

**Summary of Discussion
Broward County Charter Review Commission
Land Use Subcommittee
Friday, May 18, 2007- 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 430
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

Members Present:

Mr. Richard Weiss, Esq., Chair
Commissioner Hayward Benson, Vice Chair
Ms. Patricia Good
Mr. Mark Ketcham
Mr. Joseph Maus, Esq.
Mr. Robert Penezic, Esq.

Members Absent:

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum

Others Attending:

Elliot Auerhahn, Broward County Urban Planning and Redevelopment
Barbara Blake Boy, Assistant Director, Broward County Planning Council
Chedley Etienne, Administrative Assistant, CRC
Ellen Feld, Esq., Water Management Districts
Matthue Goldstein, Assistant Planning, Broward County Planning Council
Yolanda Grooms, Administrative Specialist, CRC
Maria Gross, Assistant Director, CRC
Gloria Katz, Director, Smart Growth Partnership
Phyllis A. King, Transcriber, PKING Consulting, Inc.
Commissioner Hazelle Rogers, Vice-Chair, CRC
Patricia G. West, Executive Director, CRC

(A copy of the sign-in sheets identifying those present is filed with the supplemental papers to the summary of this Committee Meeting.)

A meeting of the Broward County Charter Review Land Use Subcommittee "Committee," "Subcommittee," or "LUSC," was held at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2007 at the Broward County Governmental Center – Room 430, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The Chair requested the roll call by Phyllis A. King. Upon completion of the roll the Chair recognized the presence of the quorum for the record.

II. Approval of Summaries of Discussion for Meetings of April 20, 2007 and May 4, 2007

A MOTIONED was made, SECONDED and carried unanimously to approve the Land Use Subcommittee April 20 and May 4, 2007 Summaries of Discussion.

III. Discussion of what we have learned and where we go from here

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of where the LUSC is in relation to subcommittee issues.

IV. Preliminary Categorization of issues (for discussion and re-evaluation)

a. Group 1

i. Planning Council

ii. County Authority – Shifting land use authority to municipalities

- It was stated that categories under Section IV Groups A and B are not as big an issue as they initially were.
- It was again suggested that staff go through the minutes and extract any issues / questions raised to see if they met the standards identified.

Commissioner Rogers entered at this time [8:26a.m]

- A comment was made advising that the legislation passed and Broward County is now in a Pilot Program where the State of Florida Department of Community (DCA) approval does not have to occur. **Subcommittee members who spoke on this comment included:** *Mr. Ketcham, Mr. Auerhahn, and Mr. Penezic.*
- It was requested that CRC staff go through the minutes of the Facilitated Session to see what issues were raised, it was suggested that staff go through the minutes of speakers from the Full CRC and LUSC minutes for questions and answers, then provide a report at the next LUSC meeting.

- It was stated that the staff pay close attention to the answers provided by speakers who visited the LUSC.
- Also suggested was to notify the parties who might be interested in knowing what the Land Use Subcommittee is doing, to confirm that there is no interest, being careful to emphasize that the Subcommittee is not pushing for input one way or the other on Land Use matters.
- A LUSC member stated that the organization that represents many issues is the Broward League of Cities. The member suggested that staff should ensure that the Broward League of Cities be sent the LUSC Summaries of Discussion, together with an invitation to provide feedback. The member also suggested that an audit trail be developed based on comments received.
- A discussion ensued and it was agreed that Ms. West and Mr. Penezic would draft a letter to the County Mayor, Chair of the Planning Council and the President of the League of Cities.

b. Group 2

i. Permitting /development review process/impact fees

c. Group 3

i. Platting process/administrative approval, includes MESC

ii. Building and Construction

iii. Land

iv. Water

v. County authority over special districts (coordination)/Dependent and

vi. Independent Districts

A general conversation ensued regarding grouping Group 1 and 2 together. **Subcommittee members included in this discussion:** *Chair, Mr. Maus, Ms, Good, and Ms. West.*

- The Subcommittee was advised by Broward County staff that mitigation is at the Land Use stage and is being done to substitute for the impact fees and the impact fees are not in the Charter.

- It was stated this district is currently dealing with the lack of funding, class size mandates, concurrency issues and how they will deal with new mandates.
- The Subcommittee was informed that the State has a pilot program being implemented in terms of developing a standard to impact school concurrency State-wide.
- It was suggested that a letter also be drafted and sent out to the Mayors of municipalities.

A general discussion ensued with regard to the language of the letter and who should receive it.

Subcommittee members who made statements during this discussion include: *Mr.*

Benson, Mr. Maus, Ms. Good, and Mr. Penezic.

- Broward County staff explained that the Planning Council had a series of meetings at the beginning of 2006 which led into the MESC and they extracted issues from the larger group which produced recommendations.

Barbara Blake Boy, Broward County Planning Council

Ms. Blake Boy advised the Subcommittee that the Broward County Planning Council sent out 400 letters in February to interested parties; she advised that at that time they compiled a list of people they have had contact with. She advised that they received 30-40 written comments from the cities and agencies and is now in the process of creating a matrix based upon items submitted.

Gloria Katz, Smart Growth Partnership

Ms. Katz advised that for the last year she has been involved with a group that has been looking at the region of Broward County. She has been working with the Broward County Planning Council and suggested that the silence is because people are busy and have not realized that they need to come to make a comment. What needs to be included is a better way to integrate issues from Land Use, Transit, Education, and Social Equity. Ms. Katz was asked if she had a specific recommendation for change to the Charter; she advised that the CRC has no way to change the Land Use Plan. Ms. Katz replied that Planning experts on their Board of Directors are not prepared to make a comment; they will write the Charter Review Commission / LUSC later. The Subcommittee invited someone from the Smart Growth Partnership to speak at a future LUSC meeting.

- It was asked if the Charter Review Commission is in the position to recommend something to the Charter that is not presently in the Charter, and the response was yes.

- Ms. Blake Boy offered to compile a list of organizations that the BCPC reached out to in the past and send it to Ms. West.

Summary Plan of Action:

Group 1

CRC staff will send out the letter, revisit the minutes and go through speaker questions and answers within the CRC and LUSC Summaries of Discussion.

Group 2

CRC staff will research to determine if this issue was a nonspecific comment thrown on the board.

Ms. Rogers is to contact Ms. Susan Trevarthen.

Groups 2 and 3 will remain together for now.

Mr. Benson thanked Ms. Feld for baking the Zucchini Bread for today's meeting.

V. Public Comment

NONE

VI. Adjournment

There being no further discussion and no public comment the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am. The minutes of this meeting are recorded on CRC-LUSC CD # 5.18.07 (BCGV CTR)