

SUMMARY OF PLANNING BOARD ACTION

Subject: Schools Adequate Public Facilities
1) Memorandum of Understanding Addendum
2) Ordinance Amendment

Meeting Date: January 7, 2003

Recommendation: Memorandum of Understanding

That the Council approve the proposed addendum to the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Memorandum of Understanding subject to the following conditions:

- > That parallel language, similar to that recommended by Carrboro, be adopted for Chapel Hill. The language recommended by Carrboro indicates that the Town intends to remain committed to the agreement as long as Orange County continues to execute the Capital Improvement Program as agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding (Section 9, paragraph 2 of the addendum).
> The Board also recommended that the addendum language be incorporated into one document, a revised Memorandum of Understanding, in an effort to help better understand where the new language fits in.

Vote: 8-1

Aye: Scott Radway (Chair), Sally Greene (Vice-Chair), Julie Coleman, Tim Dempsey, Gay Eddy, Thatcher Freund, Suzanne Haff, Ruby Sinreich
Nay: Nancy Gabriel

Explanation of Dissenting Vote: The dissenting member indicated the following reasons for the negative vote: a) need to compensate for the negative impact that the new regulation will have on affordable housing -- if adopted, housing prices will go up throughout the community for new and older homes; b) too many questions are still unanswered, including the impact on affordable housing; c) the capital improvements plan commitment by the County Commissioners needs to be demonstrated now, rather than later; d) this proposal does not address how schools will get built any sooner; and e) this proposal is bad policy.

Recommendation: Ordinance Amendment

The Planning Board affirmed its prior recommendation supporting the proposed ordinance changes without a new vote.

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