



MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FCCJ North Campus

Building "C" conference room C-136

4501 Capper Rd.

March 13, 2008 Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS	
Chair – William Baker	Lydia Estates HOA – Robert Lee
Vice Chair – Bobby Taylor	Marshwinds - Sandra Thompson-
Charter Member – Dick Berry	National Park Svc. – Richard Bryant
Charter Member – David Spruill	San Mateo – Roland Biederer
Donald Sanderson – Ashford Wood	ShAdCo Sector Q – Jennelle Bray
Black Hammock Island -Mary Thompson-	The Cape - Delores Spruill
Brandon Chase – John Castillo	Turtle Creek Village - Arthur Sullivan
Council Appointee – Tommy Ruffin	Woodmont - Esther Sumpter
Duval County Council PTS - Vicki Drake	
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell	

STAFF and OFFICIALS
Mayor’s Representative - Rick Godke
Planning and Development - Paul Davis
JSO Lt. H.A. Eason
Duval Health Dep’t. – Jocelyn Turner
Florida Dep’t. Transportation – Milton Locklear
Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman

VISITORS
Kathy Myers, Ashford Wood
Danny Ferriera
Warren Alvarez
Nancy Burnett
Lance Ferrelli
Bob McNeil
Lance Hunt
Mozell Masters – ShAdCo Q

EXCUSED none

- The meeting was called to order** by Chair Bill Baker at 4:00 p.m. . **A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman. Organizations represented: 18 of 33 = 54 percent.
- The previous meeting summary was approved.**
- Old Business:** none.
- Subcommittee reports**

A. Governmental Affairs – Bobby Taylor:

2008-107	Approved	Small-scale amend. to FLUM @735,745,809 New Berlin Rd. (4.32 acres) from LDR to CGC
2008-137	Approved	Small scale amend. to FLUM for 7.8 acres N. of Castleberry Rd. and S. of Gossett St. from LDR to CGC

2008-138	Deferred	Pending information on PUD
2008-196	Approved	Motion before City Council to abandon ROW to add to PUD
2008-141	Approved	Small scale amend. to FLUM for 5.0 acres at 3901 Dunn Ave. from MDR to RPI
2008-142	Deferred	Pending details of PUD
2008-143	Approved	Small scale amend. to FLUM for app. 4.19 acres at 14801 N. Main St. from LDR to CGC
2008-144	Deferred	Pending details of PUD

Bobby Taylor announced the next Governmental Affairs subcommittee meeting is April 3, at 4 p.m. , FCCJ North, Building C, Conference Room 136.

- B. Education Subcommittee** – Vicki Drake reported the Duval County School Board will have increased budget cuts due to the tax referendum.
- C. Beautification Subcommittee** – Arthur Sullivan was present but gave no report.
- D. Membership Subcommittee** - no report
- E. Transportation Subcommittee** – Dick Berry announced the Better Jacksonville Plan currently has five projects in the North and traffic continues to be residents’ major concern. In January 2009, the Mitsui port expansion will generate 1200 additional trucks. The number of trucks is expected to gradually increase to 4000 daily by 2015. Anjen will have a larger volume than Mitsui, with a total of 8000 trucks out of their dock by 2015. Berry announced Jacksonville is the only Asian Port on East Coast except New York. The port will generate truck traffic to and from all the Southeastern states. He asked for volunteers to serve on the transportation subcommittee. Discussion was held regarding the failure to be sure infrastructure was in place before zoning changes and building are approved, the amounts spent by BJP to enhance state and federal highways instead of local roads and Fair Share monies.

7. Staff Reports

- A. Mayor’s Representative** - Rick Godke - announced
 - The City Council assessed a two percent reduction in every city department.
 - In April the Duval County Extension Service will host their annual volunteer appreciation banquet.
 - The Extension Service is in the process of expanding their ability to teach residents by training volunteers to teach. Over 70,000 residents have been trained by the Extension Service.
 - Volunteers are important to the operation of the Duval County Extension Service. If you would like to volunteer, contact Rick Godke at 387-8850.
- B. City Council Member Ray Holt** – No report.
- C. FDOT** - Milton Locklear reported
 - Four northbound ramps along the I-95/Trout River Bridge corridor reopened to traffic. The ramps were closed in December 2006 in order to build a new Trout

River Bridge and to widen I-95 from four to six lanes. Two northbound and two southbound lanes are open to traffic. The project is expected to be completed by summer of 2008.

- The southbound on ramp to I-95 from Broward Road should reopen in May, 2008.
- Bids are expected in the next two months for the railroad cross arms at Lem Turner Road. An update will be provided at the April meeting.
- The issue of unsafe construction equipment at the Heckscher Drive project has been addressed. FDOT is working with contractors to resolve the issue.

D. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office - Lt. Eason reported in the past thirty days, violent crime was down 21percent and property crime was down 17percent. Burglaries to automobiles continue to be the biggest problem. JSO cars parked at FCCJ have also been burglarized. Several guns were stolen in residential burglaries on Laramie Road. In one incident, the burglarized home had been left unlocked. Three juveniles and one adult were arrested on Laramie Road- jewelry, electronics and 35 guns were recovered. The arrestees had moved their residence from the Westside to Laramie Road in January, 2008. At the Cape, Starratt Road, a high number of incidents occurred, including breaking into houses and cars. The total number of homicides for the year is three. Member Biederer added there has been a rash on vandalized street signs in San Mateo - they have been knocked down or stolen. Member Spruill asked about the burglaries at The Cape - Lt. Eason said the burglaries occur in the daytime when people are at work, but do not get reported until late afternoon when people arrive home. Spruill said she was aware of the burglaries to cars, but was unaware of the homes and asked for the addresses - Lt. Eason said he did not know the addresses.

E. Stormwater Advisory Committee - No report.

F. Duval County Health Department - Jocelyn Turner announced: on March 22, the Mayor's Senior Walk begins at 9 a.m. at Metropolitan Park; on March 27, WJCT begins a series titled "Unnatural Causes" (what is really making us sick); on March 29, from 1 - 4 p.m., a "Survivors" challenge will be held for children ages 3-12 to compete in individual and group games, resources for adults (i.e. healthy cooking) will be available; on April 18 and 19, the 2008 Northside Relay for Life will be held at First Coast High School. For more information, contact Ms. Turner at 253-2037.

G. Duval County School Board - Vicki Drake FCAT is being administered. The state required DCSB refund \$22 million this year and \$75 million next year, causing cuts to classroom, teachers, counselors, programs, books and services to children. Guidance Counselors and ESE Programs are scheduled to be cut out completely. Physical Education and other programs may also be cut. Charter Member Berry suggested residents call or write their legislators - they are in session now. Member Lee asked if the cuts are statewide (yes). Member Biederer asked if there will be salary raises next year. Ms. Drake said no raises, except possibly step raises, will be available. She said DCSB is always seeking corporate support. DCSB will hold a series of public meetings for residents' input re. schools - the meetings are advertised in the Times Union or information is available at Duvalschools.org.. Questions were raised about Stormwater fees in excess of \$ 990,000 billed to the school and discussion was held about writing a letter to support DCSB not paying at all, or paying the same rate as other 501C-3 organizations. A motion was made by Dick Berry and properly

seconded by Tommy Ruffin to write a letter stating the CPAC's position –that the DCSB should be exempt from Stormwater fees. A discussion was held. The vote was all in favor – the motion carried. Dick Berry will write the letter.

H. Municipal Code Enforcement – No report. (Terri Lindemann has been transferred to Zone 3.)

I. Planning and Development – Paul Davis announced a community forum will be held on March 31, 2008, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Jacksonville Public Library Highlands Branch to evaluate Jacksonville's Future Land Use Map (FLUM).

J. Housing and Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:

- **Plan to Attend!** The Florida Neighborhoods Conference is June 26 – 27 in Tallahassee, FL. Registration is \$45. Information is available on line at <http://www.talgov.com/dncs/fnc/index.cfm> or call Mary Beth at 255-8260. Due to budget cuts, scholarships are not available, but perhaps residents could car pool, share rooms, or go for one day.
- **Take a Step!** The Jacksonville Journey is continuing to meet. Members of the community are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the Jacksonville Journey subcommittees. To learn meeting dates or, If you can't attend a meeting but want to keep up with what is going on, you can listen in or read the meeting minutes online at <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Minutes.htm>.
- **Use your library card!** Jacksonville Public Libraries offer:
www.fcatexplorer.com The official FCAT help site sponsored by the Florida Department of Education. Students statewide receive logon information from their school and can use this site to assist to help study for the FCAT test.
www.noodletools.com Free resource to create citations in MLA or APA format. A great help for research papers!
All Jax libraries will be closed Thursday, March 20 for staff development and on Sunday, Mar. 23 for Easter.
- **Speak Up!** The deadline is approaching to give input on future plans for Huguenot Park. Parking and driving lanes are proposed to change. Please submit comments regarding the proposed Huguenot Memorial Park Draft Management Plan via email to funexperts@coj.net or via mail to: Kelley Boree, 851 N. Market St., Jacksonville, FL 32202
- **Make an Easter Basket and Hunt for 5000 eggs!** Eggstravaganza, Kids Campus, 1410 Gator Bowl Lane, Mar. 21, 9:30 – noon.

8. New Business: none

9. Public Comments:

- Esther Sumpter announced her neighborhood, Woodmont, continues to have problems.
- Lance Ferrelli, Marshwinds, thanked Dick Berry and Bill Baker for their information. He questioned the CPAC's recommendation several months ago regarding Alta Road. He said his neighborhood and 27 – 30 others oppose developing warehouses in the area – they do not want their area to become industrial or light industrial. Member Berry explained the CPAC approved the land use not a zoning or PUD change – the property had been light industrial, then it was changed to residential and the most recent change was vote to change it back to light industrial. Mr. Ferrelli read a portion of the summary of the meeting and said no one was present to speak up from the neighborhoods on/near Alta. Vice Chair Bobby Taylor explained that the CPAC was divided on the issue, concerns and questions had been raised – it was a close vote. Chair Baker said the

CPAC expressed a lot of concerns. Chair Baker suggested the communities organize and become active in community affairs. General discussion was held regarding (1) widening Alta and other roads in the area; (2) a possible entrance to 9A at New Berlin Road; (3) a developer who is unwilling to compromise on an alternate route via an entrance at New Berlin. (4) increased truck traffic already visible on area roads (5) possible lobbying to speed up road improvements (6) a master study that is in progress to address the issues (7) inviting study consultants to speak to CPAC. Member Sullivan mentioned that often new communities are not members of CPAC so the CPAC is unaware of their positions. Mr. Ferrelli was provided a CPAC nomination form to share with communities near Alta Road.

- Lance Hunt, University of North Florida (UNF) announced scholarships are available to high school students in Zone 6. UNF is experiencing a growth spurt, but due to budgetary restrictions, must reduce the number of students attending. He said he enjoyed the CPAC meeting and would like to attend regularly. He was told he is welcome to attend – it is a public meeting – but he could ask UNF to nominate him as their representative on the CPAC. Mr. Hunt was provided a CPAC nomination form.
- **Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Berry. A second was made by Roland Biederer. The vote: All in favor. Chair Bill Baker adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m..

The following provision is required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes:

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

FOR INFORMATION: Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, 904-255-8260
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The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at FCCJ North Campus, C-136

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee will meet 4 p.m., April 3, 2008, at FCCJ North Campus, C-136

