

SCHOOL PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There was a meeting of the School Planning Technical Advisory Committee (SPTAC) at 3:03 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2011 in Conference Room A1-411 of the County Administration Building "A", 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were members **Stan Boling**, IRC Planning Director; **Bob Keating**, IRC Community Development Director; **Phil Matson**, IRC Metropolitan Planning Organization Staff Director; **Mike Redstone**, IRC Assistant Recreation Director; **Chris Kafer** IRC County Engineer; **Nick Westenberger**, Indian River School District; and **Carol Johnson**, Indian River School District

Absent was: **Erik Olson**, IRC Utilities Director; **Chris Mora**, IRC Public Works Director **David Fleetwood**, IRC Parks Superintendent; **Chris McCarthy**, City of Sebastian Planning Department Representative; **Sheriff Deryl Loar**, IRC Sheriff's Department and **Susan Olson**, School Board Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Construction. (All excused).

Also present were: **John McCoy**, IRC Senior Planner; **Michael Nixon**, IRC Engineering; **Patrick Walther**, Carter Associates; **Ben Speed**, Carter Associates; and **Laura E. Vasquez**, Commissioner Assistant, District 2.

Call to Order

Mr. Stan Boling, IRC Planning Director, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and introductions followed.

Approval of August 11, 2011 Minutes

ON MOTION BY Mrs. Johnson, SECONDED BY Mr. Redstone, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the August 11, 2011 minutes as submitted.

Indian River County School District's Request for Formal Approval to Open Osceola Magnet School the "Thompson" Site (33-39-26-00001-0070-00001.0 / 1110 18th Ave SW)

Mr. Boling stated the SPTAC was to give final approval to open the Osceola Magnet School on the old "Thompson" campus. He said the campus had gone through different changes, first, it was a conventional elementary school, and then it was a magnet school and later re-purposed as a lifelong learning center with adult education center that included VPK programs along with some offices. Mr. Boling stated under the Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) Osceola Elementary was treated and considered a new school.

Mr. Boling stated when the School Board makes a decision on what will happen to the existing site of Osceola, whether it will be closed or re-purposed, it will come through the SPTAC and the School board will work with the City of Vero Beach (COVB) staff as well as County staff.

Mr. John McCoy, IRC Senior Planner reviewed his memorandum dated May 31, 2012, a copy of which is on file in the Commission office. He said the VPK program which was currently on site would be relocated to the new Vero Beach Elementary campus, and the ESE offices would be moved to the Freshman Learning Center (FLC) and the adult education would be moved to the Vero Beach High School.

Mr. McCoy stated there was parking improvements made to include both paved and stabilized overflow parking and a paved parent drop-off loop. He said there was a temporary cafeteria which was to be used on an interim basis until the existing area could be remodeled.

Staff recommends the SPTAC grant the approval to open the Osceola Magnet School on the subject site with the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of any landscape work, an upgraded landscape plan shall be provided by the District for County staff review.
2. District staff shall meet with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff to update the Safe Walk to School Plan pedestrian improvements within the neighborhood surrounding the school and meet periodically to seek funding for those pedestrian improvements.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Redstone, SECONDED BY Mr. Matson, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the Indian River County School Board's Request for Formal Approval to Open Osceola Magnet School on the "Thompson" Site (33-39-26-00001-0070-00001.0 / 1110 18th Ave SW) with the recommended conditions.

Ms. Johnson said she was looking forward to the school opening in August and appreciated County staff and engineers for all their hard work.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.