

## IMPACT FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE

August 27, 2009

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:12 pm by Arnold Broussard, vice chair.

The following members were present:

Arnold Broussard	Jeff Naftal	Nancy Hogan	Joe Pollock
Jerry Beavers	Dennis Thomas	Bruce Malasky	
Willie Swoope, Imp Fee Mgr	Lenny Berger, Asst County Atty		

Robert Gottlieb, and Llwyd Ecclestone were absent.

Following the roll call, Arnold Broussard, chair, welcomed new committee member Jerry Beavers.

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the July 10, 2009 Impact Fee Review Committee.

Next, Mr. Broussard made changes to the meeting agenda to accommodate staff with calendar conflicts.

The following presentations were made by County staff:

- Steve Delai gave a presentation on Fire Rescue's input in response to the Committee's questions from the July 10, 2009 meeting. Specifically, it was noted that Fire Rescue's input excluded fleet, fire rescue stations, and call load data for western communities. Mr. Delai also responded to questions about the quantity of fleet vehicles and the type of fleet vehicles included in Fire Rescue's inventory. Fire Rescue's presentation was completed and the Committee did not identify any additional comeback items.
- Audrey Wolf gave a presentation on Public Building input. The Committee requested the building inventory be reduced by 2 buildings indentified as included in the input but not yet completed. Further the staff requested the Impact Fee Manager to provide an analysis of this reduction on the public building impact fee. In addition, the Committee wanted to know how buildings that were 100% financed (by non-impact fee funds) affected the methodology.
- Tim Granowitz gave a presentation on Park's input in response to the Committee's questions from the July 10, 2009 meeting. Specifically, the Committee wanted Dr. Nicholas to provide suggestions for handling the spike in beach park acquisition cost. Dr. Nicholas suggested that the acquisition cost for Zeke's Marina be averaged with the beach acquisition costs since 1989. The Committee accepted this recommendation. In addition, Mr. Granowitz assured the Committee that the Park's department had other acquisition similar to Zeke's Marina planned

for the future. Finally, the Committee wanted assurances that other funding sources used to pay for park acquisitions and park development were appropriately credited in the methodology. The Committee did not identify any additional new comeback items for Parks.

- The Library Department did not have a staff person present at the meeting. Willie Swoope gave a short presentation on the library impact fee in response to the Committee's questions from the July 10, 2009 meeting. Specifically, Library reduced building and construction cost from \$43.7M, 87,800 square feet or \$492.97 per square feet, over the five year period 2004 – 2008 to \$30.8M, 84,000 square feet or \$366.93 per square feet. These reductions were primarily achieved by isolating the cost of fully completed buildings. The Committee wanted to know why Library's building and construction cost had risen during a period when the economics of the day were resulting in lower cost for construction? It was pointed out that Library's input would have captured much of its cost during a period of rising cost between 2004 and 2007. The Committee requested someone from the Library staff attend the next Committee meeting to address this question.
- Omelio Fernandez, Roadway Production Director, gave a presentation on the Road input. Based on the input, lane mile cost would be \$3.2M per lane mile. This figure includes mitigation but exclude right of way. The Committee was shown a comparison of the County's lane mile cost to other Florida counties and to FDOT's road mile cost. The Committee requested Roads comeback to the next meeting with information that shows the lane mile cost for Hillsborough, Dade, Broward, Duval, and Orange counties for 2, 4, and 6 mile lanes compared to Palm Beach County. The Committee also requested Engineering review the trip generation rates included in the preliminary draft of the methodology (Dr. Nicholas' report) to ensure the trip generation rates were the most recent updates.
- Kris Garrison (School Board), Chris Rooge (industry), and Willie Swoope, all representing the School Impact Fee Work Group, gave a presentation on the school impact fee. The Work Group reported that it had come to an agreement to recommend keeping the same fee amounts as currently charged for school impact fees. The school impact fee methodology behind this recommendation includes updates to the school construction cost, funding, student population numbers, etc. The multiplier is the same from the 2005 school impact fee update. The Work Group also reported that it would continue to meet until the start of the 2011 Biennial Update with the goal of developing an acceptable school impact fee methodology that is supported by all stakeholders. The Committee asked the Impact Fee Manager to provide a report that shows the school impact fee calculation and the amount the calculated fees must be reduced in order to derive the school impact fee amounts recommended by the Task Group.

The time and date of the next meeting will be determined at a later date

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:14 pm.

