

**PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET**  
**DATE: MAY 1, 2023**

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u>	<p>The PAC held its May 1, 2023, meeting in the Palm Room at 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater.</p> <p>The Chair, Brandon Berry, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and the members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Committee members in attendance included: Fred Metcalf, Andrew Morris, Kimberly Mejia (late arrival), Frances Leong Sharp, Brandon Berry, Kyle Brotherton, Tom Scofield, Wesley Wright, Allie Keen, Kathryn Younkin (late arrival), Marshall Touchton and Matt Jackson.</p> <p>Others in attendance: Vickie Pless, City of Treasure Island, and Tiffany Menard, City of Pinellas Park.</p> <p>Forward Pinellas staff included: Rodney Chatman, Linda Fisher, Tina Jablon, Kaitlyn Nieman (intern) and Jared Austin.</p>	
2. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 3, 2023 PAC MEETING</u>	<p>Motion: Kyle Brotherton            Second: Marshall Touchton</p>	12-0
3. <u>REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR APRIL 12, 2023 MEETING</u> A. Case CW 23-04 – Pinellas County	<p>Motion: Marshall Touchton            Second: Frances Leong Sharp</p>	12-0
B. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items	<p>Rodney Chatman advised the committee members that there were no Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) actions or Tier I amendments in the month of April. He stated one map amendment was administratively processed for Pinellas County.</p>	
4. <u>PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST</u> A. Mapping Tool – Multimodal Accessibility Index	<p>Kaitlyn Nieman, Forward Pinellas Intern, provided some background information on the Multimodal Accessibility Index, reminding the PAC members they have heard prior presentations on the topic. She then provided a demonstration of the online tool while outlining some of the benefits. In response to a question by Marshall Touchton, Jared Austin advised that it will be possible to share shapefiles through the online tool.</p>	

B. Recap of Homes for Pinellas Summit

Linda Fisher provided some historical context by reminding the PAC members that the first “Homes for Pinellas” summit was held virtually back in 2020. On Friday, April 28, 2023 another summit was held in person at the Largo Performing Arts Center with about 160 people in attendance. The purpose of the summit was to launch the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan. The overarching theme was “A Call to Action.” Action is needed to make more affordable housing accessible to everyone across all incomes close to where they work or go to school. The summit brought together elected officials, businesses and other stakeholders to participate in panel discussions and breakout sessions to determine barriers and opportunities to making affordable housing a reality. The Action Plan itself was discussed and a representative from the Florida Housing Coalition spoke about the latest related developments in state law. The overall summit was a success, with more interest than anticipated. It was livestreamed for those who were unable to attend in person due to reaching capacity. A recording is also available at [youtube.com/PinellasCountyMeetings](https://www.youtube.com/PinellasCountyMeetings).

C. Legislative Update

Linda Fisher advised that the legislative session is scheduled to conclude on May 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a flurry of activity in the final days with a lot of moving parts. She offered the latest status of some of the bills of interest being followed by Forward Pinellas staff which included:

SB 250 – Natural Emergencies

- Within 100 miles of where either Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole made landfall (including most of Pinellas), local governments “shall not propose or adopt more restrictive or burdensome amendments to its comprehensive plan or land development regulations before October 1, 2024”
- Prohibition applies retroactively to September 29, 2022
- Senate approval needed

HB 439 and SB 1604 – Land Use Regulation  
New amendments to HB 439:

- Allows any approved development with 25% affordable housing to expand onto adjacent property with the same density and height, regardless of the land use designation of that property
- Affordability only needs to be demonstrated “at the time of initial sale or lease”
- Needs to be reconciled with SB 1604

HB 1317 and SB 1346 – Unsafe Structures

- Nonconforming structures in the Coastal High Hazard Area must be allowed to be demolished and rebuilt to current zoning standards
- Amended to exclude structures on the National Register of Historic Places and single-family homes, but preempts protections for other historic properties
- House approval needed

SB 170 and HB 1515 – Local Ordinances

- Requires local governments to prepare a “business impact estimate” before enacting most ordinances (exempts comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulations)
- House approval needed

HB 155 – TBARTA

- Dissolves the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority and distributes its assets to member entities  
Has passed both House and Senate

SB 64/HB 425, SB 1250/HB 1305 – MPO Merger

- Directs exploration of merger between the Metropolitan Planning Organizations of Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough Counties
- Senate approval needed

HB 1397 and SB 1532 – HART

- Directs the Florida Department of Transportation to explore dissolution of the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority
- Senate approval needed

She also advised that a few bills that had been followed were likely not to go anywhere including SB 882 and HB 885 which would have expanded the local option surtax to allow expenditures for infrastructure maintenance and operations. Also SB 740 which would have created a task force to review the county boundaries for realignment statewide.

A final update will be brought back after the session concludes as needed.

<p>5. <u>OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA</u>  A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update (Information)</p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the committee on the recent activities related to the SPOTlight Emphasis Areas related to waterborne transportation. He reminded the committee that Forward Pinellas began studying and discussing waterborne transportation in 2016. Since that time a Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation Committee has been formed and is in the final phases of discussions with FDOT, Pinellas County, the City of Clearwater and the City of Dunedin to restart the Clearwater Ferry Service. This would be accomplished, in part, with a Service Development Grant through FDOT. The Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation Committee will meet again on May 26<sup>th</sup> and subsequently a grant application will be submitted for consideration.</p>	
<p>B. Cancellation of the June 2023 PAC Meeting</p>	<p>Motion: Marshall Touchton  Second: Kimberly Mejia</p>	<p>12-0</p>
<p>C. Upcoming Land Use Cases &amp; Pre-App Meetings</p>	<p>Upon call by the chair for any land use cases or pre-app meetings to make Forward Pinellas staff aware of, the City of Largo representative indicated they would soon be scheduling a pre-app meeting concerning the Ulmerton Industrial Mart and a proposed change to Industrial Limited.</p>	
<p>6. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.</p>	

Respectfully Submitted,

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PAC Chair

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Date