

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**April 25, 2011**

A Joint Workshop was held at the Laishley Park Community Room, 120 Laishley Court, Punta Gorda, Florida. The following Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) present were: Chairman Bob Starr, Commissioner Christopher Constance, Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, and Commissioner Tricia Duffy. The following Charlotte County School Board Members present were: Dr. Donna Widmeyer, Assistant Superintendent for District Support, Andrea Messina, Alleen Miller, Barbara Rendell, Lee Swift, and Ian Vincent. The following Punta Gorda City Council Members present were: Mayor Harvey Goldberg, William F. Albers, Larry Friedman, Rachel Keesling, and Charles Wallace. Also in attendance were Charlotte County Attorney Janette Knowlton, Assistant Charlotte County Administrator Kelly Shoemaker, John Weant, Director of Information and Communication Systems, Dr. Jerry Olivo, Assistant Superintendent for District Support, and Deputy Clerk Joanne Lansing. The following members were absent: School Board Superintendent, Dr. Doug Whittaker and County Commissioner Robert Skidmore.

**1. Call to Order**

Harvey Goldberg, Mayor, City Council of Punta Gorda called the meeting to Order at **2:00 PM**.

**2. Welcome and Introduction of Workshop Participants**

Punta Gorda Mayor, Harvey Goldberg introduced the City Council Members of Punta Gorda. **Chairman Bob Starr** introduced Charlotte County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and Assistant County Administrator. School Board Chairman Andrea Messina introduced Charlotte County School Board members.

**3. Slide Presentation of Packet Materials**

**A. DRC/Site Plan Review Approvals**

**B. Land Use Changes**

**C. Residential Permitting**

**D. School Concurrency Project Status Report**

**E. Highlights of Updates to Interlocal Agreement**

Joan LeBeau, Chief Planner, City of Punta Gorda  
Steven Ellis, Planner II, Charlotte County Building and Growth Management

Ms. LeBeau and Mr. Ellis presented the DRC/Site Plan Review Approvals, announced Land Use Changes, discussed Residential Permitting, gave the School Concurrency Project Status Report, advised Highlighted Updates to the Interlocal Agreement, paralleled visual slides and packet materials, and responded to related inquiries.

#### **F. School District Building Status Update**

##### **G. 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan for 2010-2011**

Jerry Olivo, Assistant Superintendent for District Support, Charlotte County Public Schools

Mr. Olivo gave a Power Point presentation depicting the progress of rebuilding Meadow Park Elementary School and Lemon Bay High School, responded to related inquiries, announced ribbon cutting dates, and discussed the District Facilities Work Plan.

#### **H. School Boundary Update**

John Weant, Director, Information and Communication Systems, Charlotte County Public Schools

Mr. Weant described the update. School Board Members responded to Boundary related inquiries.

#### **4. Questions from the Workshop Participants**

**Commissioner Duffy** mentioned the Board approved Peace Lutheran Church to run and occupy the Stillwater Home, said Bob Hebert has done a great job, and noted Church fundraising efforts. Mr. Hebert gave detail related to the building and grant requirements and related criteria. Mr. Goldberg discussed Leadership Charlotte. Chairman Starr noted focusing on eliminating homelessness in the Charlotte County. Related discussion ensued.

#### **5. Closing Comments**

Harvey Goldberg, Mayor, City Council of Punta Gorda  
Bob Starr, Chair, Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners  
Andrea Messina, Chair, School Board of Charlotte County

Each representative thanked the group for their participation and urged further comments. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned virtual schools versus expanding buildings. Ms. Widmeyer responded and explained the process to date. Ms. Messina discussed the Interlocal Agreement, expressed concerns with the requirement, and remarked on maintaining the integrity of the agreement. Mr. Vincent commented on sharing resources and the group agreed. **Chairman Starr** talked about the content of the Whitehouse Blog. Mayor Goldberg brought up the potential distribution center, noted new jobs will be created, and opined new

families will be brought in. Mr. Swift mentioned the need for these three groups to meet in the future and expressed hope that each group will work together when a potential business is considering Charlotte County. Ms. Messina pointed out the School Board Website as an important asset. **Chairman Starr** said he would like to include a School Board handout with economic marketing materials. Ms. Miller advised of a fact sheet that is presently being used. **Commissioner Duffy** mentioned the importance of good communication and discussed future County growth.

**6. ADJOURNED: 3:06 PM**

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**Chairman**

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Clerk**

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