

PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET
DATE: APRIL 29, 2024

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u>	<p>The PAC held it's April 29, 2024, meeting in the Palm Room at 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair, Andrew Morris, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and the members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Committee members in attendance included: Andrew Morris, Tom Scofield, Mark Griffin, Jayme Lopko, Whitney Clark, Tiffany Menard, Marcie Stenmark, Maryellen Edwards, Marshall Touchton, Frances Leong Sharp and Devan Deal.</p> <p>Others in attendance: Aziz Homsy – Robot Risers, Scott Swearengen, Pinellas County.</p> <p>Forward Pinellas staff included: Rodney Chatman, Linda Fisher, Emma Wennick, Maria Kelly, Chelsea Favero, Nousheen Rahman and Jared Austin.</p>	
2. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 1, 2024 PAC MEETING</u>	<p>Motion: Marcie Stenmark Second: Marshall Touchton</p>	11-0
3. <u>REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR MAY 8, 2024 MEETING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS</u> A. <u>Countywide Plan Map Amendments</u> 1. Case CW 24-11 – Pinellas County	<p>Motion: Marcie Stenmark Second: Mark Griffin</p>	11-0
2. Case CW 24-12 – City of Largo	<p>Motion: Frances Leong-Sharp Second: Devan Deal</p>	11-0
<u>REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS</u> B. <u>CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items</u>	<p>Rodney Chatman advised the PAC members that the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) approved five land use cases at its April 9th meeting.</p> <p>There were no Tier 1 or Map Adjustments.</p>	

<p>4. <u>PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>A. <u>Forward Pinellas Local Agency Grants Program</u></p>	<p>Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a presentation and information with the committee on a proposed Local Government Grant Program. Staff is developing an expanded local government grant program that will replace the Complete Streets Program and provide up to \$150,000 in planning funds and up to \$1,500,000 in construction funds, each on an annual basis, for projects related to improving mobility and safety on the transportation network. While maintaining a strong linkage between transportation and land use, the revised program will expand beyond the 'complete streets' moniker and make funding available for a wider range of local government needs. An on-line fillable application form is being developed. Certain activities, including parking studies, are not eligible. Information on the MAX Index and how the proposed project affects mobility will be requested as well as stronger documented support from the elected board and administration of your jurisdiction. A call for projects will be initiated in the Fall of 2024. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.</p>	
<p>B. <u>MAX Index & Countywide Plan Map Online Tutorial</u></p>	<p>Jared Austin, Forward Pinellas staff, shared that Forward Pinellas developed the GIS-based Multimodal Accessibility Index ("MAX"). MAX considers diverse transportation needs alongside vehicle traffic and roadway Level of Service (LOS), making it a better fit for an urban county like Pinellas. Since its implementation, many local governments have expressed a desire for our team to add the MAX Index layer in a publicly available format for ease of use. For these reasons, Forward Pinellas has added it to our Countywide Plan Map GIS viewer. Mr. Austin then shared a demonstration on how to locate the MAX index layer on the Forward Pinellas Countywide Plan Map GIS viewer. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.</p>	
<p>C. <u>Pre-Application Meeting Guide</u></p>	<p>Emma Wennick, Forward Pinellas staff, shared that Forward Pinellas has developed a Pre-Application Meeting Guide to be used as a resource by local government staff. Forward Pinellas highly encourages a pre-application meeting be held for all Tier II and Tier III amendments. Pre-application meetings should take place prior to the Local Planning Agency (LPA) meeting so that any concerns can be</p>	

	<p>identified and addressed prior to initiating the local review and approval process. This guide outlines our pre-application process, meeting materials and review criteria. It also gives guidance on scheduling a pre-application meeting as well as some helpful links that can be utilized during the amendment process. It is the intent of this guide to be used by current and/or new local government staff to address any questions concerning Forward Pinellas' pre-application process. The ultimate goal is to reduce possible application issues/delays, saving time, and allowing for an overall smooth process for your application. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.</p>	
<p>D. <u>Housing Regulatory Toolkit Study</u></p>	<p>Linda Fisher, Forward Pinellas staff, stated that Forward Pinellas in partnership with Pinellas County Housing and Community Development is continuing to work toward implementing the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan (HAP), which creates a countywide policy framework for the creation of diverse housing options affordable to households with a range of incomes. Pinellas County has commissioned a study of countywide housing needs and targets through 2035 by SB Friedman. Pinellas County Marketing and Communications has developed a new educational campaign, intended to put a face on the affordable housing crisis, designed to be used countywide. A major implementation project for this year will be the creation of a Housing Regulatory Toolkit, which will provide a menu of regulatory incentives and design standards to encourage housing affordability in communities throughout Pinellas County. Staff has selected the Pritchett Steinbeck Group (PSG) as the consultant. Staff will schedule three outreach meetings to get as much feedback as possible. Meetings will be scheduled in North County, South Central Area, and the Beaches in mid to late June. Staff will also schedule one one-on-one meetings with local governments. The end goal will be a set of model regulations. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.</p>	
<p>5. <u>OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA</u> <u>A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update (Information)</u></p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the PAC members on the latest activities related to two of the SPOTlight Emphasis Areas. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision for US 19 Corridor Staff has worked with FDOT to determine if the construction of interchanges north of Nebraska Avenue up to the Pasco County line is the preferred improvement on that part of the US 19 corridor. The interchanges south have had associated impacts on land 	

	<p>uses and business liability. A project concept alternative was suggested, a Viaduct. A viaduct is a bridge-like structure that has a series of columns that support the roadway over and above the existing grade. This type of improvement was used on the Hillsborough side of Gandy Boulevard that connects to the Selmon Expressway. The newly opened Gateway Expressway has a portion of that project which includes a viaduct along 118th Avenue. Staff will hold a series of community outreach meetings in Tarpon Springs and Palm Harbor with residents and business groups. It is our goal to include the design concept in the long-range transportation plan, if possible.</p>	
<p>B. <u>Upcoming Land Use Cases & Pre-App Meetings</u></p>	<p>Rodney Chatman again stressed the importance of pre-application meetings prior to the formal submittal of land use amendments to ensure a smooth process from the start. He stated that this seems to be happening more consistently now and it seems to be improving the process for all involved parties. Jayme Lopko expressed a desire to schedule a pre-application for an upcoming project, changing a church on Gulf to Bay Blvd. to a commercial use.</p>	
<p>C. <u>Interesting Topics from Your Planner's Notebook</u></p>	<p>Mr. Chatman shared there were a couple of items to share. Through the members who were a part of the Gateway Partnership meeting, we learned from Pinellas County Economic Development that they are rolling out a new iteration of their Employment Sites Program. To date, they have focused on providing funding to the developers that are private business owners for improvements, however, they are about to release a funding opportunity for public infrastructure. These dollars will be available to local governments to improve public infrastructure such as stormwater improvements, parking, and turn lanes, that would facilitate or retain target employment uses within your community. More information is available through www.PCE.org/infrastructure.</p> <p>As we have adopted the changes to Target Employment policies here in Pinellas County, we are happy to report the St. Petersburg is close to transmitting the first TEC Local Special Area Plan to us for the Warehouse Arts District along 22nd Street S.</p>	

	<p>We worked with PSTA, the City of St. Petersburg, and the City of South Pasadena on developing the SunRunner Rising, which is a Transit Oriented Development Study for the SunRunner corridor. The study that included a series of recommendations that would change South Pasadena's LDRs and comprehensive plan to be more transit-supportive for their two stations along the SunRunner corridor. As of last week, South Pasadena has contacted Forward Pinellas to work with them on implementing these recommendations.</p> <p>Vice-Chair Andrew Morris shared that during April Madeira Beach held workshops related to the zoning portion of Johns Pass Village Activity Center. They are currently reviewing the results of the workshops to develop a draft ordinance. They will share a draft with the PAC.</p> <p>Jayme Lopko shared that the City of Clearwater is finally joining other local governments in allowing accessory dwelling units (ADUs). They have just written a draft ADU ordinance. This will go to the City Council in May. A Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created for the N. Greenwood Area last year and a consultant has been hired to begin the next steps to incentivize redevelopment.</p> <p>Tom Scofield shared Pinellas County will be receiving from the University of Florida GEO Plan Center, a grant to create a countywide historic resources database, that conveys all individual listed national registered properties, all the contributing buildings in the historic districts and all locally designated by our certified local governments buildings, countywide. They will be looking to establish a representative from each municipality and Forward Pinellas as the authorized users to have access to this data and will also include access to archeological site information.</p>	
6. <u>Upcoming Events</u>	The Chair highlighted the upcoming events.	
7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

PAC Chair

Date