

Summary of Pinellas Schools Collaborative
Meeting on April 4, 2012

The meeting was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 9:00 A.M., in the Planning Department Conference Room. Those in attendance were:

Members Present:

Susan Latvala	Pinellas County Commissioner (Chairman)
Carole Cook	Pinellas County School Board
Peggy O'Shea	Pinellas County School Board
Paul Gibson	City of Clearwater
Julie Bujalski	City of Dunedin

Members Absent:

Gigi Arntzen	City of Largo
Joe Ayoub	City of Safety Harbor
John Counts	City of Seminole
Bill Dudley	City of St. Petersburg
Jerry Mullins	City of Pinellas Park
Carol Reynolds	City of Madeira Beach
Susan Slattery	City of Tarpon Springs

Others Present:

Gordon Beardslee	Pinellas County Planning Department
Liz Freeman	Pinellas County Planning Department
Ryan Brinson	Pinellas County Planning Department
David Sadowsky	Pinellas County Attorney Office
Robert C. Davis	Pinellas County DEI – Traffic
Linda Fisher	Pinellas Planning Council
Paul Geize	City of St. Petersburg
Danny Taylor	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Lauren Matcke	City of Clearwater
Joe Incorvia	City of Pinellas Park
Jenna Duncan	City of Dunedin
Greg Rice	City of Dunedin
Tom Moore	City of Largo
Linda Hellas	City of Pasadena
Mark Haber	Pinellas County Health Department
Mike Burke	Pinellas County School District (Transportation)
Frank Frail	Pinellas County School District
Marshall Touchton	Pinellas County School District

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 MEETING

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.

3. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Gordon Beardslee provided some back ground and history of the item and reminded everyone that during the 2011 Legislative session, the Legislature passed the Community Planning Act, which revised statutory requirements regarding the implementation of school concurrency, making it no longer mandatory. The School Planning Workgroup, met in July 2011 to review the legislative changes and options, and subsequently recommended to the Pinellas Schools Collaborative that school concurrency be discontinued. At the Collaborative meeting on September 2011, the Collaborative agreed with the Workgroup's recommendation, and authorized County planning staff to prepare revisions to the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

Gordon then referred everyone to the attached draft strike-through underline version of the ILA and then reviewed the individual sections that are proposed to change. The major change that Gordon pointed out was the deletion of Sections 9 through 13 that dealt with the implementation and maintenance of school concurrency requirements. Gordon then highlighted the changes to Section 8 regarding the composition of the Collaborative. School Board member Carol Cook asked that the word "elected" be changed to the word "appointed", since the School Board chairman does not "elect" and "appoints" members to serve in those capacities.

Gordon went on to mention that no changes were required/proposed to the Reservation of Right in Section 14 and that section 15 was added, which would essentially terminate the existing ILA and to be able to adopt the proposed new one. Lastly, Gordon re-emphasized that the remaining sections of the ILA still maintain our existing process for coordinating and sharing of information between local governments and the School District, which are still requirements under the Community Planning Act.

The Collaborative voted to approve the proposed ILA amendments with Carol Cook's suggested word change in Section 8.

4. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL CONCURRENCY

Ryan Brinson discussed the proposed amendments related to the County's Public School Facilities Element which would eliminate references dealing with school concurrency. Ryan also pointed out that there are specific goals, objectives, and policies that the County is planning on retaining since they are still required for school planning and coordination purposes, as outlined in Florida Statute Chapter 163. Ryan further reviewed additional amendments that would eliminate references to school concurrency contained in the Intergovernmental Coordination Element and the Capital Improvements Element.

Ryan then walked through the proposed amendments to the County's Land Development Code that would remove the requirements which implement school concurrency. Ryan mentioned that basically, the entire section (134-262 through 266) of the Public School Facilities Concurrency Procedures would need to be "un-adopted" from the County's Code.

Lastly, Ryan discussed the proposed timeline to adopt the changes and mentioned that the County is scheduled to take these amendments to the LPA on April 12th and then to the County Commission sometime in June.

This item was intended for informational purposes only to illustrate what the County's approach will be. Copies of the Ordinance have been provided to the cities to assist them as they process similar amendments to their own Comprehensive Plans and Land Development Codes this summer.

5. PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the next meeting date and time will not be scheduled at this time.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chairman Latvala, adjourned the meeting.