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The purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element is to identify and resolve incompatible goals, objectives, policies and development proposed in the campus master plan and to determine and respond to the need for coordination with adjacent local governments, and regional and state agencies.

ISSUE 1: Coordination and reciprocal review of the campus master plan and the local government's comprehensive plan.

Description

The City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County have previously prepared a joint comprehensive plan to guide growth and development. The University is also required to prepare a campus master plan to guide growth and development on the campus. The University, as a state agency managing lands owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, is also required to prepare a five-year land management plan. Coordination of these plans is necessary to address those problems that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Coordinating Entities

- Primary University Architect
 FAU Vice President for Northern Campuses
 FAU University Architect
 FAU Office of Facilities Planning
 St. Lucie County Planning Department
 FDEP Division of State Lands (LMAC)
 St. Lucie West
- Secondary Department of Community Affairs
 Office of the Secretary of State
 Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission
 Department of Education
 Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund
 South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE)

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Coordination Mechanisms

At present, there is no existing agreement between Florida Atlantic University and the City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County by which FAU has the right to review proposed development that might affect the University. The University is required, pursuant to s.240.155 (6), F.S., to send copies of its draft campus master plan to the City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County for review prior to adoption by the Board of Regents (BOR). Any amendment to the adopted plan that exceeds the thresholds established in s.240.155 (9), F.S., will also be sent to the City of Port St. Lucie and to St. Lucie County for review. Amendments to the adopted plan that do not exceed these thresholds are not sent to the City or County for review prior to adoption by the BOR.

The City and County have adopted their comprehensive plans consistent with the requirements of Chapter 163, Part II, F.S. Proposed amendments to these plans are advertised in the local newspapers. Two public hearings are conducted on these amendments before they are adopted.

The University is required to submit its five-year land management plan to the Division of State Lands and the Land Management Advisory Council (LMAC) for review. The LMAC comments are then forwarded to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, which ultimately approves or rejects the plans.

Nature of Relationship

The nature of the relationship between the University and the City and County can best be characterized as "separate but equal." The University has the right and responsibility to establish and regulate land uses within the campus boundaries, just as the City and County have similar rights and responsibilities for land uses within their respective jurisdictions.

Florida's rapid growth will continue to exert pressure on the University to expand to meet the ever-growing demand for educational services. As these growth pressures increase, the need for better coordination of comprehensive plans and more frequent interaction between officials from the University and the City and County can also be expected to increase.

The relationship between the University/BOR and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund has increased dramatically over the last several years. The BOR has incorporated the five-year land management plan requirements established in s.253.034, F.S., and Chapter 18-4.007, F.A.C., into its administrative rules and guidelines for the preparation of the campus master plans. The draft master plan will also be sent to the LMAC for their review at the same time the plan is sent to the City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County. The campus master plan will be approved by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund before it is

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adopted by the BOR. Campus master plans will ultimately comply with the requirements of ss.240.155 and 253.034, F.S.

Recommendation

University officials should work closely with planning officials from the City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County to establish a process for the reciprocal review of comprehensive plans and plan amendments.

ISSUE 2: Incompatible land uses along FAU's boundaries and coordination of development impacts along those boundaries.

Description

Land uses along the boundaries of the campus should be compatible with land uses on the opposite side of the boundaries. A comparison of existing and future land uses in the St. Lucie West, Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County comprehensive plans with future land uses on the Treasure Coast Campus shows that land uses are compatible.

Coordinating Entities

Primary University Architect
 FAU Vice President for Northern Campuses
 FAU University Architect
 University Office of Facilities Planning
 St. Lucie West
 Indian River Community College

Secondary St. Lucie County Planning Department
 Florida Department of Transportation

Coordination Mechanisms

Under the terms of an inter-local development agreement between the University and the City of Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County, the City will review development proposals by the University to assess the impacts of that development on local facilities and services. There is no reciprocal arrangement, however, whereby FAU officials would review proposed development near the boundaries of the campus in order to assess the potential impacts of that development on university facilities and resources.

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Changes in land use by the City will require an amendment to its comprehensive plan. Proposed land use changes must be advertised in the local newspaper and a minimum of two public hearings must be held. The University has the opportunity to participate in the public hearings and to make verbal and/or written comments on any proposed changes in land uses.

Nature of Relationships

The nature of the relationship between the University and the City of Port St. Lucie can best be characterized as "separate but equal." The University has the right and responsibility to establish and regulate land uses within the campus boundaries, just as the City has similar rights and responsibilities for land uses within its jurisdiction.

Recommendation

FAU officials should work closely with Port St. Lucie officials to establish a reciprocal process whereby FAU is given the opportunity to review applications for development permits within the context area surrounding the University to determine impacts on FAU facilities and resources.

ISSUE 3: Off-Site Student Housing

Description

The projected enrollment increase for FAU will far exceed the University's ability to finance and construct new housing for additional students. The University receives no funding for housing from the BOR by legislative regulation and all housing must be self-supporting from revenues charged the students. Furthermore, branch campuses are not allowed by BOR policy to have residential facilities. Large numbers of students will commute to the campus from significant distances due to family and job considerations. The private sector has traditionally provided housing without intervention by the University. However, the comprehensive planning process is demanding better coordination between the University and local agencies and other groups that might provide student housing.

Recent changes to Part II of Chapter 163, F.S., require local governments to include provisions in their comprehensive plans to locate affordable housing in a manner that minimizes the need for additional local services and avoids the concentration of affordable housing units only in specific areas. It is important that an adequate supply of affordable housing units be located near the campus. Locating affordable housing near the campus helps reduce on-campus parking and

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automobile circulation requirements, and increases the use of pedestrian and non-vehicular facilities and transit services.

Coordinating Entities

Primary University Housing Department
 City Housing Authority

Secondary University Office of Facilities Planning
 City Planning Department
 any local associations of housing providers

Coordinating Mechanisms

At present there is no communication or mechanism occurring for interaction between the University and the City and other entities. The University has maintained an open but passive policy to providing information to housing providers. It allows providers to list housing opportunities for perusal by interested students.

Nature of Relationship

All of the entities involved in affordable housing have worked independently of each other in providing affordable housing.

Recommendation

Establishment of a housing forum composed of local government agencies, University representatives, interested citizens and private providers to exchange information about projected enrollments at the University and potential needs in the community as a means of determining if proactive programs are needed in the future.

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ISSUE 4: Provision of a safe environment for students, faculty, and staff.

Description

The University will eventually provide a first line of public safety protection with its own police staff. In the first few years of development, the University will rely on the City of Port St. Lucie Police Department. However, it does not have the resources to provide other public safety services such as fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.

Coordinating Entities

Primary University Police Department
 Port St. Lucie Fire Department
 Port St. Lucie Police Department

Secondary FAU Vice President for Northern campuses
 FAU University Architect
 FAU Environmental Health and Safety Department
 St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department
 Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 Florida Highway Patrol
 St. Lucie County Emergency Management Office
 State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Coordination Mechanisms

The University will develop an inter-local agreement with the City for provision of fire and rescue services. Police services are available on an on-call basis.

Nature of Relationships

No relationship currently exists.

Recommendation

Continue with existing arrangements and agreements. Additional liaison with other related agencies of the State and County will bring added capability and safety to the campus population.

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ISSUE 5: Provision of adequate infrastructure and utilities.

Description

The University will be growing and expanding over time such that additional distribution services will be needed for sanitary sewer, potable water, fire protection water, re-use water, electricity, natural gas, solid waste, and telecommunications. Capacities appear to be available.

Coordinating Entities

Primary University Physical Plant
 University Office of Facilities Planning
 St. Lucie West Utilities Departments related to specific services
 Southern Bell (or local provider at other locations)
 Jennings Waste Management

Coordination Mechanisms

The University will coordinate with local providers on a case-by-case, or project-by- project basis. Coordination by proactive, periodic meetings will help providers anticipate infrastructure needs in expansion areas and in existing service areas that need upgrading.

Nature of Relationship

No relationship currently exists. Sharing plans for growth and development will foster a good long-term relationship.

Recommendation

The University should develop a system to periodically review development plans and capacity requirements with the appropriate agencies.

ISSUE 6: Coordinating use of University facilities for public, civic, athletic and entertainment events

Description

Florida Atlantic University, as part of its mission of public service and involvement, has traditionally made available to civic and cultural organizations many of its facilities on other campuses, such as athletic fields, theaters, and meeting areas. We anticipate this to continue on the Treasure Coast Campus.

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Such events require University resources to prepare for events and to pick up afterwards, sometimes repairs are necessitated. The University will be pleased to make its facilities available when appropriate. These events also affect the surrounding community through traffic, noise, and congestion - and increased commerce.

Coordinating Entities

Primary Vice President of Northern Campuses
 University Architect
 Campus Recreation Department
 Intercollegiate Athletic Department
 City Parks and Recreation Department
 St. Lucie West
 Spring Training Facility

Secondary University Relations
 Major civic organizations that routinely seek the use of university facilities
 City Police and Fire Departments

Coordination Mechanisms

Individual event sponsors may approach the University on an as-needed basis.

Nature of Relationships

The University will have the responsibility to provide appropriate facilities for its students, faculty and staff as its first priority, then work with outside or off-campus groups to assist in their activities where appropriate and reasonable within BOR guidelines for public service. Relations with civic groups and local government may be characterized as cordial, but informal.

Recommendation

The University and potential users, should meet at specified times to project activities that might utilize FAU facilities to assist the University in planning and determining availability.

ISSUE 7: Coordination of programs and facilities utilization at branch campuses and sites with host institutions.

Not applicable