

District Advisory Council
Unapproved Minutes
May 17, 2018

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The School Board of Alachua County *District Advisory Council* (DAC) was called to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Boardroom of the District Offices, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Members Present:

John Bailey	Meredith Henry
Elisa Beachy	Jackie Johnson
Adam Boukari	Isaac Jones
Cynthia Chestnut	Rachel Meek
Karen Clarke	Gunnar Paulson
	Fran Raeber

**WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Chairman Dr. Gunnar Paulson welcomed the members, and introductions followed. Isaac Jones was introduced as a replacement for Rick Nesbitt, Board member appointee.

**PRESENTATION –
JACKIE JOHNSON**

Jackie Johnson announced that the half-cent sales tax ballot language has been adopted by the SBAC Board and will be on the agenda of the County at their meeting next Tuesday for their approval.

Rik McNeill introduced John Gilreath of DRNP who presented an overview of the School Planning Advisory Council (SPAC). In keeping with an interlocal agreement between the district and local municipalities, the SPAC, made up of representatives from local communities, makes recommendations to the Superintendent about where to build a new school and about any facilities projects that add or reduce capacity at existing schools.

Mr. Gilreath outlined the factors that must be considered in determining the location of a new school. They include:

- 2017 Interlocal Agreement
- Property size
- Existing infrastructure (roads, sewer, etc.)
- Current use and ownership
- Distance from existing schools
- Noise Contours
- Walkability
- Zoning
- Future Land Use
- Urban Cluster
- Environmental Constraints
- Flood Zones
- Potential student population

Based on these and other criteria, the SPAC has narrowed down possible sites to five. The SPAC will make a recommendation in the next couple of weeks.

Discussion ensued on a variety of subjects, including the creation of attendance zones for the new school; how many parcels were taken off the list based on zoning and future land use; the potential for razing a current school on the east side of Gainesville and replacing it with a state-of-the-art school; a time line for construction; etc.

It was noted that the first of two or three public facilities forums will be held June 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church to provide citizens information about and generate input on facilities needs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on June 18. Information regarding the potential for razing existing buildings, adding capacity at existing schools and other actions will be presented.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.