

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2001  
BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING  
600 CLEVELAND STREET, SUITE 850, EIGHTH FLOOR  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

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Members Present:

Walter Fufidio, Chairman	City of Tarpon Springs
Etim Udoh	City of Clearwater
Jeff Dow	City of Dunedin
Katherine Burbridge	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Malcolm Green	Town of Indian Shores
Ric Goss	City of Largo
Nick Staszko	City of Oldsmar
Tom Shevlin	City of Pinellas Park
Mike Nadeau	Town of Redington Shores
Ron Rinzivillo	City of Safety Harbor
Rick MacAulay	City of St. Petersburg
Mitch Bobowski	City of Seminole
Lynn Rosetti	City of Treasure Island
Gordon Beardslee	Pinellas County
James Miller	Pinellas County School Board

Also Present:

David Healey	Pinellas Planning Council
Kristin Boesch	Pinellas Planning Council
Mike Crawford	Pinellas Planning Council
Mark Ely	Pinellas Planning Council
Linda Fisher	Pinellas Planning Council
Alisa Hartsfield	Pinellas Planning Council
Larry Pflueger	Pinellas Planning Council

The regular meeting of PAC was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Walter Fufidio.

Minutes – Jeff Dow made a motion to approve the minutes of the PAC meeting of November 13, 2001; the motion was seconded by Nick Staszko and the minutes were approved. (Vote 14-0)

Old Business – None

At this time Mike Crawford introduced the new representative from the Town of Indian Shores, Malcolm Green.

Review of PPC Agenda for December 19, 2001 Meeting – Received

Countywide Planning Authority Actions - November – Received. Rick MacAulay, referring to Case #CW01-59 approved by the PPC on November 29<sup>th</sup>, questioned when the CPA would vote on this item. Dave Healey stated that the CPA would hear Case #CW01-59 on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Annexation Report – November – Mike Crawford gave a report on annexations for the month of November. He stated that there were six applications received, three from the City of Pinellas Park and three from the City of Largo, totaling 6.15 acres. There have been 233 annexations involving 467.9 acres reviewed since the annexation process went into effect in November 2000. All annexations in November were deemed in compliance with Ordinance No. 00-63.

Walter Fufidio inquired about the status of the proposed draft amendment to the Pinellas County Ordinance No. 00-63. Dave Healey stated that this item was withdrawn at the request of the County.

Mailing Address Options Booklet (Zip Code Update) – Mike Crawford recapped the discussion PAC had several months ago about the jurisdictions that do not match zip code boundaries or vice-versa. Planning Council staff researched what could be done and the outcome resulted in putting together the attached Mailing Address Options Booklet (Zip Code Update). To aid local governments, the booklet contains three options available to postal customers dissatisfied with their current address, examples of how the options could be put to use, and where the USPS has already amended zip codes to improve service in Pinellas County.

David Healey stated that the information in the booklet has been reviewed by the manager of the Address Management Systems Department at the Suncoast District of the USPS, and that the contents in the booklet have been confirmed factual.

Rick MacAulay questioned if Lealman was considered an acceptable mailing name or preferred last line. Mike Crawford stated that it could be made an acceptable mailing name, and the community group could pursue the change through the postal service. Pinellas County could also pursue this change.

Tom Shevlin stated that the City of Pinellas Park conducted their own study, by having their staff mail postal cards to the City. The City of Pinellas Park concluded that as long as the zip code is correct the mail arrived to the correct location no matter what community was listed. Mike Crawford stated that he had spoken with the Postal Service

about this situation and they replied that in most cases it would be delivered because they are trying to assure the delivery of the mail. The postal service also mentioned that they could not guarantee delivery if the correct community was not listed.

Walter Fufidio questioned the impact on individuals such as property owners, water and power companies if a community proceeded with an address change. Mike Crawford stated that the impact can be significant and therefore poses one of the larger problems for the change.

\*\*\*Ron Rinzivillo entered the meeting at this time, 1:40 pm\*\*\*

\*\*\*At this time the Committee agreed to deviate from the agenda to be photographed as a group for the Annual Report.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Jim Miller left the meeting at this time, 1:45 pm\*\*\*

Voluntary Annexation Process (Ordinance No. 00-63) – One Year Follow-Up – Mike Crawford gave an overall update on Ordinance No. 00-63 dealing with voluntary annexation. He stated that the ordinance has been in effect for a year. Mike Crawford highlighted some of the positive features of the Ordinance. He stated that the requirement by municipalities to notify affected parties of plans to annex specific areas or parcels gives the affected parties the opportunity to review the annexations. The limited review by the Planning Council is another positive feature as well as the increased dialogue between local government agencies.

Mike Crawford also mentioned that there has been a reduction of enclaves. He stated that for the year there had been 227 petitions for annexation and 462 acres of land annexed. He also added that there are a few issues left to be addressed, such as partial annexation of right-of-way.

Ric Goss questioned the assessment of the relationship process between the Planning Council and the Board of County Commissioners acting as the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA). He stated that the CPA should not have the same perspective of the Board of County Commissioners (i.e., protecting unincorporated residents interests only as opposed to what is fair to both cities and unincorporated areas). He also mentioned that the County Commissioners interpret the ordinance different than the Planning Council and that this situation is aggravated because there is a separate county staff report presented to the CPA. In summary, Ric Goss stated that there should be one set of definitions used in administering Ordinance No. 00-63 and one staff report on the same issue instead of two.

Dave Healey agreed that the understanding between the Council and the CPA as to the intent and interpretation of the ordinance needs improvement. He reminded PAC that

there were clarifications of the guidelines developed by staff and presented to the Council, but the Council did not look favorably on the proposed clarifications and wanted the capability to be able to interpret on a case by case basis.

Gordon Beardslee agreed that the definitions should all be consistent. He stated he was still unclear of how the process with the City of Largo was unfair. Ric Goss stated that there is an interlocal agreement with Pinellas County that states the County would not challenge the annexation indenture agreements. He added that although this was stated in the agreement, the County continues to ask for copies of petitions or annexation agreements.

Ric Goss made a motion to recommend approval of the report, subject to adding this issue that remain to be addressed. The addition would be to discuss the duplicate report presented by County staff and the varying interpretations given thereby. The motion was seconded by Mitch Bobowski and approved. (13-1, with the Pinellas County Representative dissenting)

\*\*\*Tom Shevlin left the meeting at this time, 2:10 pm\*\*\*

Case #CW 01-61: - Pinellas County – This 4.2 acre parcel is located on the west end of Willard and Grove Street; south side of Willard Street, 180 feet east of Grove Street. The proposed amendment submitted by Pinellas County is a request to change from Residential Low to Recreation/Open Space. Mark Ely presented an overview of the staff report recommending the proposed amendment to Recreation/Open Space be approved pursuant to the official acceptance process since this application qualified as a Level 1 subthreshold amendment.

Case #CW 01-62: - City of Clearwater – This 7.96 acre parcel is located on the north side of Woodlawn Street at the north end of Tilly Avenue; west side of Prospect Avenue, 250 feet south of Woodlawn Avenue. The proposed amendment submitted by the City of Clearwater is a request to change from Residential Urban and Residential Medium to Institutional. Mark Ely presented an overview of the staff report recommending the proposed amendment to Institutional be approved pursuant to the official acceptance process since this application qualified as a Level 2 subthreshold amendment.

PAC indicated they would not vote on the above-referenced subthreshold amendments since there were no issues to be brought to the attention of the Council.

Case #CW 01-60: City of St. Petersburg – This 21.9 acre parcel is located on the east side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street North and 590 feet north of Gandy Boulevard. The proposed amendment submitted by the City of St. Petersburg is a request to change from Residential Office/General to Industrial Limited. Mark Ely presented an overview of the staff report recommending the proposed amendment to Industrial Limited be approved.

Nick Staszko moved approval of the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Gordon Beardslee and approved. (Vote 13-0)

Countywide Plan Update – Part I, Land Use – First Draft – Larry Pflueger presented a PowerPoint presentation of Part I Land Use, of the Countywide Plan. He stated that the purpose of the Countywide Plan is to coordinate countywide growth management issues and procedures. During the presentation Larry went over conclusions that are supported by research as well as experience living and working in Pinellas County.

Organization of the countywide plan is formatted around themes, issues, position statements, and strategies. The four major themes associated with the land use component are: 1) established development pattern, 2) transportation/land use relationship, 3) natural environmental, and 4) economic sustainability. Issues identified were land use or intergovernmental topics, concerns, and themes of countywide significance. Position statements address and identify perspectives or points of view regarding the issues. They also may state what should or should not be done to address the issues. Strategies are work tasks or actions of implementation of position statements. Larry Pflueger stated that at this time the majority of the plan would consist of the issues and position statements.

He continued to further discuss examples of the four themes and their position statements.

Larry stated that there will be additional discussions with PAC, the Planning Council, and the Board of County Commissioners. He added that the next part reviewed would be the intergovernmental issues component. The goal of these discussions is to adopt a new Countywide Plan.

Gordon Beardslee questioned if the different sections would be adopted as a whole plan. Larry Pflueger responded in the affirmative.

Dave Healey requested that PAC try to respond before next month's meeting. Larry Pflueger stated PAC could respond by email, memo, or marked-up copy. He stated he would prefer something in writing before next month's meeting, so that all comments could be combined for discussion.

Ric Goss questioned if there could be additional meetings for PAC for members who want to discuss the proposed plan. Larry Pflueger welcomed the idea and the involvement of PAC.

Ric Goss questioned the purpose of the plan. Dave Healey stated that it was to simply meet the requirements of the statute and to set countywide policy guidelines. He added that it would concentrate on land use and intergovernmental policies that would guide the

efforts of the Planning Council and hopefully be of assistance to local government planning efforts.

Dave Healey suggested having an extended meeting to further discuss the first land use theme of the proposed plan on January 7<sup>th</sup> after the regular PAC meeting – and that special meetings could be scheduled thereafter to address the remaining themes. PAC agreed.

PAC Membership Roster for 2002 – Received.

Election of Officers for 2002 – Walter Fufidio noted that he has enjoyed being Chairman of PAC for the past year and apologized for not having taken a larger leadership role due to obligations he has had with the City of Tarpon Springs.

Walter Fufidio asked for nominations for PAC Officers for 2002. Mike Nadeau nominated Mitch Bobowski for Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Ric Goss and approved. (Vote 13-0) Rick MacAulay nominated Gordon Beardslee for Vice-Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Nick Staszko and approved. (Vote 13-0)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David P. Healey, Executive Director