



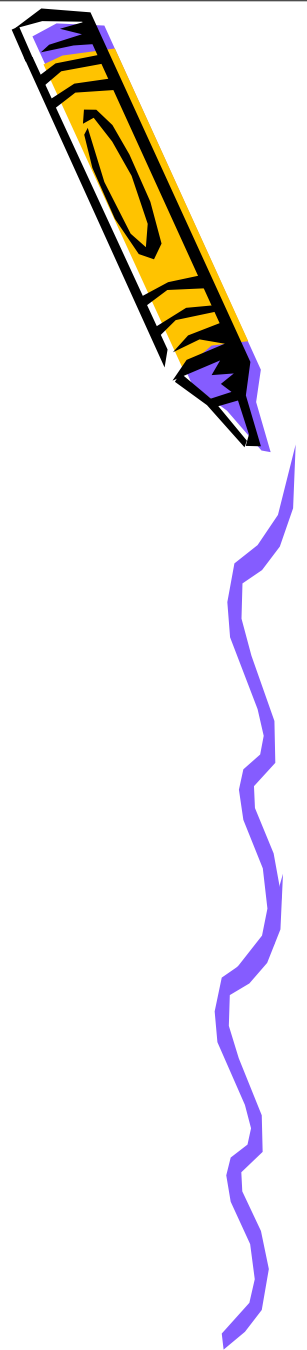
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Clark County Schools Advisory Committee



- Established by the 2007 Clark County Comprehensive Plan
- Chapter 10 - Schools Element
 - "Our Schools, in partnership with our community, are resolved to provide quality education for all children in Clark County regardless of income, ethnicity or ability."



Clark County School Districts

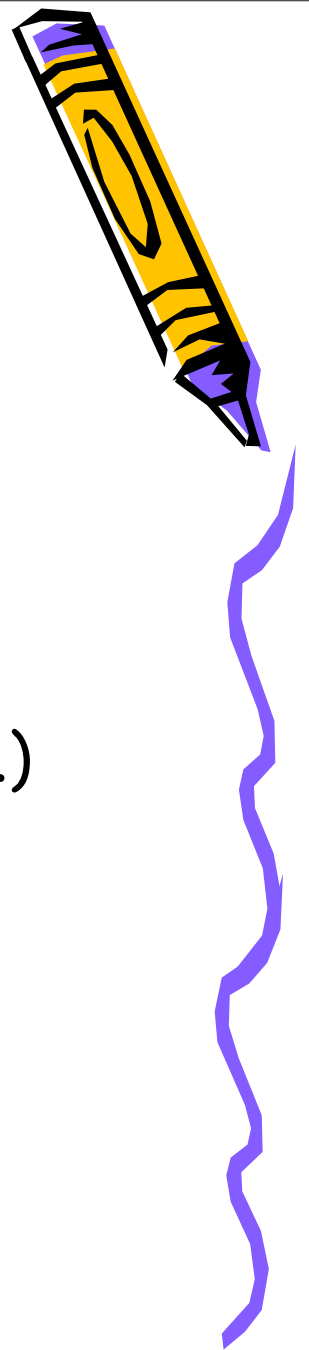
Clark County Schools Advisory Committee



- Jointly established and comprised of representatives from:
 - Clark County
 - Cities
 - School districts
 - Special purpose districts
 - Other interest groups



Clark County Schools Advisory Committee



- May undertake the following:
 - Uniform data collection
 - State and federal law issues
 - Policy development and implementation (e.g.)
 - Location of Urban Growth Areas
 - Potential location of future school sites
 - Private/public partnerships
 - School facility permitting processes
 - School impact fees





Stakeholder Benefits

- Recognition that a synergy exists between land use planning and quality schools and it is best for all stakeholders to be at the table when the growth management plan is updated.





Stakeholder Benefits

- Examples in 2009
 - Three meetings (March, June, October)
 - Putting a name to a face
 - Getting background on origin of Quality Education Committee and Quality Schools Task Force
 - Financial picture of school construction
 - State funding
 - Local funding

Impact fees





Stakeholder Benefits

- **Impact fees - background**
 - Assessed at time of preliminary approval and charged at time of building permit issuance
 - Clark County provides 3-year window where impact fees are 'frozen'
 - After 3-year window, impact fees are re-calculated at the current rate

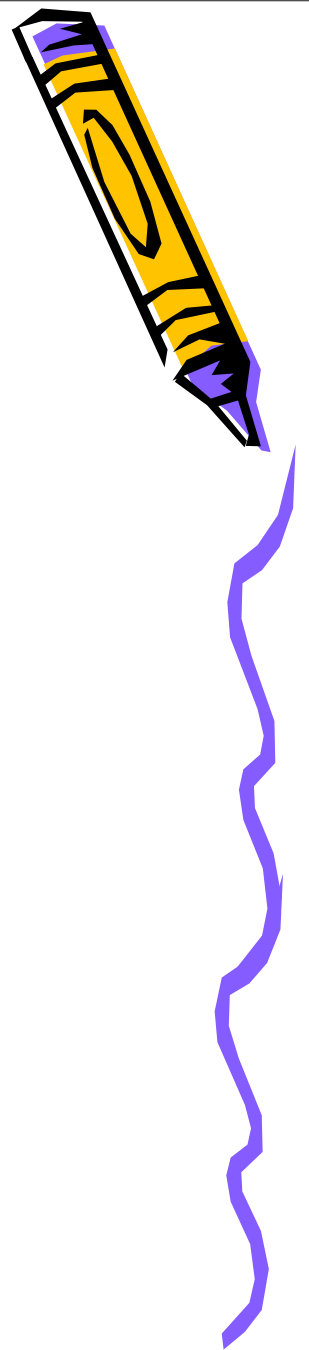




Stakeholder Benefits

- **Impact fees - conflicting issues**
 - With significant economic downturn, the large increase of the re-calculated impact fees likely 'prices out' a majority of the approved projects
 - School districts balance their CFP needs with impact fee revenue
 - Are there any interim measures available to ameliorate these conflicting issues?



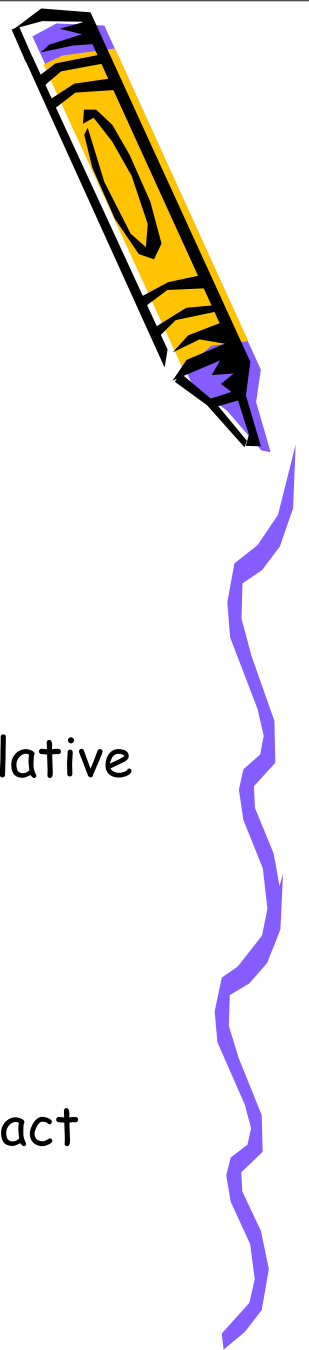


Stakeholder Benefits

- **Impact fees - interim measure**
 - Stakeholder meeting in spring of 2009
 - Middle ground sought by all parties
 - Temporary resolution for 2009 to pay full (increased) impact fee in two installments
 - 'Original' amount at time of building permit
 - Increase amount at time of closing (similar to payment of REET)
 - Covenant and agreement to pay SIF



Clark County Schools Advisory Committee



- Path forward
 - Early 2010 meeting
 - Re-visit purpose of committee
 - Sponsor forum for all local government and legislative representation on state funding limitations
 - Discuss possible legislative role
 - State funding limitations
 - Seek possible replacement revenue in lieu of impact fees (?)





Relevant Web Links:

Clark County Comprehensive Plan

www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/adopted2007.html

Quality Schools Task Force Report

www.commerce.wa.gov/site/1005/default.aspx

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