



**MEETING SUMMARY**

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 FSCJ North Campus  
 Building “C” Conference room C-136  
 4501 Capper Rd.  
 April 13, 2011 4 – 6 p.m.

<b>ORGANIZATIONS – REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
<b>in Attendance</b>	
Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	<b>ABSENT</b>
Vice Chair – Nancy Landau	Marshwinds – No representative
Charter Member – Dick Berry	Creekside Bend – Marlon Perry
Charter Member - Dot Mathias	
Charter Member – David Spruill	<b>VISITORS</b>
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	Fran Beach, Heckscher Drive Comm. Club
Betz Realty – William Baker	Flo Biggert, San Mateo
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	Bill Biggert, San Mateo
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	Natalie McKoy , UCF – Student
FL Open Beaches, Bobby Taylor	Rev. Joseph Tate, CHIV HOA
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Gerie Leigh	Scott Eldridge, UNF
Highlands – Jack Stuart	
National Park Service - Shawna Allen	<b>STAFF and OFFICIALS</b>
San Mateo – Roland Biederer	Mayor’s Liaison/Duval Extension Office – Mike Sweat
ShAdCo Q – Jennelle Bray	Council Member District 11 - Ray Holt
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	Duval Co. Schools – Becki Couch
	Duval Co. Schools – Jacqueline Byrd
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Florida Dept. Transportation – Richard Prindiville
BRC Florida Holdings – Hiron Peck	Florida Dept. Health – Max Wilson
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	Florida Dept. Health – Jocelyn Turner
Duval Council of PTAs/PTA – Vicki Drake	Housing and Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman
Garden City – James Breland	Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis
Johnson Comm. Civic – James Shronce	Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey
Lydia Estates – Robert Lee	Planning & Development – Amy Hays Holliman
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed	Recreation and Community – Brian Burket
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	
Northlake – Mattie Nunn	
Northside Business Leaders – Nancy Burnett	

- The meeting was called to order** at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Mike Getchell. Chair Getchell reminded everyone to sign in and place cell phones in silent mode.
- A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
- Presentation** – *Sexually Transmitted Diseased (STDs) in Jacksonville*, presented by Dr. Max Wilson, Duval County Health Department (DCHD). North Jacksonville has reached an epidemic proportion of STDs. Jacksonville is in the top 25 percent of

rates of infection, with 7,800 – 7,900 reported cases of STDs each year. Among heterosexuals, Jacksonville ranks 2 in the state for cities this size or larger. STDs include Chlamydia, HIV/Aids, Gonorrhea, Trichomoniasis, Syphilis and others. Concerns were expressed about the manner in which the press identified a specific North Jacksonville neighborhood as having a high number of girls who have sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). It is a small area with only a few girls - identifying the neighborhood and the number of girls basically identified specific girls, re-victimizing them. Dr. Wilson explained the press was responsible for the manner in which the statistics were reported. Here and nationwide, females are infected about twice the rate of males. Males tend to have fewer infections due to physical differences, placing a disproportional burden on females. Females are diagnosed and treated more frequently than males. In females, symptoms occur within 6-8 weeks of exposure. In males, symptoms take longer to appear and males do not seek medical care, resulting in females treated then re-infected. The epidemic cannot be resolved until males are treated. A concern was expressed about the need for community education - DCHD only goes to schools when invited. The suggestion was made that students in Duval Schools should be required to have STD education in school. Dr. Wilson explained that the DCHD follows guidelines for education: ABC - Abstinence, Be Monogamous or Condoms. DHCD does not have the staff resources to speak to groups. The DCHD requested a letter of support from the CPAC and CPAC members join a community advisory board to provide public input into how to resolve the issue. One option is resituating outreach clinics which provide education, counseling, testing and treatment for people with or exposed to a std. Currently, the nearest clinic is the Agape Community Health Center, 1760 W. Edgewood Ave. (904) 253-1030. Members suggested DCHD work with UNF Brooks College of Health and prepare public service announcements (PSAs). For more information, please visit DCHD.net. For information or testing call (904) 253-1040.

4. **Summary** of the previous meeting was approved.
5. **Old Business** – none.
6. **Chair's Report:** A CPAC member made a direct request to FSCJ to change the room arrangement. The CPAC is at FSCJ as their guest. This is FSCJ's room and although it is not set up the way the CPAC is used to, this is the room arrangement that works for FSCJ and they accommodate the CPAC meetings. Rearranging the furniture each month before and after the meeting is labor-intensive for FSCJ. Meeting space is a premium throughout the city, and locating meeting space for CPACs has sometimes been a problem and other CPACs have been bumped from their reserved spaces, with very short-term notice. The CPAC is fortunate to have consistently had the same room. Chair Getchell respectfully asked that any requests for room changes be made through the Chair or through Mary Beth Ridderman.
7. **Staff Reports**
  - A. **JSO** – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis reported:
    - Overall, crime in Zone 6 is down 9.35 percent. He thanked ShAdCo, Neighborhood Watch and other groups for their assistance.
    - Summer is coming and kids will be out of school – this generates crime.
    - One problem is that residents continue to leave garage doors open when they are at home or away.
    - A recent scam involved the elderly and individuals posing as JEA employees, asking for payment to prevent disconnection.
    - For more information about JSO, please contact 696-4335. For non-emergencies, please dial 630-0500.
  - B. **Mayor's Representative** – Mike Sweat announced

- The Mayor's Office is working on the budget. They must present a balanced budget by early May.
  - The Extension Office has a volunteer recognition program, in its 26<sup>th</sup> year. Over 1100 volunteers donate 4500 days of time each year as master gardeners, master naturalists and food volunteers.
  - He asked that residents support the 4-H programs.
  - The EPA funds \$25,000 per year contributing savings of \$190,000 year in stormwater fees. The money is used for classes, displays and speakers.
  - The Rain Barrel workshop is Saturday, April 16.
  - The 4-H is sponsoring eight day-camps
  - A canning workshop is being held today – the class is full.
  - Jacksonville has 23 community gardens.
  - 4-H has 27 clubs with approximately 1100 kids involved.
  - For a complete list of classes and programs, please visit <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu>.
  - Mr. Sweat may be reached at 387-8850.
- C. City Council Member's Reports** – Council Member Ray Holt reported:
- He was re-elected for the next four years and expressed his appreciation for the CPAC members' support.
  - The run-off election is May 17. He encouraged everyone to vote.
  - He would appreciate updates on HOA contact information.
  - He voted to oppose the road closure in front of the court house.
  - A bill is being introduced to close Heritage River Road to Pine Island. A discussion was held on this subject.
  - The sign ordinance was discussed. The issue was raised regarding a billboard sign visible from 9-A, but constructed on a Main Street address.
  - A member asked if CM Holt will consider a broader and more public meeting regarding the Carlucci Boat Ramp.
- D. Duval County School Board** – no representative/no report.
- E. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Richard Prindiville reported that Thomas Hill was unable to attend the meeting:
- FDOT Traffic Operations is aware of the request for an intersection ahead sign on Heckscher Drive at Pine Bluff Road and FDOT representatives will let the group know when a decision is made concerning the signage.
  - A concern was expressed regarding a safety issue at 9-A Southbound exit ramp and Heckscher Drive – concrete barricades completely block visibility.
  - The FDOT website has additional information <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/constmap.shtm>
- F. Municipal Code Compliance** – Bruce Chauncey was available for questions.
- His departments handles over 120,000 calls/reports each year.
  - Carport extensions must be permitted. They are required to be at least 20 feet behind the property line. Existing ones usually obtain an administrative deviation to keep them.
  - Signs may be placed at least 10 feet from the front and 5 feet from the side property lines.
  - A resident commended Solid Waste for prompt removal of candidate's signs, following the last election.
  - Please report suspected code violations to 630-CITY (630-2489).
- G. Planning and Development** – Amy Hays reported:

- Mayor Peyton visited the Planning and Development Department and announced that most of the department is revenue-producing. Her department is planning a reduction in staff. The new COJ/Department website is officially open and looks beautiful.
- The COJ/Department website has been redesigned and is up.
- She visited Betz-Tiger Point and it looks beautiful.
- Amy may be contacted at 255-7853 or [ahays@coj.net](mailto:ahays@coj.net)

**H. Recreation and Community** – Brian Burket reported:

- Palms Fish Camp – no changes.
- Betz Tiger Point – officially opened, delayed by vandalism. Future development will be completed as funding is available. The park is open from sunrise to sunset. It overlooks the marsh. Restrooms are available. When you visit, be prepared with insect repellent for yellow flies and mosquitoes.
- Bids are being graded for the First Coast Pool.
- Free movies in the park are offered at the Treaty Oak park.
- A butterfly festival is planned at Nature Hill Center on April 30.
- A resident commended the department for doing an outstanding job, even with budget constraints.
- For information about park activities or aquatics programs, visit [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com) or call 630-3690.

**I. Housing and Neighborhoods** – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:

- The Neighborhood Initiatives Team partnered with Becker and Poliakoff, attorneys, to train 47 residents at an HOA training and 53 at a Condominium Board Certification training. Both trainings were free to residents. Training and refreshments were provided by Becker and Poliakoff at no cost to the COJ.
- How to Run Effective Meetings/Roberts Rules of Order will be offered on May 26, 6 p.m. , at 214 North Hogan Street, Room 110. The department is partnering with Jacksonville Legal Aid to provide this training at no cost to residents.
- Mayor John Peyton visited the Housing and Neighborhoods Department on April 25. Following his visit, Human Resources staff discussed a Reduction in Force (RIF).
- The next budget meeting is on April 9, 9 a.m. at the Cecil Recreation Center. Residents were encouraged to participate in the budget process. This is a good opportunity to tour the area at Cecil, see the Equestrian Center, Equestrian Trails, Recreation Center, FSCJ Cecil North and the changes at the Cecil Commerce Center.
- Ms. Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).

**8. Subcommittee Reports:**

**A. Governmental Affairs:** The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair, Nancy Landau, led this portion of the CPAC meeting.

**The CPAC discussed and/or voted on the following:**

Approve	<b>2011-0220</b>	ORD Adopt Semi-Annual Amend to FLUM of 2030 Comp Plan – 8517 Cedar Point Rd (54.52± Acres) AGR(iv) to ROS – City of Jax. (Dist 11-Holt) (Reingold) (LUZ) (Rezoning 2011-221) LUZ PH – 4/19/11 Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3184, F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code – 4/12/11 & 4/26/11
Approve	<b>2011-0221</b>	ORD-Q Rezoning 8517 Cedar Point Rd (54.52± Acres) – PUD & AGR to ROS – City of Jax. (Dist 11-Holt) (Reingold) (LUZ) (Semi-Annual 2011-220) LUZ PH – 4/19/11 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 4/12/11 & 4/26/11
Oppose	<b>2011-0164</b>	ORD re Duval County Courthouse Facilities Proj, Providing for Closing & Abandonment of W. Monroe St bet Broad & Pearl Sts. (Germany) (Req of Mayor) TEU PH per Sec 336.10, F.S – 4/18/11 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 3/24/11
Approve	<b>2011-0165</b>	ORD-MC Amend Ord Code Subsec (B) of Secs 120.202 (Membership) of Gen

		Employees Retirement Plan & 120.302 (Membership) of Corrections Officers Retirement Plan re Ability for an Elected Official to Collect Salary & a Pension Simultaneously from City; Amend Subsecs (A), (B), (C) & (D) of Sec 120.206 (Time Svc Retirement Benefit; COLAs) to Increase Retirement Age to 65 for Gen Employees Hired On or After 6/1/11 or Hired Before 6/1/11 but not Eligible to Retire Before 6/1/11, with a Reduced Benefit for Early Retirement under Certain Conditions Prior to Age 65, Subject to State & Fed Laws, Including Collective Bargaining & Pension Laws; Amend Subsecs (C) & (D) of Sec 120.209 (Vesting, Termination, Reemployment) to Prohibit Reemployment by City under Gen Employees Retirement Plan in any Position not Cover by Plan other than Poll Workers; Waive Subsec 120.211(A) to Extent Benefits are Reduced. (Germany) (Introduced by C/M Bishop) Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 3/24/11
Oppose	<b>2011-0188</b>	ORD Approp \$1,500,000 from PW Public Bldgs Capital Projs – Upgrades/Maint Repairs, BF – Other Constrn to First Coast Soccer Assn, Inc to assist Funding Constrn of New Soccer Fields AT Patton Park at 2850 Hodges Blvd; Invoking Exception of 126.107(g), Ord Code, to Award Oversight & Mgmt of Soccer Fields Operation & the Funding Contract for Constrn of New Fields to said Assn; Auth License Agreement with said Assn; Designate Oversight by Rec & Community Svc Dept. (Sidman) (Introduced by C/M Clark) Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 – 4/12/11

The next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled for Mar. 3, at 4 p.m., Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.

**B. Membership:** Harry Wagner's absence was excused.

**C. Transportation:** Dick Berry announced:

- Tests are being conducted on a truck that gets 100 mpg in gas.
- The Highway Trust Fund was used to balance the State budget.
- In Jacksonville, 18 projects listed in the Better Jacksonville Plan have no funding so will remain undone.
- He and Mr. Peck attend the ShAdCo meeting.

**D. Taxation Revenue Expenditures (TRUE) Commission:** Hiron Peck's absence was excused.

**E. North Vision Plan:** Subcommittee Chair Bobby Taylor announced that the group met in C-115 – Mary Beth had made the arrangements and prepared the notice. At first, they did not have a quorum. Their perceptions of the Vision Plan were discussed and they will look at the current Vision Plan. About one third of the plan is no longer functional. The focus is currently on Industrial. The Chair asked Amy Hays Holliman to obtain copies for those who request them. The next Northside Business Leaders Meeting is May 10 at 6 p.m. The subcommittee discussed changing the meeting time and location – information will be provided via e-mail notice.

**9. New Business:** none.

**10. Public Comments:**

- Geri Leigh announced the road to Ft. George Island will be straightened out and residents are not happy about that. The road is part of the ambience of the Kingsley Plantation. She feels it is defacing an historical site. She hopes the government will identify part of the road that are too narrow, then trim the shrubbery and keep the oak canopy.

**11. Adjourn:** A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is 4 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2011 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136.

**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.

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