



Policy and Local Planning Committee
February 20, 2007, 3:00-4:30 PM
County Office of Education, Educational Services Conference Room

Members in Attendance: Naomi Brauner (Parent, Committee Co-Chair), Allison Endert (Staff to Assemblymember John Laird), Wesley Van Camp (parent) and Ann Wise (San Lorenzo Valley Community Member).

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

All present were welcomed and introduced themselves.

II. Recap meeting with Scotts Valley Mayor and follow-up with Scotts Valley Planning Commission Staff.

- Members discussed meeting with Mayor Dene Bustichi. Bustichi recommended that we meet directly with Steve Russell, director of the Planning Department to assist the city in the development of new FCC ordinances. CCPC staff has contacted Mr. Russell and will report back any news to the Policy Committee.
- Members discussed the need to prepare an explanation for why allowing FCC by right (for small FCC homes) and by administrative permit (for large FCC homes) is a good idea. Members will need this to present to SV City Council members to prepare them for receiving the report from the Planning Commission Staff. As much as possible, make sure that the Planning Commission staff includes information as to why allowing FCC by right or administrative permit is a good idea in their ordinances.
- Make time on next agenda to come up with bullet points that provide backing to our recommendations re: child care ordinances. Some points that support allowing FCC by right include:
 - i. Consistency of process
 - ii. Cost reduction
 - iii. De-Politicization of process
- Members also plan to meet with SV City Council members to prepare them for information they will be receiving from the planning commission.
- The Policy Committee recommends grandfathering in all existing large family child care homes.

III. Review current Priorities Report with API scores included. Create plan and set timeline for completion of 2007 Priorities Report.

Members reviewed the 2006 Priorities Report and decided that for 2007, Academic Performance Index (API) scores and sheer numbers of children eligible for subsidized child care by zip code will be included in the report for information sake but will not be used to calculate the ranking of each zip code.

The projected timeline for completion of the 2007 Priority Report is as follows:

- March 20th Policy Committee meeting- staff to bring draft report including need percentages, risk factor rating, API scores and actual #'s of children.
- April 17th Policy Committee meeting- members to finalize report.
- End of April – staff to submit report to Susan Mauriello of Board of Supervisor's Office for comment and suggestion.
- Beginning of May – staff to submit to Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools for approval. Members to present report at BOS meeting and CCPC meeting to which SOS will be invited.
- Use CCPC meeting as public hearing for report.
- Submit report to state by May 30, 2007

IV. Statewide policy/legislation update/discussion

No update at this time. Members were encouraged to view the weekly legislative update posted to the CCPC website for recently introduced legislation on child care related issues:

http://www.childcareplanning.org/documents/childcarelegislation_2_23_2007.pdf

V. Update on Santa Cruz City General Plan.

General Plan Advisory Committee members are currently still considering inclusion of goal areas in the plan and next will be considering policies to be included in each goal area. Policy Committee members will need to review the proposed goal areas and begin preparing recommendations regarding placement of child care policies throughout the Santa Cruz City General Plan. Staff will bring necessary information and materials to next Policy Committee meeting to assist members in developing such recommendations.

VI. Review and revise draft advocacy platform

Tabled until future meeting.

VII. Update on preschool planning

Preschool Planning team is discussing options to start a Santa Cruz County P-16 Council with the Superintendent of Schools. A P-16 Council would address concerns pertaining to preschool, K-12 schools and higher education. As these preliminary talks progress, staff will keep the Policy Committee informed.

VIII. Set next meeting agenda.

- Recap meeting with Scotts Valley Planning Commission Staff.
- Review and revise draft 2007 Priority Report
- Statewide policy/legislation update/discussion
- Make recommendations re: placement of child care related policies in Santa Cruz City General Plan

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 3:00-4:30 PM, County Office of Education Ocean/Pacific Rm.