

March 2, 2018 SPAC Meeting Minutes

- Suzanne Wynn called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
- There was no nomination for Chairperson. (See later in the meeting)
- Mr. Boles used Alachua County's Comprehensive plan as an example to illustrate the process of school siting coupled with the School Boards' needs.
- Mr. McNeill brought up the fact that schools are often the focal point of the community.
- Ms. Polke questioned how the SPAC was formed and if there was enough time to get the word out to the people. Ms. Wynn explained that we are on a short time frame. The Superintendent would like SPAC recommendations within 3 months. The SPAC community members are assigned from Alachua County and each City within Alachua County. Assigned citizen members can join the SPAC at any time.
- Mr. Gilreath went over last week's data information. He will meet with County and City Planners to go over the data to be certain he has the most current data available. He will validate assumptions and data.
- Ms. Polke would like to know where the bus riders would come from for the new school. Mr. Gilreath stated that we can't pull an individual's daily bus routine, but we know how far students live from their school, where the bus stops are, and we have snapshots of ridership by route and stop. Student addresses have been captured and Mr. Gilreath stated that he has the potential to pull in census data.
- Ms. Polke stressed that you can't make a plan without looking at the people. We need to make people aware of the meetings.
- SBAC will put the meeting agenda, and minutes on the SBAC website.
- Ms. Banko will take the information to the PTA meetings.
- Ms. Wynn asked about the ranking criteria, and Mike Castine recommended that we use the school site evaluation from the *Interlocal Agreement (ILA), Section 4.4 School Site Evaluation*.
- Ms. Wynn stated that neighborhood schools are a Board directive.
- Mr. Gilreath will color code the eligible acreages.

- Mr. McNeill stated that Oakmont should not be a focal point. The SPAC needs to go through an unbiased evaluation of the best potential place(s) to site a new elementary school.
- Ms. Banko thinks that a committee chair would be a great idea. She nominated Mr. Rik McNeill, 2nd by Ms. Calhoun, and passed.
- Suzanne will contact Jackie Johnson about putting everything on the website and coming to the March 9th meeting to present the sales tax initiative presentation.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.