

SCHOOL PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There was a meeting of the School Planning Technical Advisory Committee (SPTAC) on Monday, March 7, 2005 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 1840 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were members Stan Boling, County Planning Director; Chris Kafer, County Engineer; Christopher Mora, County Traffic Engineer; Phil Matson, County Metropolitan Planning Organization Staff Director; Cliff Crawford, County Recreation Director; Dr. Dan McIntyre, School Board Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Susan Olson, School Board Executive Director of Facilities; and Roy Raymond, County Sheriff.

Absent was Erik Olson, County Utilities Director and Jim Romanek, County Park Superintendent (both excused).

Also present were Patrick Walther, Carter and Associates, Inc.; Matt Taylor, Donadio & Associates; Mike Hotchkiss, Indian River Utilities; and Darcy Vasilas, Staff Assistant IV.

Call to Order

Mr. Boling called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Introductions

Mr. Boling requested everyone introduce themselves.

Evaluation of Proposed Renovations to Gifford Alternative Learning Center (GALC)

Mr. Boling distributed comments made by staff on the plans printed February 18, 2005, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Mrs. Olson reported the GALC campus suffered substantial damage from the hurricanes; therefore, the renovations that were previously being planned before the hurricanes were expedited. She also noted there was a project being formulated for the adjoining property at Gifford Middle School for a new gymnasium.

Mrs. Olson said there were plans to move and remodel two Medical Science buildings from the GALC campus into a new configuration to allow more recreational space on the Gifford Middle School campus and at the same time, optimize the space at the GALC.

Mrs. Olson continued the classrooms would be concrete, modular two-story structures. She reported concrete structures withstood the hurricanes well in other school settings in Indian River and Palm Beach counties.

Mr. Boling inquired when the renovations were anticipated to be complete. Mr. Taylor responded they had a target date of January, 2006.

Mr. Matson asked if public transportation services would be needed either at the street or the door of GALC. Dr. McIntyre opined there would be activities at the GALC throughout the day and into the evening. He felt public transportation would be a valuable asset to the facility. Mr. Matson added there would be two lanes going past the front entrance of the building and there would be enough room to accommodate a bus.

Traffic concerns were discussed. Mr. Mora requested shifting the driveway to align it with the existing road across the street or unalign it by 200 feet. He stated it would be best to increase the separation slightly by shifting the driveway south.

Mr. Crawford inquired about the hard tennis court. Dr. McIntyre stated if there was enough money, they would replace the current hard court with a new one, and if there was not enough money the existing hard court would be repaired.

Mr. Boling stated there was a proposed sidewalk along 20th Court.

Dr. McIntyre questioned what plans were proposed for street lighting. Mr. Mora responded GALC was in the Gifford Street Light District and staff could work to provide lighting between 45th Street and 20th Court.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Crawford, SECONDED BY Mr. Mora, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to recommend that the Indian River County School Board approve the renovations with the changes discussed, including adequate responses to staff's comments (copy attached).

Approval of Minutes

ON MOTION BY Mr. Crawford, SECONDED BY Sheriff Raymond, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the October 14, 2004 minutes as submitted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.