



MEETING SUMMARY

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES PLANNING JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE (JPC)

Duval County Public Schools Building 1701 Prudential Drive CR #613

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 9:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Honorable Al Ferraro	Monique Tookes, DCPS
T. R. Hainline, Chairman	Karen Nuland, DCPS
Josh Cockrell, IGS	Michael Hawk, DCPS
Warren Jones, Duval County School Board	Drew Frick, Gate Petroleum Company

STAFF PRESENT:

Lurise Bannister, COJ- PDD	Susan Grandin, COJ- OGC
Kristen Reed, COJ-PDD	Randy Gallup, DCPS
Rosario Lacayo, COJ-PDD	Don Nelson , DCPS
Laurie Santana, COJ- PDD	Andy Eckert, DCPS
Sondra Fetner, COJ-OGC	

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM

I. **Approval of Minutes (1-11-17)**

The Chairman: called for a motion to approve the Meeting Summary of January 11, 2017.

Motion: to approve the meeting summary of January 11, 2017. The motion was made, properly seconded, and unanimously approved.

II. **Welcome New Members and Recap**

The Chairman then welcomed everyone to the Public School Facilities Planning Joint Planning Committee (JPC) meeting including members that were not present at the previous meeting. The Chairman introduced three new members- Karen Nuland, Michael Hawk and Monique Tookes.

Randy Gallrup – recapped School Concurrency

III. Action Item (Sondra Fetner and Susan Grandin – Office of General Counsel)

ILA Update Status : Site Development Review

Discussion:

- Student generation rates: from 2007 - Chairman questions using data that is 9 years old
- Maps for elementary, middle and high schools
- It was stated the data worked in the past – but it may be affected by the Student Choice Program.
- Determining capacity methodologies
- Adjacency
- Staff did not do a comparison – talked about looking at Hillsborough, and other counties
- Schools will not be built if the surrounding schools are under enrolled; Magnet programs are causing the overload.
- State has approved construction of a K-8 on North side and Southside

Councilman Ferraro stated the portables are misleading – they are packing kids in smaller areas, but libraries or cafeterias are not increasing so schools need to be built. Further discussion included:

- OGC Susan Grandin was asked about the matrix on how capacity is calculated. She stated it was put together but more information was requested, and she will provide it at the next meeting.
- Reference proportionate shares and the developers pay their share.
- Portables are used to keep from redistricting and changing the boundaries and when capacity is met they will consider building new schools.
- The State's stance is not to build schools when we have so many vacant seats.
- 80% of the budget is labor - the mileage rate pays the bills.

- It will cost 1 billion to renovate our schools. We have more schools that are 50 years or older.
- How has growth of charter schools affected public schools? (response about 15K)
- Why are people leaving the county in search of better schools?
- 1500 homes scheduled to be built on the Northside...hence the push for better schools
- The 20 day count does not include VPK and others in the building – they are not funded
- Capacity for the school is set by the state – DCSB cannot change it
- We go to schools that are attractive – so the schools with seats that are in unattractive areas such as Lee have seen an increase in attendance since the renovation.
- If you close the school, the neighborhood will shut down.
- Find out how to measure if schools are actually over capacity.

The Chairman concluded that our current concurrency methodologies do not accurately depict what is going on in the schools. Additionally how will it affect:

- School choice
- Adjacency
- Are there changes that can more accurately depict what is going on and decide if a development should or should not have to pay

Additional questions:

- Will physical facilities be needed in the future? Virtual schools require an adult at all times.
- How many Pure Virtual and Florida Virtual are there? You have to start these at the beginning of the year. You can jump from virtual to physical school but not the reverse.
- Has there been any discussion on low capacity schools closing?

Action: The Chairman asked COJ and DCPS staff to work together for 3-4 weeks and come back with a menu of recommendations for possible changes to the ILA.

The goal is to focus on making sure capacity matches development focus on what we can and cannot do from a concurrency standpoint.

Discussion: Office of General Counsel, Sondra Fetner gave a summary on Charter school regulations:

- The Florida statutes has requirement for charter schools...Not regulated by DCSB
- Traffic issues
- City has no say over how the schools are developed
- City wants language that we review traffic and get planning approval
- Whatever is done to regulate charter schools has to be done to regulate the public schools also.
- Who regulates cross walks? It was stated the lights are not used to slow traffic down, but to assist kids with actually crossing. The main focus is traffic control.
- Charter Schools would have to be regulated by the city and DCSB has an internal system that regulates them.

V. Next Steps

Dates for next meeting – February 15, 2017

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjourn – 11:10 am.