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Clark County Schools Advisory Council Meeting Notes

Monday, April 15, 2019 – 1:30-3:30pm

Members/Alternates Present: Eileen Quiring, County Council; Julie Olson, County Council; Mark Ross, Battle Ground School District; Heidi Rosenberg, Camas School District; Todd Horenstein, Vancouver School District; Mary Templeton, Washougal School District; Michael Green, Woodland School District; Sharon Kruse, Washington State University-Vancouver; Josh Kleiva, EOCF; Marnie Allen, ESD 112; Mike Nerland, ESD 112; Jennifer Baker, CREDC; Janis Koch, County Services; Brian Schlottmann, County Services

Staff, Presenters: Mitch Nickolds, Clark County Community Development; Sharon Lumbantobing, Clark County Community Planning; Jenna Kay, Clark County Community Planning; Matt Hermen, Clark County Public Works

Absent: Evergreen School District, Green Mountain School District, Hockinson School District, La Center School District, Ridgefield School District, Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance, Neighborhood Association of Clark County

1. Welcome & Introductions

- November meeting notes: adopted
- 2019 schedule review: per the November meeting discussion, the spring meeting is focused on growth and planning in the county and the fall meeting will be focused on 2020 legislative priorities. Staff will strive to schedule the fall meeting after the WA State School Directors' Association Legislative Conference when school legislative priorities are set.

2. Community Development Update

- Community Development Director, Mitch Nickolds, provided an update on coordination regarding capital improvements, the county school district response team, and residential development in the county.
- Since the last meeting, Mitch met with Tyson Vogeler with the Green Mountain School District and looked at some of the challenges they face and projects they want to pursue.
- Mitch confirmed that community development still has its process in place for school district project support with its school district response team. This group is available for providing support to schools on their capital facility projects.
- Mitch shared the current list of county residential development applications in each school district. The status of each project is captured in the description

column of the spreadsheet. The information is intended to help inform decision making, student counts, etc. The typical lifecycle of these projects can take quite a while, 2-7 year timelines are typical. Copies of the maps and reports are available on the Schools Advisory Council website:

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/school-advisory-council-meetings>.

- Group discussion:
 - Mitch asked how frequently the school districts would like to receive this type of report/information, and a monthly update was requested.
 - There were questions about the dates when projects will be built. Timelines for projects are hard to pin down, as the development process can take several years.
 - There was also a request to show the planner assigned to each project, in case of questions.
 - There was a suggestion to provide the information in an online map format, and the school districts could look-up developments of interest.
 - Mark Ross noted they are finding their projections for student enrollment based on new development are significantly off for single-family homes. They are thinking it might be related to more expensive homes being built, that don't have small children in them. They do a better job predicting enrollment from new multi-family developments. While the county doesn't ask applicants who they are marketing their homes to, Mitch noted that large residential lots are often purchased by people with disposable income. Mitch also recommended talking with a demographer. Mark also noted the school district could check out the new developments and prices. Mitch mentioned cost/sq. ft. can be a useful metric.
 - Mitch would like to check-in with the school districts on their capital facilities. He is also available to speak with school boards.

3. Community Planning Update

- 2019 annual reviews and dockets: Sharon Lumbantobing and Jenna Kay with Clark County Community Planning and Matt Hermen with Public Works provided an update on long-range planning projects being considered by the County Council in 2019 that might impact school districts. Details are available in the PowerPoint slides on the meeting website:
<https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/school-advisory-council-meetings>.
- Group discussion regarding the potential lifting of urban holding near the I-5 - 179th Street Interchange:
 - The economic development study conducted by Eric Hovee was not broken down by school district.
 - While urban holding limits development, it does not impact property sales. Schools could purchase property that is in urban holding.
 - There was discussion around whether the county or cities can help school

districts be competitive with private companies in purchasing property, since schools can only pay up to 10% above the appraised value based on state law. The county can let school districts know what is happening or could be happening through this forum. State legislators could be a useful resource regarding the 10% limit. Passing bonds becomes important for school districts in order to collect funds to purchase land and build facilities. School district capital facility plans include school impact fee rates so those can be updated by the school districts when they update their capital facility plans. Once adopted, the county would start collecting those fees.

4. Measles vaccinations and ESB 1638

- Councilor Olson and Chair Quiring asked the school districts if there is something they can do to support them regarding measles and the possibility of ESB 1638 becoming law
- Mary Templeton: in the perfect world, there would be a county-wide system where immunization information is housed. Right now each district manages the information, but it would be nice to be able to access the information for teachers and kids as they move around
- Michael Green: regarding the potential passage of ESB 1638, the bill does not currently have funding attached and resource availability may limit what school districts can do
- Janis Koch: confirmed that everyone has access to the state database, and all but two medical providers in the county use this system to track immunizations
- Julie Olson: if physicians are reporting vaccinations into a statewide system and the schools can access that system, then tracking immunizations countywide may not be that much of an issue as it otherwise might be
- Mark Ross: noted that there will still be some exceptions if the bill passes
- Julie Olson: know that you have a willing County Council and Department of Health if there is something we can do

5. Next steps

- Mitch Nickolds: Community Development will provide a monthly update to the school districts on project applications. Mitch's team will look into using GIS as a tool for sharing the information and will look into adding a field that shows the planner assigned to each project.
- Staff: provide a copy of the county Transportation Capital Facilities Plan and the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan to Mary Templeton/the Washougal School District.
- Staff: schedule the next Schools Advisory Council meeting for the fall after the WA State School Directors' Association Legislative Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.