

SCHOOL PLANNING ELECTED OFFICIALS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

There was a meeting of the School Planning Elected Officials Oversight Committee (EOOC) on Friday, May 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room "B" of the County Administration Building, 1840 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were Gary C. Wheeler, Indian River County (IRC) Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairman; Ken Daige, City of Vero Beach Councilmember, Committee Chairman; Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere Mayor; Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian Mayor; and Carol Johnson, IRC School Board Chairman.

Absent was Patricia Christensen, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Chairman (excused).

Also present were IRC Staff: Robert Keating, Community Development Director; Stan Boling, Planning Director; Sasan Rohani, Long Range Planning Chief, and Darcy Vasilas, Interim Executive Aide. Others present: Dr. Dan McIntyre, IRC School Board Planning and Operations Assistant Superintendent; and Susan Olson, IRC School Board Director of Facility Planning & Construction.

Call to Order

Chairman Ken Daige called the meeting to order and opened the floor to nominations for an EOOC Chairman for 2007.

Election of Chairman

ON NOMINATION BY Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED BY School Board Chairman Johnson, the members voted unanimously (5-0) to re-elect Councilmember Ken Daige as the Chairman for the School Planning Elected Officials Oversight Committee for 2007.

Councilmember Daige was declared Chairman, since there had been no other nominations.

Approval of Minutes of November 3, 2006

ON MOTION BY Mayor Coy, SECONDED BY Mayor Savage, the members voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the minutes of November 3, 2006 as submitted.

Overview of the School Planning Activities

Mr. Stan Boling, IRC Planning Director, summarized the school planning activities that had occurred since the November 3, 2006 meeting:

1. County staff reviewed a draft conceptual plan for the south county high school site at a pre-application conference. This meeting served as a courtesy review for general site planning purposes.
2. The School Board and County cooperated on Oslo Road improvements and right-of-way issues as they related to the south county high school site.
3. Staff received site plans and scheduled a city/county School Planning Technical Advisory Committee for review and approval of the Vero Beach High School renovation plans Part 2 (scheduled for May or June 2007).
4. School concurrency activities included work on the draft interlocal agreement and mandated comprehensive plan amendments that are related to school concurrency. The interlocal agreement is scheduled to be finalized this summer and adopted this fall. Beginning in January, 2008, the county initiated necessary amendments to its comprehensive plan related to: a new Public School Facilities element, revisions to the Capital Improvements element, and revisions to the Intergovernmental Coordination element. On April 12, 2007, the county Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of school concurrency related comprehensive plan amendments.
5. The impact fee interlocal agreement between the County and the School Board requires a review of the school impact fees this year (2007). In December 2006, the County hired consultants to review and update the impact fee rate schedule following an increase in land and construction costs. As of this time, the consultants have

conducted extensive research and analysis, coordinated with various service providers and local government staff, and prepared 3 technical memorandums. In the coming months, public meetings and workshops will be held to present the updated impact fee rate schedule and to explain the methodology employed to develop the impact fees.

Update on Impact Fees

Mr. Sasan Rohani, IRC Long Range Planning Chief, related there would be several public workshops, the first to be held May 24, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. to provide information from the consultant to the public. He added there would be another meeting scheduled with elected officials and School Board members in June, 2007 at a date to be determined.

Mr. Rohani explained it was anticipated for the impact fee changes to go to public hearings in late July or August, 2007.

Chairman Daige inquired the name of the consultant and the cost of the study. Mr. Rohani responded the consultant was Duncan and Associates from Texas who were conducting the study at a cost of \$130,000. Mr. Bob Keating, IRC Community Development Director, interjected the cost of the study was being paid from Impact Administration Fees.

Discussion was held regarding the recording of the meetings and how the media would be provided to the public.

Mr. Boling reviewed the Proposed School Concurrency Implementation Schedule which is on file in the Commission Office.

Update on School Sites and Projects

Dr. McIntyre and Mrs. Olson provided an update on the school sites and projects currently underway. They were as follows:

- Vero Beach High School renovations, Part One renovations are being finished up which included the entrance, administration building and new cafeteria. There would be increased security with decreased access to the property. Part Two renovations would replace the ROTC facility and the automotive and small engine building.

- An architect has been hired for the new middle school which would be using a small community concept with each grade in their own building. This would increase security and cut down on the cross traffic. The new school would be a “Green Building”.

Discussion was held regarding the grants available for alternative energy and green buildings.

Other Matters from Members

There were none.

Matters and Comments from the Public

There were none.

Adjournment

Chairman Daige adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.