

**PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET  
DATE: AUGUST 30, 2021**

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
<p>1. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u></p>	<p>The PAC held its August 30, 2021 meeting in the Magnolia Room at the Florida Botanical Gardens: 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo.</p> <p>The Chair, Britton Wilson, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and the members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Committee members in attendance included Britton Wilson, Kyle Brotherton, Derek Reeves, Marcie Stenmark, Corey Gray, Alicia Parinello, Marshall Touchton, Linda Portal, Tatiana Childress, Jamie Viveiros, Jan Norsoph, Frances Leong-Sharp (arrived at 1:38 p.m.).</p> <p>Others in attendance: Mark Griffin, Jenny Rowland, Michael Schoderbock, Molly Cord, Felicia Donnelly, Lauren Matzke, and Lisa Foster</p> <p>Forward Pinellas staff included Rodney Chatman, Nousheen Rahman, Alexis Boback, and Maria Kelly.</p>	
<p>2. <u>REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 MEETING PUBLIC HEARINGS</u> A. CW 21-10 – Pinellas County</p>	<p>Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Kyle Brotherton</p>	12-0
<p>B. CW 21-11 – Pinellas County</p>	<p>Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Alicia Parinello</p>	12-0
<p>C. CW 21-12 – Pinellas County</p>	<p>Motion: Jan Norsoph Second: Frances Leong-Sharp</p>	12-0

<p><u>REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS</u> D. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the PAC members on the staff reviewed Tier I Map Amendments and recent actions taken by the CPA. No action required; informational item only.</p>	
<p>3. <u>PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST</u> A. Clearwater Ft. Harrison Complete Streets Project</p>	<p>Lauren Matzke, Assistant Director of Planning &amp; Development, City of Clearwater, shared a presentation on the Ft. Harrison Complete Streets project. She described the limits of the study area including major destinations such as the Morton Plant Hospital campus, downtown, the Image Clearwater waterfront development, and the North Marina Area. The goals of the study wereto enhance safety, mobility, and accessibility while taking into consideration the land use context and character of the corridor. She then provided an overview of the study recommendations. The Segment 1 recommendations included improving the multimodal connections across the corridor and into downtown and create a gateway into the greater downtown area. The Segment 2 recommendations included using streetscape improvements to create a welcoming, livable, and economically vibrant downtown. The Segment 3 recommendations included beautifying the street space to attract investment and development to achieve a vibrant future land use vision. The Complete Streets Concept Plan was approved in November 2020 and construction of the demonstration projects is scheduled to be completed by Fall of 2022.</p>	
<p>B. Property Rights Element for Comprehensive Plans</p>	<p>Chair Britton Wilson shared St. Petersburg’s experience developing a Property Rights Element for their Comprehensive Plan to fulfill the requirements contained in Senate Bill 59. Section 163.3177(6)(i)2, F.S. now requires local governments to adopt and include the Property Rights Element in any Comprehensive Plan amendment initiated after July 1, 2021. Per Florida State Statute, a local government can choose to adopt its own Property Rights Element, or use the language provided by the state. St. Petersburg’s Comprehensive Plan Amendment package is scheduled for adoption on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Forward Pinellas</p>	

	<p>staff can assist in providing examples of local government Comprehensive Plans which have already adopted this element.</p>	
<p>C. FEMA Flood Maps</p>	<p>Lisa Foster, Pinellas County Floodplain Administrator, shared a presentation on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) changes and the County’s recommended approach for local government consideration. Ms. Foster reviewed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) changes to the FIRM and the potentially significant effects it will have in Pinellas County. For example, the new maps indicate a decrease in base flood elevation (BFE) in some coastal areas of the county. She then went on to explain the relationship between local land development regulations, FEMA flood zones, and BFE requirements. Ms. Foster explained that if left unchanged, these new maps could result in lower building elevations and less stringent building requirements on new development and increase costs for coverage through the National Flood Insurance Program. She then went on to explain Pinellas County’s vulnerability analysis using a more localized modeling approach which included 2017 LIDAR data and an analysis of storms through 2018. She noted that in some areas the vulnerability analysis shows an increase in BFE and aligns better with observed flooding patterns. It was then explained that local governments have the option to update their floodplain management ordinances to reflect Pinellas County’s vulnerability data which would result in a higher BFE when compared to the new FEMA maps.</p>	
<p>D. Vested Rights Following Flood Map Changes</p>	<p>Lauren Matzke shared Clearwater’s perspective on the FEMA flood map updates and the issues Clearwater is facing. PAC members were invited to share how their local communities are addressing building height questions in light of these changes. A few municipalities had already responded and were thanked for their participation.</p>	

<p>E. State Density Bonus for Graywater Systems</p>	<p>Alicia Parinello, City of Largo Planning Division Manager, shared findings on the new law passed that requires local government to provide a density bonus for certain types of development for which a greywater recycling system is installed. Senate Bill 64, signed into law on June 29, 2021, creates Section 403.892, Florida Statutes (Chapter 2021-168), requires local governments to provide a 25% density or intensity bonus if at least 75% of a development will have a greywater system installed or a 35% bonus if 100% of the development will have such a system. Ms. Parinello shared concerns about the potential for this new law to discourage developers from using other bonuses. She further explained that the density bonus is stackable but cannot go above the density maximums contained in the Countywide Rules. Forward Pinellas is assessing the law's impact on the Countywide Rules and will provide guidance to the PAC in the near future.</p>	
<p>F. Forward Pinellas Legislative Workshop Update</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman shared an update on the Forward Pinellas Legislative Workshop held on August 11, 2021. The event was designed to build relationships between the Pinellas County Delegation and leadership of our Pinellas communities in hopes of a more collaborative legislation process in Tallahassee. This event was well attended including more than 30 elected officials, state legislators and directors of countywide and regional agencies, who took part in the moderated discussion on four key topics: How do we keep our streets safe, fund our transportation system, make housing more affordable and adapt to a changing climate. As a result of this conversation, legislators have pledged to work more closely with Pinellas local governments during the 2022 legislative session.</p>	
<p>4. <u>OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA</u>  A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update (Information)</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the members on the SPOTLight Emphasis Areas. Under Enhancing Beach Community Access, he advised that the Waterborne Transportation subcommittee met on Friday, August 27, 2021, to review the profile of the waterborne transportation system for Pinellas County and regionally, as well as discuss plans to restart the ferry service in Clearwater and Dunedin. Also, discussion</p>	

	<p>on the series of draft recommendations to clarify funding opportunities, new operational structures for water taxis and ferries which will involve PSTA, phasing, and increased coordination between agencies. The newest SPOTLight emphasis area is Innovations in Target Employment and Jobs Access, and the board has asked that Forward Pinellas invite business leaders from the private sector who would be willing to give short presentations to our Board.</p>	
<p>5. <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u></p>	<p>The PAC Chair referred to the events cited in the agenda.</p> <p>Next PAC Meeting is Monday October 4, 2021</p>	
<p>7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.</p>	

Respectfully Submitted,

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PAC Chair

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