

SCHOOL PLANNING ELECTED OFFICIALS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

There was a meeting of the School Planning Elected Officials Oversight Committee (EOOC) on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room B1-501, Building B, of the County Administration Building, 1800 27thth Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were **Wesley S. Davis**, Indian River County (IRC) Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Vice Chairman; **Mayor Tom White**, City of Vero Beach Councilmember; **Mayor Sara Savage**, City of Fellsmere Councilwoman; **Susan J. Hershey** (arrived at 1:06 p.m.), Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Chairman; and **Karen Disney-Brombach**, IRC School Board Chairman.

Absent were **Mayor Andrea Coy**, City of Sebastian Council Member and **Mayor Thomas Cadden**, Town of Indian River Shores Councilmember (both excused).

Also present were IRC Staff: Robert Keating, Community Development Director; Stan Boling, Planning Director; and Darcy Vasilas, Commissioner Assistant, District 3. 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

Mr. Stan Boling, IRC Planning Director, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and asked for nominations for Chairman for 2008.

Election of Chairman

ON NOMINATION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Councilwoman Savage, the members voted unanimously (4-0) to elect Councilmember Tom White as the Chairman for the School Planning Elected Officials Oversight Committee for 2008.

Ms. Susan Hershey, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Chairman, arrived at 1:06 p.m. and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2007

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Davis, SECONDED BY Mayor Savage, the members voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the minutes of May 11, 2007 as submitted.

Overview of the School Planning Activities

Mr. Boling reviewed his memorandum dated September 8, 2008, outlining the school planning activities that had occurred since the May 11, 2007 meeting:

1. **November 2007** - County staff formally reviewed and commented on the site plan for the 66th Avenue Middle School ("Winter Beach Middle School BB").
2. **November 15, 2007, December 6, 2007** - County staff coordinated and held formal meetings with staff and an elected representative from the School Board, the County, and each municipality on the draft interlocal agreement (ILA).
3. **January 31, 2008** - County, School Board, municipal elected officials, and staff held a joint meeting on the draft ILA.
4. **Spring 2008** - ILA revised. Final ILA approved by County, School Board, and municipalities.
5. **May/June 2008** - State Department of Community Affairs (DCA) found the County's Public School Facilities Element (and the ILA) in compliance. All county school concurrency mandates met. Indian River County was one of the first, if not the first, counties found to be in full compliance.

Note: As of late July 2008, local municipalities were in various stages of obtaining a DCA "in compliance" finding with respect to school concurrency.

6. **June/July/early August 2008** - County staff coordinated with School Board staff on implementing school concurrency (e.g. application process, data collection and monitoring). County began implementing school concurrency July 1, 2008.

7. **June/July 2008**) - County staff coordinated review of the Vero Beach High School renovations phase 3 site plans with staff from the City of Vero Beach and the School Board.

8. **July 2008** - County deeded the Waterway Village school site to the School Board with a 20-year reverter. The site will revert to the County for park use if the School Board does not use the site for a public school within 20 years. The site was improved by the developer and obtained without compensation or impact fee credit through the county's planned development (PD) process.

Ms. Disney-Brombach asked for old subdivision maps or information that still had open lots for future planning. Discussion ensued regarding potential subdivisions which would be involved. Mr. Keating agreed to provide the information being requested.

Draft Five Year School Facilities Plan

Dr. Dan McIntyre announced the Five Year School Facilities Plan was no longer a "Draft" as it was approved by the School Board at a recent meeting.

Commissioner Davis inquired where the construction of the next school was being anticipated. Dr. McIntyre responded there would most likely not be a new school started within the next year or two. He guessed the next one would be an elementary school in north Indian River County.

Mr. Boling asked Dr. McIntyre to review the planned additions to Sebastian River High School (SRHS).

Dr. McIntyre explained the School Board had opted for a Freshman Learning Center concept on the SRHS campus to help with growth of the school and to accommodate an increase in students. He anticipated it would be a couple of years before the project started.

Commissioner Davis asked what the size of SRHS would be, in terms of student population, once the Freshman Learning Center was built. Dr. McIntyre answered SRHS and Vero Beach High School should have a total population capacity of 2,700 to 3,000 students.

Update on School Sites and Projects

Mrs. Olson reported Citrus Elementary had acquired property adjacent to the current site to move parking, student drop off and pick up to improve the traffic flow on 4th Street.

Other Matters from Members

Ms. Hershey wished to discuss the recent ruling by the Hillsborough County Circuit Court on infrastructure between cities, counties and school boards as to who pays for it. She asked if that ruling would change the School Planning Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

Dr. McIntyre clarified that was a ruling by the Hillsborough County Circuit Court and did not affect Indian River County. He opined the ILA was very fair and shared costs equitably in improvements.

Matters and Comments from the Public

Mr. Boling polled the members to ascertain whether or not they would prefer to have the meeting agendas e-mailed versus via regular mail service. There were different preferences so Mr. Boling offered to ask in advance for the next meeting and send the agendas per each members preference.

Adjournment

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.