

District Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
January 16, 2020

The School Board of Alachua County *District Advisory Council* (DAC) was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Members Present:	Bart Birdsall	Janette Cowart	Rachel Meek
	Adam Boukari	Julie Crosby	Quinten Eyman
	Stacey Cannon	Cindy Holmes	Lynda Reinhart
	Cynthia Chestnut	Jackie Johnson	Eileen Roy
	Karen Clarke	Isaac Jones	Heather Surrency
	Jamie Coons	Kathleen Larimer	Kimberly Taylor
	Dawn Courtney	Sue Legg	Keith Watson
	Eliscia Mosley		

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Board Chair, Mrs. Eileen Roy, welcomed all and D. A. C. members did introductions. The agenda was discussed and approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Moved by Mr. Adam Boukari Seconded by Ms. Cyndi Fields

Moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2019, D.A.C. meeting.

The question was called. Motion passed: Unanimous

SCHOOL DATA PRESENTATIONS- Mr. John Gilreath, D.R.M.P. Mr. John Gilreath presented a power point regarding Elementary School "I" Rezoning. He noted at the beginning that the presentation would not include information on non-public schools.

His presentation included the following:

- Elementary School "I" Planning Considerations
- Elementary School "I" Overview
- 2019 Student Address Density
- 2019 Capacity Versus Enrollment for Elementary Schools
- Walkability
- Capacity information on Archer, Chiles, Hidden Oak, Idylwild, Meadowbrook, Newberry, Terwilliger, and Wiles Elementary Schools
- Facilities Initiative School Project Dates by Year

DISCUSSION Ms. Cynthia Chesnutt asked how zoning was determined and when did the school board last rezone schools? Mr. Brian Moore handed out a copy from the Board Policy Manual on District School Zones, Code 5120. He also noted 2003 was when the last schools were rezoned. He explained there would be a workshop before the board meets and additional meetings are planned at the schools until they get one proposed map before January.

An additional question was asked, how many students are bussed from East Gainesville to Archer, Williams, Foster and Rawlings elementary schools? Mr. Moore stated no students are currently being bussed to Wiles, Meadowbrook, Newberry, and Hidden Oak from East Gainesville. Board member, Tina Certain, explained that in 2002 the

board passed a rule to cut back on bussing students across zones. Ms. Cyndi Fields noted the neighborhoods have changed.

Mr. Moore went over his handout from the Board Policy Manual, Code 5120.

On a spreadsheet that Mr. Gilreath handed out, Mr. Boukari noted 715 stations would be at Elementary I. This leaves only 250 more for growth. He asked if they would be talking about another school in 10 years. Developments are growing and he is concerned about getting ahead. Do they have the capacity to grow? Mr. Gilreath stated the concurrency plan would be coming. Elected officials have to review the report first.

Members were concerned about why some kids were moved to different locations instead of staying in their own community, for example, Newberry Elementary, Oak View Middle School, and Newberry High School. Mr. Gilreath said it was definitely something to be looked at.

Members suggested the following items that would be helpful at school meetings:

- The future land use report for watching developments
- Capacity information about all schools
- Zones for all schools
- Federal housing information
- Attendance by DAC members

Members brought up the following concerns:

- Ms. Taylor was concerned that they would be creating social inequality with the zoning, not meaning too. Mr. Gilreath stated they would be using 2017 American Community Census information. Ms. Taylor asked if subsidized housing could be indicated on the map. She felt social economics is important. Mr. Moore explained racially balanced schools and how to create proper balance.
- Ms. Fields was concerned about those living on major roads. Are they required to cross road? This could be a huge issue.
- Ms. Chesnutt asked if the school board would come with plans about racial, housing, and diversity.
- Ms. Legg asked about planned capacities vs anticipated demands, are we under or over? Where are we on this? This is important. Are we going to have every school filled before we start building again?
- Jamie Coons asked if this would be a good time for some schools to be relocated to safer locations, for example, Terwilliger.

Mr. Moore told members that the first session should take place sometime before spring break, possibly between February 28 – March 15. Additionally, the timeline for the zoning process will be the schools' opening dates.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date will be April 23, 2020 at 3:30pm.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.