

SUMMARY OF PINELLAS SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE MEETING OF MAY 5, 2010

The meeting was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in the Planning Department Conference Room. Those in attendance were:

Members Present:

Susan Latvala	Pinellas County (Chairman)
Bill Dudley	City of St. Petersburg
Doug Mullis	Citizen Representative
Steve Kochick	City of Madeira Beach
Carol Cook	Pinellas County School Board
Gigi Arntzen	City of Largo
Michael Bessette	Pinellas County Schools
Joe Ayoub	City of Safety Harbor

Members Absent:

George Cretekos	City of Clearwater
Jerry Mullins	PSTA/Pinellas Park
Suzanne Vale	City of Oldsmar
John Counts	City of Seminole
Mary Stull	City of Gulfport
	City of St. Pete Beach
Susan Slattery	City of Tarpon Springs
Julie Ward Bujalski	City of Dunedin

Others Present:

Dave Sadowsky	Pinellas County Attorney's Office
Gordon Beardslee	Pinellas County Planning Department
Liz Freeman	Pinellas County Planning Department
Ryan Brinson	Pinellas County Planning Department
Sarah Ward	Pinellas County Planning Department/MPO
Gina Harvey	Pinellas County Planning Department/MPO
Sandra Herman	City of Clearwater
Tammy Vrana	City of Clearwater
Michael Frederick	City of St. Petersburg
Paul Geisz	City of St. Petersburg
Erica Smith	City of St. Petersburg
Linda Fisher	Pinellas Planning Council
Robert Davis	Pinellas County Public Works - Transportation
Marshall Touchton	Pinellas County School System
Sharon Lough	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Brian Smith	Pinellas County Planning Department
Carolyn Kuntz	MPO/Recorder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Latvala called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Arntzen moved, Ms. Cook seconded, and motion carried to approve the September 2 minutes

III. ANNUAL STATUS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL CONCURRENCY

Ryan Brinson provided the annual status report on the implementation of school concurrency. In 2005, the State Legislature required a comprehensive focus for school planning statewide based on the previous residential boom that took place between 2001 and 2004. This resulted in a requirement that the School Board and local governments adopt a school concurrency system to ensure coordination for construction, renovation, or closure of schools and the permitting of residential development that could affect school capacity. The report highlights three areas: 1) status of the Public School Facilities Element and Land Development Regulations; 2) status of the countywide school capacity by concurrency service area; and 3) implementation and use of the Residential Development Tracking System. All 13 local governments required to implement School Concurrency have adopted a Public School Facilities Element into their respective Comprehensive Plans; however, only 8 of the 13 have amended their Land Development Regulations to reflect the goals, objectives, and policies contained in the Public School Facilities Element. The remaining five jurisdictions plan to amend their Land Development Regulations this year. Local governments are required to amend their Public School Facilities Element due to the recent school facility mergers and closures that are included in the Five Year Facilities Work Program, which affect the adopted maps for the elementary, middle, and high school facilities. There are four elementary school, three middle school, and one high school concurrency service areas, which are all operating below the 100% level of service standard and have adequate capacity available for future growth. The Pinellas County Business Technology Services Department developed the software to track residential development permitting, which is interactive and reflects real time data regarding available school capacity by school concurrency area and compares it to the potential students resulting from proposed development. Due to the economic downturn, only St. Petersburg and Clearwater have entered eligible site plans in the system with both indicating they did not experience any technical problems and there was adequate capacity available.

Vice Mayor Kochick moved, Commissioner Arntzen seconded, and motion carried to accept the report for transmittal to the Pinellas Schools Collaborative members.

Chairman Latvala asked if other members were expected to attend, noting some of the members have changed due to elections. It was noted Tarpon Springs made their appointment and had indicated they planned to attend. Joe Ayoub of Safety Harbor indicated this was his first meeting and he is replacing Nina Bandoni. Commissioner Cretekos had indicated earlier he would not be able to attend. It was noted some of the members have not attended in awhile.

IV. PROCEDURE FOR ASSESSING IMPACT OF LAND USE AMENDMENTS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

Marshall Touchton reviewed the procedure, which uses an Excel spreadsheet, to make sure there is sufficient capacity for potential new students as a result of new development. The procedure deals with long range planning and proposed land use changes. He demonstrated the process using the Excel spreadsheet, explaining the process. The data changes every five years and uses vested students and anticipated enrollment to make sure there is sufficient capacity. This tool will be available to all agencies participating in school concurrency and will be updated annually.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.