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The purpose of the Intergovernmental coordination Element is to identify and resolve incompatible goals, objectives, policies and development proposed in campus master plans 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 Town of Davie and Broward County have prepared comprehensive plans. The University has also prepared 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 FAU University Architect and Vice President
 FAU Associate Vice President to the University Architect’s Office
 The Town of Davie Planning Department
 FDEP Division of State Lands (LMAC)
 Broward County Planning Council

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

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At present, an agreement does not exist between Florida Atlantic University, the Town of Davie and Broward County that would give FAU 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 Town of Davie and Broward County for review prior to adoption. Any amendment to the adopted plan that exceeds the thresholds established in s.240.155 (9), F.S., will also be sent to the Town of Davie and to Broward 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.

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 use 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. Growth and development in Boca Raton and Palm Beach County, particularly in the context area surrounding the Main Campus at Boca Raton and Southeast Campus at Davie in Broward County, may limit FAU’s expansion and adversely affect University facilities and resources. 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

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between the University and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund has increased dramatically over the past year.

Recommendation

University officials should work closely with planning officials from the Town of Davie and Broward 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 Town of Davie comprehensive plan with future land uses on the Davie Campus shows that land uses are compatible. The land adjacent to the existing FAU Campus as well as the new property is for educational use. FAU is surrounded by Broward Community College, the University of Florida, and Nova Southeastern University among others. The entire area is considered to be the South Florida Educational Center.

Coordinating Entities

Primary FAU University Architect and Vice President
 FAU Associate Vice President to the University Architect’s Office
 Town of Davie Planning Department

Secondary Broward County Planning Council
 Florida Department of Transportation

Coordination Mechanisms

Under the terms of State Statutes, the City will review Master Plan amendments that exceed thresholds 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

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proposed development near the boundaries of the campus in order to assess the potential impacts of that development on university facilities and resources.

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 Relationship

The nature of the relationship between the University and the Town of Davie 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 Town of Davie officials to establish a reciprocal process whereby FAU is given the opportunity to review applications for development permits within the context areas 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 Department of Education, (DOE) by legislative regulation and all housing must be self-supporting from revenues charged to the students. Furthermore, housing is not offered at the Davie Campus because it is a satellite FAU Campus. Large numbers of students commute to each of the FAU campuses from significant distances due to family and job considerations. The private sector has sufficiently provided housing without intervention by the University. However, the comprehensive planning process would like to see better coordination between the University and local agencies and other groups that might provide student housing. Housing programs are administered by the Local Housing Authority.

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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. In addition to easing the burden of the University to provide affordable on-campus housing, locating affordable housing near the campus also helps reduce on-campus parking and automobile circulation requirements, and increase the use of pedestrian and non-vehicular facilities and transit services

Coordinating Entities

Primary University Architect and Vice President
 Associate Vice President of the University Architect’s Office
 University Housing Department
 Local Housing Authority

Secondary City Planning Department
 any local associations of housing providers

Coordinating Mechanics

At present there is no communication or mechanism occurring for specific interaction between the University and the City and other entities. The University has maintained an open but passive policy in providing student information to housing providers. The University policy allows housing providers to list their property with the University. Interested student’s may then contact the providers themselves.

Nature of Relationship

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

Recommendation

Establishing a program that would alert all interested government, University, and community agencies, as to what the housing need will be, may be helpful in the future.

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

Description

The University provides a first line of public safety protection with its own police staff. 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
 Town of Davie Fire Department
 Town of Davie Police Department
 Town of Davie and Broward Sheriff's Office

Secondary University Architect and Vice President
 Associate Vice President of the University Architect's Office
 University Environmental Health and Safety Department
 Broward County Sheriff's Department
 Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 Florida Highway Patrol
 Broward County Emergency Management Office
 State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Coordination Mechanisms

The University has an inter-local agreement with the Town for provision for fire and rescue services. Police services are available on an on-call basis.

Nature of Relationships

The University enjoys an excellent relationship with the several City departments providing these services.

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

ISSUE 5: Provision of adequate infrastructure and utilities.**Description**

The University will be growing and expanding its boundaries such that additional distribution services will be needed for sanitary sewer, potable water, fire protection water, electricity, and natural gas, solid waste, and telecommunications. Capacities appear to be available but planning for upgrading and relocating portions of the infrastructure need to be coordinated better. There are areas of the campus for which little or no documentation of the infrastructure is available. This is especially true for the newly acquired IFAS property.

Coordinating Entities

Primary University Architect and Vice President
Associate Vice President to the University Architect's Office
University Physical Plant
University Office of Facilities Planning
City Public Works Departments related to specific services
Southern Bell (or local provider at other locations)
County Waste Management Department

Coordination Mechanisms

The University traditionally coordinates with local providers on a case-by-case, or project-by-project basis. Better 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

The University and the service departments and private providers have a good working basis. Improvements can be fostered through sharing plans for growth and development.

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Recommendation

The existing pattern of coordination should be enhanced by periodic meetings to discuss future plans and update development schedules.

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, such as athletic fields and facilities, theaters, and meeting areas. Whether for Special Olympics, or national collegiate or Olympic-type athletic events, charitable fund raisers, or theater events, FAU is host to many groups throughout the year. FAU is host to several excellent facilities sponsored by The Beach and Parks District which routinely draw community participants.

Such events require University resources to prepare for events and to recover afterwards. The University is pleased to make its facilities available when appropriate. These events also affect the surrounding community through traffic, noise congestion, and increased commerce.

Coordinating Entities

Primary University Architect and Vice President
 Associate Vice President to the University Architect's Office
 Occupational Safety and Health Association
 Campus Recreation Department
 Intercollegiate Athletic Department
 City Parks and Recreation Department
 Beach and Parks District

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

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At present, individual event sponsors may approach the University on an as-needed basis. Some are frequent or repeat guests, while others are either new or occasional sponsors. Recreation activities on Beach and Parks fields for example are periodically scheduled programs. No regularly scheduled or calendar-setting meetings are held.

Nature of Relationships

The University has 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 DOE's guidelines for public services. Relations with civic groups and local government may be characterized as cordial, but informal.

Recommendation

The University and frequent users, such as the Beach and Parks District and City Parks and Recreation should meet as needed to project activities that might utilize FAU facilities to assist the University in planning and determining availability. The Internet should be utilized for coordination and for posting of events.

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

Description

At the Davie Campus, FAU is the tenant on a portion of the BCC Central Campus. Educational programs must be coordinated to avoid redundancies and to provide continuity of courses and areas of study.

Coordinating Entities

Primary Florida Atlantic University
Broward Community College

Secondary Other institutions involved in co-site programs

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Coordination Mechanisms

Annually, each institution analyzes course offerings and establishes priorities and assignment. Meetings with co-resident institutions are held to coordinate offerings. At the Davie campus, the several and varied educational institutions have banded together with the Town of Davie to from the South Florida Education Center. Regular meetings foster good communication.

Nature of Relationship

Each institution is an independent entity within the larger system of State-supported higher education. The relationships among FAU's group are good and function well.

Recommendation

Existing procedures should continue.