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Fairfax County School Board

Gatehouse Administration Center I

Work Session No. 101/**Comprehensive Planning Development Committee**

April 5, 2010

101.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Committee Chairman Bradsher convened the meeting at 1:09 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Elizabeth T. Bradsher (Springfield)
Brad Center (Lee)
Sandra S. Evans (Mason)
Stuart D. Gibson (Hunter Mill)
Martina A. Hone (At Large)
Ilryong Moon (At Large)

James L. Raney (At Large)
Patricia S. Reed (Providence)
Kathy L. Smith (Sully)
Daniel G. Storck (Mount Vernon)
Jane K. Strauss (Dranesville)
Tessie Wilson (Braddock)

Also present were Division Superintendent Jack Dale; Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board Pam Goddard; Deputy Executive Assistants and Deputy Clerks of the Board Pat Charbonneau and Yvette Rhodes; Executive Administrative Assistant Deb Cain; Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt; Director Facilities Planning Services Denise James; Fairfax City School Board Chairman Janice Miller; and certain other individuals. The Student Representative to the School Board Shawn Ghuman was absent.

DISCUSSION

101.02 Facilities Planning Advisory Council (Exhibit A)

- “Proposal: Facilities Planning Advisory Council” draft document and “The establishment of the Fairfax County Public Schools Planning Advisory Council “FPAC” PowerPoint were presented and discussed;
- concerns addressed with regard to the draft document were:
 - develop a communications plan to publicize and encourage citizen applications for FPAC;
 - adopt a Code of Conduct for FPAC members to include a provision requiring their recusal from matters involving potential conflicts of interest;
 - include a requirement, with expected time frame, for the School Board to conduct an initial formal evaluation of the process, including staff resources; clarify the role of the School Board members in this process;
 - develop a systematic way to assure that the needs of all parts of the County are regularly considered;
 - clarify that FPAC’s role in transportation is limited to the impact of facilities and related program decisions on transportation, and not designed to develop system-wide transportation solutions;
 - clarify whether the citizen application process should provide that, notwithstanding the duty of each School Board member to present three candidates, the individual School Board member has the discretion to nominate the one candidate of their choice;

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- clarify that this process will be designed to enhance and improve community involvement, not to supplant existing mechanisms for community involvement;
- clarify that decisions concerning the configuration of middle schools fall outside the FPAC's role;
- staff to incorporate School Board members' comments and suggestions, and prepare a revised recommendation to be scheduled for further discussion at a future work session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.