

**URBAN EXPANSION AREA TASK FORCE
MEETING SUMMARY**

South Dade Regional Library
10750 SW 211 Street, Cutler Bay, FL 33189
August 28, 2017

Task Force Members Present

Kerri Barsh, Elizabeth Bonnell, William Delgado (left at 2:00 pm), Enid Washington Demps (left at 2:00 pm), Nick Diaz, Richard Gomez, Steve Green, Mike Hatcher, Thomas Hawkins, James Humble, Yesenia Fatima Lara, Nancy Lee, Maria Lievano-Cruz, Bill Losner, Francisco Pines, Pedro Ramos, Barney Rutzke Jr., Erick Valderrama, Larry Ventura

Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) Planning Division Staff

Kimberly Brown, Supervisor of Long-Range Planning; Jerry Bell, Assistant Director for Planning; Noel Stillings, Senior Planner; Mark Dorsey, Principal Planner; Helen Brown, Principal Planner

Other Miami-Dade County and Government Staff

Abbie Schwaderer Raurell (Assistant County Attorney), Rhonda Victor Sibilia (Commission on Ethics & Public Trust), Christine Velazquez (DERM); Craig Grossenbacher (DERM); Charles LaPradd (Agricultural Manager)

I. Attendance

Ms. Stillings called roll of the members, 19 Members of The Task Force were present. The meeting commenced at 1:10 pm.

II. Introductions

Ms. Brown introduced herself and other County staff, including Jerry H. Bell, Assistant Director for Planning, RER, Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell, Assistant County Attorney and Rhonda Victor Sibilia, Communications Director, Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. Ms. Brown informed attendees that there is a public comment section today towards the end of the agenda. If anyone from the public would like to speak, a speaker card should be filled out. Ms. Brown informed the members that they will also be considering dates for public input sessions on specified topics later on the agenda. Ms. Brown reviewed a handout outlining rules of conduct for the Task Force.

III. Code of Ethics Ordinance

Rhonda Victor Sibilia, Communications Director, Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics Office and Public Trust provided an overview of the Office on Ethics and Public Trust and the Code of Ethics Ordinance. Ms. Victor Sibilia provided two handouts to the members, one titled Highlights of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code and the other titled Governing Above Board.

IV. Florida's Public Records Act and Sunshine Law

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell, Assistant County Attorney, Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office gave an overview of the Florida's Public Records Act and Sunshine Law to the members.

V. UEA Task Force – Purpose and Timeline

Ms. Brown provided a presentation on the Task Force background, purpose and timeline. The purpose of the task force is to provide recommendations related to; 1) changes to the current boundaries of the Urban Expansion Areas; 2) creation of new Urban Expansion Areas; and 3)

changes to the criteria that should be considered for applications requesting expansion of the UDB. Recommendations will become effective only if adopted as policy by the Board of County Commissioners. Recommendations will inform the County's review and assessment of the CDMP ("Evaluation and Appraisal Report") which is required every 7 years by State law. The Task Force was created in May 2017 and must sunset within one year. Ms. Brown reviewed the anticipated timeline for the Task Force which includes holding input sessions through early November then begin formulating recommendations in December. Recommendations are anticipated to be completed in early 2018.

VI. **Overview of the Urban Development Boundary and Urban Expansion Areas**

Ms. Brown provided a presentation on the Urban Development Boundary and Urban Expansion Areas including:

- *Presentation: Urban Development Boundary.* Ms. Brown provided an overview of the CDMP text and policies related to the UDB. There are currently two cities with land outside the UDB, Homestead and Florida City. There is also a pending incorporation proposal (South B) that includes land outside the UDB. The County retains jurisdiction over applications to move the UDB or redesignate land outside of it even when located within a municipality. In response to a question from Board Member Hawkins, Ms. Brown further clarified that these requirements are codified in the County's Code and that the County has home rule authority on the issue. Ms. Brown reviewed CDMP Policies LU-8H and LU8F which provide the criteria for expansion of the UDB. In addition, Section 2-116.1 of the County Code indicates that a UDB amendment application cannot result in the creation of an enclave left outside of the UDB. Only 3 UDB amendments have been adopted in last 10 years, one staff amendment to close the "hole in the donut", a second amendment near the Homestead Speedway that excluded an equivalent amount of land outside the UDB, and a third application that is located along Kendall Drive.
- *Presentation: Urban Expansion Area Overview.* Ms. Brown provided an overview of the four current Urban Expansion Areas and related CDMP text and policies. UEAs are given priority for inclusion in the UDB pursuant to CDMP Policy LU-8G. UEAs were first depicted in 1983 and have been modified only slightly since 1990. One exception is the northernmost UEA which was reduced by about half in the last Evaluation and Appraisal Report process. In addition to the current UEAs, CDMP Policy LU-8I directs the County to look at the area located east of SW 147 Avenue and south of SW 232 Avenue for possible designation as a new UEA. Ms. Brown identified important changes that have occurred since the UEA boundaries were established including Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, development of the West Wellfield, Homestead Air Reserve Base compatibility efforts and advancements in our understanding of the impacts of climate change. Approximately 70% of the UEA areas are constrained by Policy LU-8G which identifies areas that "shall not be considered" or "shall be avoided" for expansion of the UDB.

Task Force Discussion. Board Member Pines asked Ms. Brown to provide a definition of the Urban Expansion Areas. Ms. Brown indicated that they are the areas where urban growth should be prioritized if there is a demonstrated need to move the UDB based on the land supply/demand analysis.

- *Presentation: UDB Expansion Criteria.* Ms. Brown outlined the requirements of CDMP Policy LU-8F which states that the County should have sufficient land inside the UDB to

accommodate a 15-year supply of residential capacity. Business and industrial capacity is based on census geography. Ms. Brown outlined the requirements of CDMP Policy LU-8H which identifies the criteria for applications requesting expansion of the Urban Development Boundary. Ms. Brown indicated that currently the only TDR program in the County is the SUR program which relates to the East Everglades area. The County also has a Purchase of Development Rights program that typically utilizes USDA matching grant funds to purchase development rights on agricultural land allowing for the preservation of the land for agricultural purposes. Ms. Brown provided an overview of CDMP Policy LU-8G which identifies areas that “shall not be considered” or “shall be avoided” for expansion of the UDB.

Task Force Discussion. Board Member Green inquired about the definition of “developable land” as used in Policy CDMP LU-8F. Ms. Brown indicated that there are a myriad of issues that could make land undevelopable in accordance with Policy LU-8F land designated “water” or those with conservation easements would not be considered developable. Also, properties that do not meet the County’s defined thresholds that make it ripe for redevelopment. Board Member Green inquired about the definition of “agricultural land” as used in Policy CDMP LU-8H. Ms. Brown responded that the definition for “agricultural land” as used in CDMP Policy LU-8H would include land designated “Agriculture” on the CDMP land use plan map and land currently being used for agriculture.

- **Presentation: Urban Expansion Areas:** Ms. Brown provided a presentation on the acreage, CDMP Land Use, existing land use and policy constraints for each of the Urban Expansion Areas, as follows:
 - The northernmost UEA (“UEA No. 1”) is comprised of approximately 309 acres and is located in the lake belt area, as defined by state law. State law provides protections for rockmining uses in this area and indicates that the County shall strongly consider limestone mining activities. The UEA is designated “Open Land” on the CDMP Land Use Plan Map and existing uses primarily include agriculture and vacant, privately-owned land. The UEA contains no constraints pursuant to Policy LU-8G.
 - The western large UEA (“UEA No. 2”) contains approximately 2,825 acres that includes the West Wellfield. It is designated “Open Land”, “Agriculture” and “Institutions, Utilities, and Communications” on the CDMP Land Use Plan Map. Primary uses include agriculture, utilities, vacant privately-owned land and vacant government owned land. Approximately 950 acres of the UEA is within areas that “shall not be considered” or “shall be avoided” for expansion of the UDB pursuant to Policy LU-8G including East Coast Buffer, Future Wetlands, and CERP Project footprints. South Florida Water Management District recently reassessed the feasibility of the Bird Drive Basin CERP project and found that the project is no longer needed for seepage management. Maps provided by SFWMD still identify the area as a CERP project but SFWMD may be able to provide additional clarification during the environmental considerations input session. There are additional constraints in Chapter 24 related to sewage loading restrictions which further limit potential development within the West Wellfield Protection Area.
 - The eastern large UEA (“UEA No. 3”) is comprised of approximately ±3,124 acres located north of Homestead Air Reserve Base. It is designated “Agriculture” and

“Open Land” on the CDMP Land Use Plan Map and existing uses primarily include agriculture and an inactive rock mine. The entire UEA is within areas that “shall be avoided” per CDMP Policy LU-8G including Future Wetlands, Coastal High Hazard Areas, and CERP project footprints.

- The eastern small UEA (“UEA No. 4) is comprised of approximately 460 acres located near Homestead Speedway. A portion is located within the boundaries of the City of Homestead. It is designated “Agriculture” and “Open Land” on the CDMP Land Use Plan Map and existing uses include agriculture and vacant, privately-owned protected land which is protected through the EEL program. Approximately 400 acres are in the areas that “shall not be considered” or “shall be avoided” per Policy LU-8G including: Homestead Air Reserve Base accident potential zone, Future wetlands, Coastal High Hazard Areas, and CERP project footprints.
- Ms. Brown provided a description of the “UEA Study Area” which is the area identified in CDMP Policy LU-8I for possible designation as a UEA. Ms. Brown indicated that the area is approximately 920 acres and currently designated “Agriculture” on the CDMP Land Use Plan Map. Primary uses in the area include agriculture and residential. The area is included in the Redland community which is an area that “shall not be considered” for expansion of the UDB per Policy LU-8G. Ms. Brown indicated that this would need to be reconciled if the area is recommended for designation as a UEA

Task Force Discussion. Board Member Losner inquired as to whether there was an issue with Everglades National Park that resulted in limitations in water withdrawals from the West Wellfield. Ms. Brown indicated that there were concerns about impacts to Everglades National Park that resulted in the County entering into a 4-party agreement which includes Everglades National Park that limits withdrawals at the West Wellfield. Based on the withdrawals permitted by our water use permit, we are not close to the withdrawals that would be permitted by the 4-party agreement. Board Member Pines inquired as to whether the boundaries are being refined based on the drawdown that is taking place currently at the West Wellfield. Ms. Brown indicated that DERM is currently working with the USGS to modify the maps but no changes have taken place yet. Board Member Pines asked how much DERM anticipates contracting the wellfield protection areas based on the permits in place. Board Member Pines further inquired about how limitations of the Water Use Permit are reflected in the Wellfield Protection Areas. Ms. Brown indicated that DERM would be looking at installed capacity not what is in place or indicated in the Water Use Permit. Board Member Pines expressed concerns that the map is not accurate. Ms. Brown reiterated that the map reflects the currently adopted Wellfield Protection Areas and, until updated, are the boundaries used to guide policy.

Board Member Humble stated that a curtain wall was recently built along the boundary of Everglades National Park that has greatly impacted the amount of seepage coming from that area. Board Member Barsh indicated that Miami-Dade Limestone Products Association worked with Everglades National Park on the seepage barrier and would like to participate if the issue is discussed in detail.

Board Member Humble asked how many acres have been grandfathered for development outside of the UDB. Ms. Brown indicated that grandfathering and vested rights is determined on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Brown indicated that staff can provide a map of existing zoning outside the UDB but that is not always an indication of grandfathering and vested rights. Board Member Losner stated that areas exist outside of the UDB that were platted for one acre home sites prior to 1970 and further stated that years ago, when the density allowance was changed from 1 dwelling unit per 1 acre to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres, certain intersections were identified for grandfathering based on existing platting. Ms. Brown indicated that the map presented in the presentation is showing CDMP land uses, some people have vested rights that allow for a different use and that is determined on a case-by-case basis.

- *Presentation: Sea Level Rise Vulnerability. Ms. Brown reviewed the sea level rise vulnerability map and indicated that it is based on a model created jointly by Miami-Dade County and USGS to show increase in groundwater levels as a result of sea level rise. It depicts typical wet season groundwater levels with 0.7 foot rise in sea level based on 2040 projections and shows areas where the groundwater would be within 6 inches of the surface and areas that would be inundated under these conditions.*

***Task Force Discussion.** Board Member Losner pointed out that the sea level rise vulnerability map presented in the handout shows groundwater within 6 inches of the surface where there are currently avocado groves. Board Member Humble indicated that avocado groves only last for approximately 36 hours when their roots are covered with water. Ms. Brown clarified that the map presented depicts the increased groundwater table as a result of sea level rise. Board Member Humble indicated that what is happening in the agricultural area is not a result of sea level rise. Board Member Losner expressed concerns that some of the increase in groundwater levels could be the result of increased water stages in Everglades National Park. Board Member Pines requested a map depicting sea level rise vulnerability for the entire County.*

- Ms. Brown concluded the PowerPoint presentation with a link for the UEA task force website and stated that information would be posted on it.

VII. Input Sessions – Draft Schedule and Agendas

Ms. Brown reviewed a handout prepared by the RER-Planning Division with tentative dates and topics for the input sessions. Ms. Brown also distributed to the Board members the August 25, 2017 email received by Staff from Board member Pines requesting additional input sessions on the topics of transportation and affordable housing.

***Task Force Discussion.** Board Member Losner asked whether farmers could attend the Agricultural Consideration session to talk about the economic status of agriculture and the impacts of NAFTA. Ms. Brown indicated that the presentation portion was limited to governmental agencies but a public input period is provided that would allow for any member of the public to provide input.*

Board Member Gomez expressed concerns about the limited timeframe for the Task Force to provide recommendations prior to sunset in May 2018. Ms. Brown indicated that

staff would bring forward draft recommendations for the Task Force to consider to help expedite the process. Discussion ensued regarding the ability of Task Force members to provide recommendations in advance of the meetings. Ms. Brown indicated that the Task Force members can submit recommendations to staff in advance of the meetings for distribution but that they need to be provided at least one week prior to the meeting.

Board Member Lievano-Cruz inquired about the difference between the input sessions and the regular task force meetings. Ms. Brown responded that the input sessions provide an opportunity to take a focused look at key issues related to the Task Force's purpose. Board Member Barsh asked whether additional speakers could be accommodated at the input sessions. Ms. Brown responded that the presentation portion of the input sessions was limited to government agencies but that the speakers could be accommodated during the public comment period. Board Member Pines asked for copies of staff recommendations related to the UEAs from the 2010 Evaluation and Appraisal Report. Ms. Brown indicated that she would send a link to all board members.

Board Member Losner asked whether they could discuss issues such as the condition of roads in the agricultural areas. Ms. Brown reiterated the purpose of the Task Force and indicated that the discussions should be within the scope of the purpose.

Board Member Green recommended that the Task Force break into subgroups with each group providing recommendations on a specified UEA. Ms. Brown indicated that the intent of the task force is to get the input of the full task force on all of the UEAs and identified the importance of having continuity in the recommendations.

Board Member Hawkins recommended that the Board also consider recommendations related to the data and analysis that is provided as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report. He also requested that the Board consider an additional input session focused on transportation issues and the possibility for setting meeting dates on days other than Monday.

Board Member Green inquired as to whether a GIS expert could attend each meeting to provide maps on demand. Ms. Brown responded that requested maps would be provided at the next scheduled meeting.

Board member Hatcher asked if recommendations could be done at the conclusion of each input session, which Ms. Brown responded that, while it would be up to the Board, the full context of the issues may not be realized until the conclusion of the input sessions. Board Member Gomez agreed, stating that the Board needed to see all the UEA criteria before voting on each individual UEA. Board member Valderrama agreed with Board member Pines' email that an additional session would be needed for transportation. Board members Green, Losner and Pines discussed what the additional session would include.

Motion: Board member Lievano-Cruz made a motion to have Transportation as a separate input session and have input on who the Task Force can invite to that session which should generally include road infrastructure, mass transit, concurrency backlogs, SMART Plan, and hear from MDX

and possibly the Turnpike. Board Member Pines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Kerri Barsh	Yes	Matt Johnson	Absent
Elizabeth Bonnell	Yes	Yesenia Fatima Lara	Yes
Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	Yes
William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	Yes
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	Yes
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	Yes
Nick Diaz	Yes	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	Yes	Barney Rutzke Jr.	Yes
Dr. Steve Green	Yes	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	Yes
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	Yes
James Humble	Yes		

Motion. Board Member Pines made a motion to have a special input session on Workforce Housing. Board Member Hatcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Kerri Barsh	Yes	Matt Johnson	Absent
Elizabeth Bonnell	Yes	Yesenia Fatima Lara	Yes
Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	Yes
William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	Yes
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	Yes
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	Yes
Nick Diaz	Yes	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	Yes	Barney Rutzke Jr.	Yes
Dr. Steve Green	Yes	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	Yes
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	Yes
James Humble	Yes		

Task Force Discussion. Board members Lievano-Cruz and Lee discussed the locations of the meetings, and Board members Barsh, Gomez and Hawkins discussed time to be given to additional speakers. Ms. Brown stated that the availability of utilities issue was included in the development considerations session, in response to Board member Diaz' query. Board members Green, Valderrama and Barsh discussed having private sector parties as presenters. Board member Lee disagreed with that, maintaining that environmental groups lack resources to hire similar experts and presenters should only be County/governmental Staff. Board member Humble stated that presenters from the private sector allowed for varying opinions, and that he believed the presentation for the Everglades restoration should be done by the Everglades National Park rather than South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). Board member Ramos replied that he would have no problem coordinating with SFWMD on the Everglades presentation. Board member Lara observed that Board Member Lee's concern could be addressed by requesting presenters to disclose what interests they represented and any compensation they are receiving.

Motion. Board Member Lee made a motion to limit the presentations to government agencies and that private interests will be heard only during the public input period of the agenda. Board Member Hatcher seconded the motion. The motion failed 4 to 13 as follows:

Kerri Barsh	No	Matt Johnson	Absent
Elizabeth Bonnell	No	Yesenia Fatima Lara	No
Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	No
William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	No
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	No
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	No
Nick Diaz	No	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	No	Barney Rutzke Jr.	No
Dr. Steve Green	No	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	No
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	Yes
James Humble	No		

Task Force Discussion. Board member Pines requested to get the materials from the input sessions ahead of time in order to review it, with Board Member Green requesting advance materials pertaining to updated CERP projects and timelines. Board member Pines questioned if there could be a rebuttal session after the input session. Ms. Brown responded that the Task Force members would be provided time for discussion.

Motion. Board member Green made motion for Staff reach out to Mr. MacVicar, of MacVicar Consulting, about making a presentation for water-related issues. Board Member Losner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Kerri Barsh	Yes	Matt Johnson	Absent
Elizabeth Bonnell	Yes	Yesenia Fatima Lara	Yes
Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	Yes
William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	Yes
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	Yes
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	Yes
Nick Diaz	Yes	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	Yes	Barney Rutzke Jr.	Yes
Dr. Steve Green	Yes	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	Yes
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	Yes
James Humble	Yes		

Motion. Board member Gomez made a motion to proceed with the environmental considerations input session with the addition of Staff reaching out to Mr. MacVicar about making a presentation, and provide an opportunity for the Task Force at the beginning of the session to set additional time for any additional presenters that are identified. Board Member Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Kerri Barsh	Yes	Matt Johnson	Absent
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Elizabeth Bonnell	Yes	Yesenia Fatima Lara	Yes
Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	Yes
William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	Yes
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	Yes
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	Yes
Nick Diaz	Yes	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	Yes	Barney Rutzke Jr.	Yes
Dr. Steve Green	Yes	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	Yes
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	Yes
James Humble	Yes		

Task Force Discussion. Ms. Brown stated that the date for the environmental input session was the date identified in draft provided to board, for September 25, 2017, and that Staff direction received was to proceed in a similar manner with the agricultural input session. Ms. Brown advised that the presentations for the agricultural input session are identified in draft provided to board and that, at start of session, the Board will have an opportunity to allocate additional time for other presenters. Board member Green asserted that he would like to hear not only from the presenter, Agricultural Manager Charles LaPradd, but also other from other experts such as University of Florida TREC Staff.

Motion. Board member Losner made motion to proceed with the agricultural considerations presentations that are identified in the draft and that prior to the start of the input session the Board will have the opportunity to add additional presentations, and Mr. LaPradd be empowered to bring any non-governmental experts that he wishes to supplement his presentation such as staff from the University of Florida Tropical Research and Education Center (TREC) or Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS). Board Member Hatcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Kerri Barsh	Yes	Matt Johnson	Absent
Elizabeth Bonnell	Yes	Yesenia Fatima Lara	Yes
Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	Yes
William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	Yes
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	Yes
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	Yes
Nick Diaz	Yes	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	Yes	Barney Rutzke Jr.	Yes
Dr. Steve Green	Yes	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	Yes
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	Yes
James Humble	Yes		

Task Force Discussion. Ms. Brown inquired about the agenda and content of the rock mining input session. Board member Barsh responded that she was generally in agreement with the session as presented in the draft, but wanted to consult with her experts and come back with any additional information to set the agenda at the next meeting.

Ms. Brown asked the Board for comments in regards to the remainder of the input sessions. Board member Pines stated that he would like to set the workforce housing and transportation input sessions, and then similar to Board member Barsh's action, would get back to the Board regarding the development considerations session.

Board member Lievano-Cruz inquired about the locations for the input sessions, and suggested that alternative locations should be considered for future meetings. Ms. Brown inquired about setting the location and date for the environmental considerations session.

Motion. Board member Losner made a motion to set the date of the environmental considerations input session for September 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the South Dade Regional Library. Board Member Pines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Kerri Barsh	Yes	Matt Johnson	Absent
Elizabeth Bonnell	Yes	Yesenia Fatima Lara	Yes
Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	Yes
William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	Yes
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	Yes
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	Yes
Nick Diaz	Yes	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	Yes	Barney Rutzke Jr.	Yes
Dr. Steve Green	Yes	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	Yes
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	Yes
James Humble	Yes		

Task Force Discussion. Board member Pines suggested the Board take a tour of the UEA areas to visualize areas under discussion. Discussion ensued between Board members Pines, Lievano-Cruz and County Attorney Schwaderer-Raurell regarding the Sunshine laws. Board member Hatcher stressed that he would like to make a motion and see if a tour could be done, as similar tours are done for the County's Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) and Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). Board member Lara questioned the Board about the benefit of having the tour as a group versus attending individually. Board members replied that individual board members could see the UEA areas on their own, and Board member Pines added that the Board may not have the background on factors such as transportation. Board member Lara stated that if the benefit was to have conversations, sunshine law seemed to preclude that from occurring. Board member Green added that, due to roadway conditions, Staff may want to consider the logistics of a large bus traveling on sometimes rural and unmaintained roadways. Ms. Brown added that Staff was available to look at the options, but that there was no current funding for the requested bus tour.

Motion. Board member Hatcher made a motion for Staff to research and come back at the next meeting, with a proposal of how and whether a site tour of the UEAS would work, and that motion was seconded by Board member Hawkins. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Kerri Barsh	Yes	Matt Johnson	Absent
Elizabeth Bonnell	Yes	Yesenia Fatima Lara	Yes

Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	Yes
William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	Yes
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	Yes
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	Yes
Nick Diaz	Yes	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	Yes	Barney Rutzke Jr.	Yes
Dr. Steve Green	Yes	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	Yes
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	Yes
James Humble	Yes		

Task Force Discussion. Ms. Brown told the board that based on Board discussions, everyone seemed to be in favor of having the agricultural session at the South Dade Regional Library, and asked for a motion to set the date and time. Board member Ramos mentioned that while he would not be able to make it for that meeting, he believed his alternative would be able to attend.

Motion. Board member Lara made a motion for the agricultural considerations input session to be held on October 16, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the South Dade Regional Library. Board Member Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Kerri Barsh	Yes	Matt Johnson	Absent
Elizabeth Bonnell	Yes	Yesenia Fatima Lara	Yes
Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	Yes
William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	Yes
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	Yes
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	Yes
Nick Diaz	Yes	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	Yes	Barney Rutzke Jr.	Yes
Dr. Steve Green	Yes	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	Yes
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	Yes
James Humble	Yes		

Task Force Discussion. Board member Lee indicated that she would like to change the date for the environmental considerations meeting. Ms. Brown indicated that the date was set through a prior motion and would need a vote for reconsideration prior to setting a new date.

Motion. Board member Hawkins made a motion to reconsider the date of September 25, 2017 for the environmental considerations session. Board Member Lee seconded the motion. The motion failed 7 to 10 as follows:

Kerri Barsh	Yes	Matt Johnson	Absent
Elizabeth Bonnell	Yes	Yesenia Fatima Lara	Yes
Carol Bowen	Absent	Nancy Lee	Yes
Erin Clancy	Absent	Maria Lievano-Cruz	No

William Delgado	Absent	Bill Losner	No
Enid Washington Demps	Absent	Francisco Pines	No
Alex Diaz	Absent	Pedro Ramos	No
Nick Diaz	No	John Renne	Absent
Richard Gomez	No	Barney Rutzke Jr.	No
Dr. Steve Green	Yes	Paul Schweip	Absent
Mike Hatcher	Yes	Erick Valderrama	No
Thomas Hawkins	Yes	Larry Ventura	No
James Humble	No		

VIII. Public Comment

After hearing that the Board had no more comments or deliberations, Ms. Brown indicated that she had two public comment cards and proceeded to open the meeting for public comment.

The first speaker, Barry White, stressed that the Board had no imperative to move the UDB. Mr. White observed that the County’s agricultural land used to be 235,000 acres and currently is nearing a critical level at 65,000 acres. Mr. White observed that building beyond the UDB caused loss of land which helped to recharge the aquifer and thereby threatened drinking water. Mr. White stated that there were numerous areas inside the UDB for redevelopment such as Coral Way, the SW 37 Avenue corridor, and areas in Naranja. Mr. White offered his option to “freeze” the UDB forever, opining that could allow for the construction of the proposed Miami Dade Expressway Authority’s SR 836 Southwest Extension roadway project.

The second speaker, Truly Burton with the Builders Association of South Florida, commended the Board for its efforts in addressing the many interrelated issues including transportation and workforce housing. Ms. Burton advised looking at job centers, community development, and how transportation ties into people’s travel to work, jobs, and where they live. Ms. Burton applauded the idea of a bus tour, stating that was the ideal way to see what is happening in a neighborhood. Ms. Burton added that there needed to be a balance between the environment, housing, jobs, agriculture and transportation.

Seeing no other speakers present, Ms. Brown concluded the public input session.

IX. Adjourn

Having no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.