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Petition PB-12-131 CPA. City Plan Board. Amend the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Public Schools Facilities Element for the Evaluation and Appraisal process.

The staff presentation on this petition was given by Lead Planner Dean Mimms, AICP, on December 12th. Mr. Mimms reviewed key statutory changes which include replacing “permanent program capacity” with “program capacity”, the effect of which is that portable classrooms are now included in capacity calculations. Chair Goodison expressed concern over this change, particularly on a statewide level. Mr. Mimms explained that our district is in a good position with respect to program capacity numbers, and noted that no school construction is in the School Board’s adopted, Five-Year District Facilities Work Program.

He explained that streamlined procedures and rules associated with concurrency review are proposed and noted that the need for streamlined review was expressed at the last Elected Officials meeting. He said that the Staff Working Group (which is comprised of staff from the School Board and local governments, has met many times over the past year to develop draft revisions to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning that will be presented at the Elected Officials meeting early next year. (Note: the Elected Officials meeting will be held on January 29, 2013.) The changes to the Interlocal Agreement are to be reflected in each local government’s Public Schools Facilities Element.

Mr. Donald Shepherd, Gainesville resident, asked why portable classrooms are installed at schools, and said he believes that educational quality is better in permanent classrooms. Chair Goodison replied that she was confident that the reason for installing portables was to increase capacity.

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| Motion By: Erin Condon | Seconded By: Amisha Sharma |
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| Moved To: Approve Petition PB-12-131 CPA | Upon Vote: 6-0 |