



North District 6
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Bill Baker – Chairman
Bobby Taylor – Vice Chairman

MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 FCCJ North Campus
 Building "C" conference room C-136
 4501 Capper Rd.
 August 13, 2008 Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS	Lydia Estates HOA – Robert Lee
Chair – William Baker	New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed
Vice Chair – Bobby Taylor	Northlake HOA- Mattie Nunn
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	Republican Club - Rose Nettles
Council Appointee – Tommy Ruffin	San Mateo – Roland Biederer
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell	ShAdCo Sector Q – Jennelle Bray
Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau	Turtle Creek Village – Arthur Sullivan
Highlands Unit 7- John Stuart	Woodmont – Esther Sumpter

Johnson Comm. – Ann Burnette

STAFF and OFFICIALS
Duval Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner
Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Municipal Code Enforcement – Daniel Connell
Municipal Code Enforcement – Robert Crawford
FDOT – Milton Locklear
Planning and Development – Paul Davis
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Chief M. Rutledge
Stormwater Advisory Committee – Lake Ray
Highlands Library - Janet Duncan
Emergency Response Team – Jennifer Stagg
Recreation and Community – Nathan Rezeau
Duval Health Dep't. - Theresa Isaac, Director Emergency Prep.

EXCUSED
Charter Member - Dick Berry
Duval County Council PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Captiva Bluff - Rex Neidlinger
VISITORS
Sandra Jones
Theresa Isaac
Danny Ferreira
Gerie Leigh
Bob Harms

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chair Bill Baker at 4:00p.m. . **A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman.
2. **The previous meeting summary** was approved.
3. **Old Business:** none.
4. **Guest Speaker:** The Chair called on Jennifer Stagg, Jennifer Stagg from Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD). Ms. Stagg presented information about JFRD's Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). A free course is offered to residents who

want to learn how to respond to emergencies following a disaster. Ms. Stagg stressed that the COJ emergency responders may not be available for up to 72 hours following a disaster and residents need to be prepared to take care of their family members and neighbors. The minimum age for a trainee is 16, with an adult supervisor. There is no upper age limit. Brochures were provided. Ms. Stagg may be contacted at 630-7885 or Jstagg@coj.net.

John Pappas, Deputy Director of Public Works, presented information about updating the FEMA maps and redevelopment of the Stormwater Master Plan. The FEMA maps were last updated over 20 years ago. The Stormwater Master Plan was updated in 1992. Properties currently not shown in the flood maps may be shown in the new maps, affecting insurance costs and mortgage availability. The maps will educate homeowners and provide them the opportunity.

5. Subcommittee reports

A. Governmental Affairs

- Vice Chair Bobby Taylor introduced Justin Hart, who presented information about 2008-395
- The Vice Chair introduced Paul Harden, who presented a brief statement about 2008-396.
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- The Vice Chair introduced Council Member E. Denise Lee, who presented information about #2008-398.
- The Vice Chair introduced Michael Fisher, who presented information about Flamingo Lakes and #2008A-010.
- The Vice Chair suggested cutting off comments on 2008-398 because the issue had been discussed for over one hour. The Chair suggested a townhall meeting be scheduled by E. Denise Lee to allow residents to thoroughly discuss the issues. He reminded everyone that the issue has already been transmitted to the DCA, and the CPAC will have another opportunity to vote on the PUD and zoning. Member Jack Stewart called for the question. The second was made Tommy Ruffin. The vote was all in favor to call the question. Member Tommy Ruffin made a motion that the townhall meeting be set up by City Council. A second was made by Bill Baker. A short discussion was held.
- The Vice Chair introduced Howard Smith, who presented information about 2008-397.
- The Vice Chair introduced Alberta Hipps, who presented information about 2008-399.

2008-494	Approved	Rezoning 31.40 acres on Zoo Parkway btw. Main Street and Hayden Road from IW and IH to PBF-1.
2008-514	Approved	Rezoning 1.39 acres on Lady Lake Road btw. Duval Road and Lady Lake Road from PUD to PUD.

- Bobby Taylor announced the next Governmental Affairs subcommittee meeting will be Sept. 4 at FCCJ North, Building C, Room C -136.

B. Chair's Report – Chair Bill Baker announced that Council Member E. Denise Lee is hosting a town hall meeting on August 25, at 6 p.m. at FCCJ North Campus, in the auditorium, regarding issue # 2008-398. He added that Dot Mathias' absence is excused – her husband is very ill. Chair Baker appointed Tommy Ruffin to serve as chair of the Nominating Subcommittee. A slate of officers will be announced on October 8. The election will be held on November 12.

C. Education Subcommittee – No report.

D. Beautification Subcommittee – Arthur Sullivan announced that JTA had initiated a bus route through the Biscayne neighborhood but failed to notify residents or ask for input. Residents met with City Council Members and the bus route was changed and no longer runs through the neighborhood.

E. Membership Subcommittee - Harry Wagner introduced and welcomed new member Nancy Landau, representing Eagle's Hammock. Member Robert Lee suggested Eagle's Hammock register with the Housing and Neighborhoods Department to be listed on the city's directory. Ms. Landau advised they are in the process of registering.

F. Transportation Subcommittee – Mr. Berry was excused.

6. Staff Reports

A. Mayor's Representative – No report.

B. City Council Member's Reports: No reports. Chair Baker announced that the agenda now reflects the names of each City Council Member and at Large Member for North Jacksonville. He said the idea was to recognize members who represent this part of the city. He said the members are welcome to attend whenever their schedules permit.

C. FDOT - Milton Locklear said he misses Dick Berry's involvement and participation in CPAC. He announced that JTA is hosting a public meeting regarding the widening of Heckscher Drive. The meeting will be held on August 21, 2008, at 6 p.m. at the Oceanway Community Center.

D. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Chief Michael Rutledge reported that in Zone 6, property crime decreased but aggravated batteries, business robberies and auto burglaries increased. Twenty of the forty-one cases of auto burglary were caused because the owners failed to lock their vehicles. Chief Rutledge reminded everyone to lock their vehicles and remove their remote garage door openers from their vehicles. Member

Roland Biederer expressed his concerns about enforcement of vehicles driving without lights and pedestrians jay-walking. Chief Rutledge asked residents to call 630-0500 for non-emergencies.

- E. Stormwater Advisory Committee** – Lake Ray reminded everyone to remove debris from ditches and near storm drains – it helps prevent flooding and reduces the amount of silt in the creeks and rivers. Member Jack Stewart expressed his concerns about the Stormwater Fees – the criteria for exemption does not include 501-C-4 organizations, which are also non-profits, similar to 501-C-3 organizations, which do qualify for the exemption. The Riverside/Argyle Lions Club and the Northside Lions Club have been directly impacted by these fees. Member Harry Wagner expressed his concern about the city charging fees and paying to clean up the river while the paper company on Rice Creek is allowed to pollute the river. Vice Chair Taylor suggested the city should require subdivisions to use recycled water for irrigation. Discussion continued regarding recycled water and the possibility of future water wars.
- F. Duval County Health Department** - Jocelyn Turner introduced Theresa Isaac, Director Emergency Preparations, Duval County Health Department. Ms. Isaac reported that the health department is heavily involved in disaster and emergency response, for example shelters for individuals with special needs. She said the department participates in the Cities Readiness Initiative, a Center for Disease Control (CDC) program that allows cities attacked by terrorists, to obtain medical supplies from the CDC for direct distribution to the residents through homeowners associations, churches or businesses. Ms. Isaac announced that volunteers are needed for the Medical Reserve Corps to staff shelters. For more information, contact Jocelyn Turner at 253-2037.
- G. Duval County School Board** - no report.
- H. Municipal Code Compliance** – Robert Crawford reported he personally conducted 107 inspections in the past week. Zone 6 Municipal Code Compliance officers will be working on Saturday, August 16, primarily addressing commercial vehicles parked in residential areas. Danny Connell asked residents to report violations, such as tractor-trailers parked in residential areas, to 630-CITY and to advise if the violations occur primarily at night or on weekends. The division works on Saturdays only after a number of cases are reported involving weekend violations. He accepted photos from the Beautification Subcommittee Chair, showing a bus and other vehicles parked in Member Esther Sumpter’s neighborhood, Woodmont. Mr. Connell reported that Zone 6 is fully staffed and the officers have completed 600 inspections in the past week.
- I. Planning and Development** – Paul Davis reported that he is available for questions. A guest, Gerie Leigh, expressed her concerns that the Planning and Development Department allows administrative deviations, which leave loopholes for violations. She said her house has been

dwarfed by the house next door, which was built higher than permitted. A guest, Danny Ferriera, expressed his concern that commercial billboards are creating visual blight in the city. He asked if the standards were being enforced.

J. Public Works – John Pappas provided a presentation regarding FEMA maps earlier in the meeting.

K. Housing and Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman provided a written report. Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260.

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 - o Pizza and the Pursuit of Resources
Main, August 26, 2008
 - o Grant Seeking Basics for Nonprofit Organizations
Main, September 4, 2008

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- *JaxKids* appears on Comcast Channel 29 Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.
- *You may have heard about the overwhelming need for mentors in our community. Studies show that there are currently about 45,000 children in Jacksonville who could benefit from a mentor relationship, but there are only about 3,500 volunteer mentors. While there are undoubtedly thousands of informal mentors serving in schools, neighborhoods and houses of worship throughout the city, there is still a huge need to be filled.*

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- The Jacksonville Senior Games is an Olympic style event involving more than 20 sports for men and women 50 years of age or older. This year's games will be held Sept. 22-28.
- Save water and save our river. For information on new lawn irrigation and fertilizer rules and tips on how you can help preserve our environment, read the [Irrigation](#) and [Fertilizer](#) fliers. More information is available at www.coj.net.
- To register a concern or ask a question about city services, call 630-CITY (2489).

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7. New Business: Chair Baker announced that next month, the name cards will be filed alphabetically in a folder near the sign-in sheets. He asked that members

remember to file their name cards after each meeting.

8. Public Comments:

- Member Tommy Ruffin announced Mary Thompson will serve on the nominating committee. If other members would like to serve, please contact him at 768-2295 or TRuffin@comcast.net.
 - Guest Sharon Buttner announced that her husband, Rick Buttner, is running for Circuit Court Judge. She said she has printed material available.
 - Guest Danny Ferreira expressed his concern that billboard are creating visual blight in the city. He inquired about enforcement and if the CPAC could obtain notices of new billboards. Chair Baker said this issue falls outside of the CPAC's purpose.
 - An unidentified person expressed concern over the size of address numbers on houses and businesses. Municipal Code Enforcement Officer Crawford said it is enforceable under existing city ordinances and suggested the addresses in question be called in to 630-CITY.
 - Janet Duncan, Senior Librarian at Highlands announced that the libraries want to be more involved in the community. The library offers table space for announcements and brochures.
 - Guest Gerie Leigh asked the CPAC to take a formal stand to oppose buildings that are too high. She announced that on September 5, 2008, at 10 a.m., a meeting will be held at the Florida Theater Building.
 - Member Lake Ray announced he is running for Florida House of Representatives in the August 26 election. A cookout will be held on August 23 at the Publix on Starratt Road.
 - Nathan Rezeau announced that in future CPAC meetings, he will be representing the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - Bob Harms announced that he is running for District 2 Council Member At Large. He said he has brochures available.
9. **Adjourn:** Vice Chair Bobby Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Robert Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m..

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2008 at FCCJ North Campus, C-136.

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

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