PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary
October 5, 2026

The Planners Advisory Committee held its October 5, 2026 meeting in person in the Palm Room at the Pinellas County Communications Building located at 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater.

The Chair, Andrew Morris, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and the members introduced themselves for the record.

Committee Members in Attendance Included:
Andrew Morris, Todd Biron, Braydon Evans, Gil Martinez (late arrival 1:34 p.m.), Tatiana Childress, Derek Reeves, Tom Scofield, Christina Porter, Marshall Touchton, Marcie Stenmark, Devan Deal, Britton Wilson, Frances Leong-Sharp, Jared Austin and Wesley Wright.

Forward Pinellas Staff in Attendance Included:
Rodney Chatman, Emma Wennick, Linda Fisher, Nousheen Rahman, Nicole Galasso, and Tina Jablon.

Others in Attendance Included: Rebecca Stonefield, Pinellas County and Scott Swearengen, Pinellas County

2. Approval of Minutes from the August 31, 2026 PAC Meeting [Vote: 14-0]
Motion: Tatiana Childress
Second: Marcie Stenmark

3. REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 14, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

3A1. Case CW 26-14 – City of St. Petersburg [Vote: 14-0]
An overview of the case was provided by Britton Wilson.
Motion: Marshall Touchton
Second: Marcie Stenmark

3A2. Case CW 26-15 – City of Safety Harbor [Vote: 15-0]
An overview of the case was provided by Derek Reeves.
Motion: Tom Scofield
Second: Braydon Evans

Tom Scofield highlighted the historical significance of the existing building on the parcel and suggested finding ways to honor that. Derek Reeves said the City is looking into doing so by way of a historical marker or something similar.

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4. PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST

4A. Countywide Data Center Policy Working Group Update

Emma Wennick updated the PAC members on the progress that has been made thus far with the working group. She outlined the options currently under consideration for a model ordinance and a framework that could be added to the Countywide Rules. She advised that the working group has been giving good feedback that has informed the next steps for Forward Pinellas staff. The working group will meet at least once more on November 2nd and again, if necessary, on November 30th.

4B. Legislative Implementation Check-In

Nousheen Rahman led a discussion with the group regarding the implementation of certain legislative bills to allow for knowledge sharing across the jurisdictions. She highlighted the opportunity to review Pinellas County's existing on-call contracts with private providers, which local governments may have the opportunity to "piggyback" from and meet the requirements of HB 927, pursuant to legal review by each interested local government.

4B. Pinellas Planning Council Annual Performance Measures

Linda Fisher reminded the PAC members that the State requires special districts to develop a measurable set of performance goals and targets that are reported on annually. She then provided an overview of the established performance measures for the PPC and stated they were all met for this past year. Ms. Fisher highlighted that the PPC added an additional performance measure last year stating that at least once per year the Countywide Rules would be evaluated to determine if there are opportunities for streamlining of Countywide Plan Map amendments or other improvements.

5. OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA

5A. Upcoming Land Use Cases & Pre-App Meetings

Rodney Chatman asks if there are any controversial or community-involved land use cases or pre-app meetings being considered by any of the local governments that Forward Pinellas staff isn't already aware of. Andrew Morris, of Madeira Beach, advised a privately initiated map amendment located on Gulf Blvd. would be scheduled for a pre-app meeting soon. Marcie Stenmark, of Clearwater, stated they have one coming in downtown Clearwater.

5B. Interesting Topics from Your Planner's Notebook

Tatiana Childress inquired of the group how the local governments are complying with Live Local reporting requirements. Todd Biron, of Pinellas Park, stated they are keeping it simple by using an Excel spreadsheet. He agreed to share it with Forward Pinellas staff to disseminate it to the PAC members for reference.

Rodney Chatman introduced an item on behalf of Pinellas County Planning staff and then turned it over to Scott Swearengen to elaborate. Mr. Swearengen advised that the County is seeking to gather estimates for potable water and sanitary sewer associated with changes to land uses on parcels to assess utilization impacts to those utilities.

There was discussion among the group and some members agreed to provide whatever tables or methods are being used at present.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6A. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items
Rodney Chatman announced that there were no CPA public hearings this month and one Tier 1 amendment was processed by Forward Pinellas staff for Pinellas Park.

6B. SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update
Rodney Chatman advised there are no updates to report.

7. UPCOMING EVENTS
The Chair highlighted the upcoming events of interest as noted in the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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Chair Date