislative talking points and a related-handout for meetings between the RPC Executive Directors and legislators.
- Attended/monitored legislative committee meetings and issued a legislative update and bill tracking report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Created subscriber alerts in the Florida Administrative Register for meeting notices and in some cases, rule notices, for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Transportation, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Executive Office of the Governor, Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations.
- Began gathering data for submission to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding its Small Quantity Generators of Hazardous Waste Program.
- Updated the FRCA Website to post an updated event calendar, meeting materials, and legislative update.
- Participated in the February FRCA meetings, drafted the February FRCA meeting summaries, secured presenters and prepared the Partners Agenda for the March FRCA meeting, and finalized the meeting space arrangements for the March FRCA meetings.
- Made several attempts to schedule a meeting with the new Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Jesse Panuccio, which is still being pursued.
February 4, 2013

Ms. Kim Delaney
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RE: Regional Waterways Plan Scope of Services Presentation

Dear Ms. Delaney,

This is a very belated but sincere letter of appreciation for the Regional Waterways presentations which you provided to the Martin MPO advisory committees and Policy Board. The research presented from the Palm Beach Intracoastal Study will be an excellent model for Martin and St. Lucie, providing financially beneficial and culturally refreshing ideas with which to aspire.

Again, thank you for your time, and I look forward to working with you and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council on this exciting study of the Martin and St. Lucie waterways.

Sincerely,

Beth Beltran
MPO Administrator

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