

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 4, 2009

A meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Members present were: Chairman Duffy, Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Starr, Deputy Clerk Manley, Mayor Friedman, Vice Mayor Goldberg, Council Member McCormick, Council Member Albers, Council Member Wallace, City Manager Howard Kunik, School Board Member Swift, School Board Member Miller, School Board Member Messina, School Board Member Sifrit, School Board Member Rendell, and Superintendent Gaylor. The following members were absent: Commissioner Skidmore

1. The meeting was called to order at **2:00 PM** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introductions

Chairman Duffy introduced attendees and explained the purpose of the meeting.

3. Slide Presentation of Packet Materials

A. DRC Approvals - Tab 1 - Steven Ellis, Planner II, Charlotte County Growth Management and Joan LeBeau, Chief Planner, City of Punta Gorda

Steve Ellis said he represents the County portion of the staff working group and introduced the other members, Joan LeBeau, Chief Planner, City of Punta Gorda Urban Design Division, Dr. Donna Widmeyer, Assistant Superintendent for School Support and Secondary Learning, John Whendt, Information and Communications Systems Director, Greg Griner, Chief Financial Officer, and Jerry Olivo, Interim Assistant Superintendent for School Support, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Ellis advised the packet material is tabbed and follows closely to the agenda; reviewed presentation items; and pointed out that all land use references are residential only. Mr. Ellis stated that

included in the back of the packet is a copy of the demographic profile for reference only; that there would be no presentation on this; and that Economic Development advised this was the most recent version when the material was put together, but that a current update is on the website.

Mr. Ellis presented visual slides projecting the three Charlotte County projects that received final Development Review Committee (DRC) approval in 2008 for a total of 203 units and how they are displayed across the county; and indicated all numbers presented today reflect the downturn of the market. Ms. LeBeau reviewed slides projecting the one City of Punta Gorda (City) project that received final Development Review Committee (DRC) approval in 2008 for a total of 3 units; and Summary of lots/units that have received final DRC approval.

B. Land Use Changes - Tab 2 - Steven Ellis and Joan LeBeau

Mr. Ellis reviewed slide reflecting 2008 land use changes that could possibly affect student populations within the County; indicated we gained 521 units in the Urban Service Area and lost 2889 units due to land use changes or other uses; that the projects are displayed on the map and hard copies for identification purposes with a graphic display of where each unit went are listed under tab 2.

C. Residential Permitting - Tab 3 - Steven Ellis and Joan LeBeau

Mr. Ellis reviewed slides of West County, Mid County, South and East County 2008 land use changes, County Residential Building Permits that could possibly affect student populations displayed over a 5-year period; and indicated the numbers show how badly the market tanked.

Mr. Ellis reviewed slides reflecting residential permits countywide 2004-2008, West County, Mid County, South and East County. Ms. LeBeau reviewed slides reflecting City residential building permits that could possibly affect student populations displayed over a 5-year period and City Building Permits Single Family Permit Activity; and indicated only 2008 Building Permits

by Location in the City is shown on the map, for a total of 28 units within the City.

D. School Concurrency Project Status Report - Tab 4 - Steven Ellis

Mr. Ellis advised that School Concurrency Project was added as a concurrency by the State Legislature under Senate Bill (SB) 360; reviewed the School Concurrency Timeline; indicated it would have been a nightmare had they all come in at once so the State put us on a staggered schedule for adoption; that Charlotte County's deadline was November 1, 2008 and we beat that date by almost two calendar months; that the Interlocal Agreement was executed by all three parties in September 2008; that in December 2008 the DCA issued its Notice of Intent, finding all our documents to be in compliance; and that School Concurrency was implemented in March 2009. In reviewing Tasks Remaining Mr. Ellis indicated there are minor changes to be made to the Interlocal Agreement; that the joint City/County/School Board workshops are annually in May; that the staff working group is currently on a bi-monthly schedule and will continue as needed; and that every year in the fall and early winter we are required to adopt the School District's 5-year District Facilities Work Plan and insure its financial feasibility as we include it in City and County Capital Improvement Elements (CIE's).

E. Highlights of Updates to Interlocal Agreement - Tab 5 - Joan LeBeau

Ms. LeBeau explained that an update to the Interlocal Agreement is shown under tab 5; indicated most of the updates were put in for consistency purposes; and reviewed items that were deleted or added.

Ms. LeBeau advised that the map on page 39 under tab 5 referencing boundaries reflects "proposed" but is now "adopted" as shown on the flip side; commented on the Elementary Concurrency Service Area (CSA) map being misleading; indicated the map was adjusted in three separate colors for clarification; and pointed out that for CSA purposes Sallie Jones Elementary School and East Elementary School are in the same CSA. Ms.

LeBeau advised some dates were changed to move the process along and avoid holding up the developers.

F. School District Building Status Update - Tab 6 - Donna Widmeyer, Assistant Superintendent, School Support and Secondary Learning, Charlotte County Public School District

Dr. Donna Widmeyer gave a School District Building visual slide status update; indicated the Charlotte County School District lost six schools in 2004 as a result of hurricane Charley, which had to be rebuilt; advised Baker Center reopened first, then Neil Armstrong Elementary; reviewed slides of East Elementary School, Punta Gorda Middle School, and Charlotte High School from last year and this year, and of the building going on behind the historic Charlotte High School Building and what those buildings would be used for. Dr. Widmeyer stated all buildings are LEED designated or have applied for LEED designation; and indicated LEED is a rating system for green designation, explained what makes them LEED buildings, and advised that all the new buildings have either received their certifications or are in the process of getting one.

G. 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan for 2008-2009 - Tab 7 - Greg Griner, Chief Financial Officer, Charlotte County Public School District

Greg Griner stated that section 7 shows the Charlotte County Public Schools 5-year District Facilities work plan that was adopted last fall; that per the ILA the plan was submitted to each agency for review prior to adoption; that based upon legislative changes and taxable values in Charlotte County the School Board will have significantly less Capital Improvement Tax (CIT) revenues next year upon which to build its plan; and that as a result the document provided in the handout material is already outdated as revenues will not be adequate to do the things provided for in that plan. Mr. Griner advised that going forward these changes would likely impact the School Board's ability to increase permanent capacity at schools; indicated that level of service calculations are based on total capacity, not permanent capacity, which will help through this period of

time; and explained that total capacity and permanent capacity difference is based on the use of re-locatable classrooms. Mr. Griner advised that currently the elementary school concurrent service areas have adequate permanent capacity, but that Liberty, Meadow Park and Sallie Jones Elementary Schools are projected to exceed their permanent capacity next year; and that under current currency we will always be in the process of trying to balance the use of re-locatables versus the re-districting of students to achieve the level of service requirements under concurrency. Mr. Griner said the secondary schools where each school is a separate CSA only Punta Gorda Middle School and Port Charlotte Middle School are projected to have adequate permanent capacity; but that with the use of re-locatables all secondary schools will meet the level of service requirements under concurrency.

H. School Boundary Update - Tab 8

Dr. Widmeyer reported that after hurricane Charley the elementary school boundaries were changed and this year marks the completion of elementary school changes in West County and Mid County; and that South County was put off for a year because of construction that was going on at East Elementary School. Dr. Widmeyer stated that on April 20, 2009 a School Board Workshop was held to discuss School Board policy, which states that in May of each year the School Board will review that area which lies within the City of Punta Gorda as shown on the map under tab 8 marked in orange, to determine if that boundary which belongs to East Elementary School could be held in abeyance so that people in that area who are citizens of the City of Punta Gorda could attend Sallie Jones Elementary School. Dr. Widmeyer advised that at the April 20, 2009 meeting we looked at current and projected capacity, concurrency, class size and class size amendment, building going on in the area, and balancing student populations at both school, with the hope of recommending that the boundary be held in abeyance and that those in that area could attend Sallie Jones Elementary School. Dr. Widmeyer said School Board policy states that the School Board will make that decision at their first meeting in May, which will be May 19, 2009.

Council Member McCormick advised page 2, tab 6 states that East Elementary and Sallie Jones Elementary year round school boundary changes will go into effect with the 2009/2010 school year, which is inconsistent with Dr. Widmeyer's comments of holding in abeyance. Dr. Widmeyer explained that other boundaries were changed and it was just this one particular area we were holding off on. Dr. Widmeyer pointed out a small triangle acre on the map under tab 8 in Punta Gorda had a printer's color error, should have been orange instead of yellow, is an area to always be looked at, and does not belong to Liberty Elementary as it appears.

Mr. Ellis advised that the format for material presented has been the same for the past six years and would value feedback of any changes desired.

4. Questions from the Workshop Participants

There were no questions from the participants. **Chairman Duffy** congratulated the entire team for a job well done.

5. Closing Comments

A. Barbara Rendell, Chair, School Board of Charlotte County

Ms. Rendell explained that this is such a short meeting because of the effort that went into putting the material together and presenting it to everyone for early review.

B. Larry Friedman, Mayor, City Council of Punta Gorda

Mayor Friedman agreed with Ms. Rendell and thanked everyone for their efforts and attendance.

C. Tricia Duffy, Chair, Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners

Chairman Duffy echoed the comments of Ms. Rendell and Mayor Friedman.

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Ms. LeBeau advised an updated copy of the map is available and members can obtain a copy from her before leaving.

ADJOURNED: 2:30 PM

Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Deputy Clerk

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