SCHOOL PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting 2

There was a meeting of the School Planning Technical Advisory Committee (SPTAC) at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2009 in Conference Room A1-411 of the County Administration Building A, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were members **Bob Keating**, Indian River County (IRC) Community Development Director; **Stan Boling**, IRC Planning Director; **Chris Kafer**, IRC Engineer; **Christopher Mora**, IRC Assistant Public Works Director; **Phil Matson**, IRC Metropolitan Planning Organization Staff Director; **Cliff Crawford**, IRC Recreation Director; **Susan Olson**, School Board Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Construction; **Tim Elder**, Sheriff's Office Representative; and **David Fleetwood**, IRC Parks Superintendent.

Absent was **Erik Olson**, IRC Utilities Director (excused).

Also present were John McCoy, IRC Senior Planner; Sutapa Chaterjee, IRC MPO Planner; George Simons and Ben Speed, Carter Associates, Inc.; and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3.

Call to Order

Mr. Boling called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. .

Review and Approval of Major Site Addition and Renovation to the Citrus Elementary School Campus (2771 4th Street)

Mr. Boling related on behalf of the Indian River County School District, Carter Associates, Inc. has submitted a request to construct site improvements on an approximately 10 acre addition to the Citrus Elementary School campus. The proposed improvements consist mostly of site related traffic circulation improvements. The request has been reviewed and approved by the County's Technical Review Committee (TRC) and is now to be considered by SPTAC. The SPTAC's responsibility is to formalize approval of the site plan and make a determination of the on-site and off-site improvements (if needed) necessary to serve the renovated campus facility.

Mr. John McCoy, IRC Senior Planner, showed an aerial view of the property, (a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office) explaining there were two levels of approvals needed for this site, a staff approval for minor renovations to the school and approvals that rise to the level of SPTAC approval with the addition of a parcel of land abutting to a residential neighborhood.

Mr. McCoy informed the members there were no building improvements, but mainly campus, access, parking, and drainage improvements. He demonstrated the parking and access were very congested right off of 4th Street. Parking would be going from 54 spaces to 154 spaces but the major purpose of the renovations was to improve the function and safety of 4th Street.

Mr. McCoy continued IRC Traffic Engineering had verified that no off-site improvements were proposed or required at this time. There was future right-of-way dedication for 4th Street and the 4th Street/27th Avenue intersection depicted on the site plan.

Discussion was held regarding walking paths and other pedestrian access to the site; the lake on the site will be fenced; and there will be no connection to 27th Avenue because there was too much traffic.

Mr. Matson recommended the planting of canopy trees for the playground area which will be relocated to the south side of the campus.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Mora, SECONDED BY Mr. Crawford, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the site plan for the Citrus Elementary School site addition and improvements as presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.