

# District 4 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Bruce Tyson  
Vice Chair: Len Burroughs

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville Kent Campus  
3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Room E-112F  
June 10, 2013

### Attendance

#### **Members:**

Chair - Bruce Tyson  
Vice Chair – Len Burroughs  
Charter Member – Don Ingram  
Confederate Point Civic – James Nolting  
Council District 10 – Kathy Budd  
Gleaners Dispatch - Jim Kelly  
Hyde Grove Terrace – Shirley Lowry  
Springtree Village – Dewey Walker  
Timuquana Manor N. – Alice Turknett  
Watermill Master – Thomas Martin

#### **Excused:**

Charter Member - Charles Mann  
Armstrong & Bosh Insurance – Opal Burgstiner  
Cedar Hills Estates - Johnny Carter  
Crystal Springs – Marilyn Lehman  
FSCJ Cecil North - Paul McNamara  
Hearing Loss Association – Judy Martin  
The Village Salon – Steve Shaffer  
Westside Business Leaders – Jane Miller  
West Jax Civic – Richard Dill  
Westside Area Residents – Charles Kelley

#### **Alternates Also In Attendance:**

Hyde Grove Terrace – Peggy Meyers  
Timuquana Manor N. – Polly Walker

#### **Elected Officials:**

None present

#### **Staff:**

City of Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - Lt. Jesse York  
City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman  
City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance – Maria Buchwalter  
City of Jacksonville Planning & Development - Andy Hetzel  
City of Jacksonville Public Works – John Pappas (Presenter)  
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Doreen Joyner-Howard

#### **Guests:**

Hipps Group - Lara Hipps  
Hyde Grove Terrace – Darrell Barrow  
Hyde Grove Terrace – Linda Barrow  
Murray Hill Theatre - Tony Nasrallah  
Gina Bradley  
Ray Morkin

### **Call to Order/Verify Quorum**

1. Chair Bruce Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Chair Tyson welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Council Member Carter. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary**

A motion to approve the May summary was made by Dewey Walker and seconded by Tom Martin. The vote: all in favor.

3. **Presentation**

- John Pappas, with COJ Public Works, presented an update on the Better Jacksonville Plan. The Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP) was created on Sept. 9, 2000 by Ordinance 2000-572E. BJP was funded by a ½ cent sales tax with a 30 year limit, estimated to be \$55 million annually with a total of \$2.25 billion and

included monies from other programs. BJP is managed by Public Works, JEA, JTA in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation. Mr. Pappas provided a list of BJP projects, completed and 17 incomplete. \$153.32 million is needed to finish the projects.

- A discussion was held regarding the Hammond/I-10 interchange and the I-10/Cahoon Road interchange. FDOT will provide 100% funding for the Hammond and Ramona project. The Cahoon Road project has been a lengthy project due to the volume of traffic on Cahoon Road.
- Residents expressed concerns about the need to widen roads and add sidewalks on Old Middleburg Road (BJP project) and Shindler Road. Improvements are needed before FDOT makes Branan Field Chaffee a toll road and traffic increases. These roads are already very heavily traveled roads and traffic is anticipated to increase. Residents sometimes wait 20-30 minutes to leave their driveways. Pedestrians and bicyclists must be in traffic lanes and roads are dark, creating a serious safety hazard.
- Paving in Bent Creek Subdivision is in bad condition, the surface is breaking up. A brief discussion was held regarding the new signal light at Bent Creek. The light's timing is an issue. The resident was asked to report the paving issue and the signal light timing issue to CARE (630-2489).
- Residents in Hyde Grove Creekside need cost, date and other information about state-mandated sewer hook-ups.
- Mr. Pappas may be reached at [pappas@coj.net](mailto:pappas@coj.net).

#### 4. Staff Reports

##### • Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Lt. York reported:

- JSO has reinstated Operation Heat Shield because crime incidents rise in the summer. JSO pooled Zones 4, 5 and 6 resources, funding and manpower to look at hot spots of crime, using crime analysis to proactively address problems before they increase and to deploy forces into geographical areas that have the highest need. The day group consists of problem-solvers using techniques such as contacting area businesses and providing training on CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design). The second group focuses on zero tolerance, field investigation reports and arrests. Lieutenants' Walks will be held. Crime in Zone 5 significantly decreased during Operation Safe Streets. Now all three zones are combining forces.
- JSO officers will be deployed to parks in Zones 4, 5 and 6 for Summer Night Lights. Officers will get to know kids and parents. The goal is to avoid criminal activity and prevent victimization.
- Be cautious during summer driving. Kids are out riding bikes, walking and skate-boarding.
- Auto burglary is up because residents do not lock their vehicles.
- A question and answer session was held.
  - Individuals or non-profits soliciting donations or selling items, such as newspapers, must have a license.
  - Call 911 if you see something that needs immediate attention, including hazardous objects in traffic lanes.
- If residents observe suspicious activities, please call 630-0500. If a crime is in progress, dial 911.

##### • Mayor's Liaison – Housing and Community Development Division Chief Elaine Spencer introduced herself as the new liaison. She said Mayor Brown strongly supports the CPACs. She would like to be a good Mayor's Liaison and she asked for residents' input about their needs and expectations. Chair Tyson welcomed Ms. Spencer. Members and guests applauded.

##### • Duval County Public Schools – The Honorable Becki Couch may be contacted at [couchr@duvalschools.org](mailto:couchr@duvalschools.org) or 390-2373.

##### • Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Doreen Joyner-Howard reported in behalf of the North Florida Transportation Organization:

- A project is beginning at Blanding and Cassat.
- A pedestrian safety project consisting of crosswalk enhancements and signals will begin at Edgewood and Ionia Street (NW District).
- The new road program will be adopted in July 2013.
- Please check FDOT's website for information about projects, to give compliments or express concerns: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/> or call 360-5400 or 367-5681.

##### • Neighborhoods –

- Housing and Community Development Division - Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
  - July 16 – Homeowner/Condo/Townhome Associations. Possible changes in Neighborhood Watch liability issues will be discussed by South Milhausen attorneys who are conducting the training free of charge. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. For more information, contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).
- Municipal Code Compliance Division – Maria Buchwalter reported:
  - Zone 4 has 685 total active cases: Nuisance 362; Residential 185; Junk Vehicle 22; Litter signs 18; Un-Safe Structures 60; Nuisance Board-ups 13; Commercial 5; Zoning commercial 6; Zoning residential 11; Zoning Land Use 3.

- A discussion was held regarding the numbers of vehicles allowed at one address (vehicles may not block the sidewalk); the number of people allowed to live in one home; running a business from a home and car covers.
  - Ms. Buchwalter was thanked for her help in getting litter cleaned up at Old Middleburg Road and Fouraker Road.
  - Please call 630-2489 if you have concerns about properties in your area.
- **Planning & Development** – Andy Hetzel provided an oral report, mentioning the following items:
- St. Johns Village at Herschel – residents requested a two-cycle deferral. St. Johns Village is proposed to have 350 residential units, garage spaces and retail space.
  - Metro Diner requested outdoor seating.
  - Administrative deviation filed for 7249 Hyde Grove Avenue.
  - 2013-392 (Losco Road) requested rezoning.
  - PUD application at Collins and Shindler
  - Application for filling station at Collins and Grayfield.
  - Gatlin and Collins – up to 5000 square feet retail on 30 acres. Companion bill is a land use amendment.
  - Contact Mr. Hetzel at [ahetzel@coj.net](mailto:ahetzel@coj.net) or 255-7821.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Brian Burket's absence is excused.
- **Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)** – Lara Hipps reported:
- A survey was emailed to bus tour participants. Please provide feedback. The deadline is Friday, June 14. The committee will meet to evaluate the survey results.
  - Cecil Advisory Committee Meeting – Sept. 16.
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)** – Mr. McNamara's absence is excused.
- 5. Chair's Report** – Chair Bruce Tyson waived his report in the interest of time.
- 6. Elected Officials Reports** – No representatives.
- 7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
- LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs – No report. A volunteer is needed.
  - Beautification/Parks/Environment – Mr. Carter's absence is excused.
  - Membership – no report. A volunteer is needed.
- **Transportation** – Thomas Martin provided an oral report and written report. The written report will be scanned and attached to the permanent record. Recent TPO documents did not have information about the St. Johns River Ferry.
- Education – Mr. Mann's absence was excused.
  - Sherriff's Advisory Committee (ShAdCo) – Ms. Turknett reported:
    - July 16 – joint meeting of ShAdCo Sectors J, K and L at the Ortega Methodist Church, Hwy 17 South.
    - All ShAdCo members were invited to participate in a special dedication ceremony to honor the name of Curtis Johnson. Mr. Johnson served as 1999 SW CPAC Vice Chair. He was the President of the Sweetwater Neighborhood Association. He was responsible for getting the field and stadium built at Mary Lena Gibbs. Mrs. Johnson was presented the plaque. Council Members Reggie Brown and Kimberly Daniels were present for the ceremony.
    - The following are ShAdCo meeting dates:
      - ShAdCo Sector J meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ortega United Methodist Church. Visitors and new members are welcome.
      - ShAdCo Sector K meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lane Wiley Center. Visitors and new members are welcome.
      - ShAdCo Sector L meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Cecil Recreation Center – Aquatic Center. Visitors and new members are welcome.
  - Safety – Chair Tyson deferred to JSO's report.
  - Cecil Area – Chair Tyson reported:
    - June 24 – ribbon cutting at KCI/groundbreaking for Flightstar hangar. Contact Lara Hipps or Alberta Hipps if you plan to attend.
    - Cecil Advisory Committee met Monday, June 3. Members were presented information about Cecil's growth, the Space Port, new runway and a new road from 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. Every hangar at Cecil is pre-leased before it is built.
    - When NAS begins construction, all aircraft will be deployed to Cecil.
    - Training units from Pensacola are practicing touch and go operations.
    - More fuel is sold at Cecil than the amount of fuel used when the Navy was here. It is a very busy airport.
    - Cecil North and South currently employ as many employees as before the Navy base closed.
    - Negotiations are underway for a tenant that is interested in a 400,000 square foot facility.
    - A question was raised about the location of the proposed Memorial Hospital. No information is available at this time. Building begins in 2014.
  - Economic Development – Jim Kelly provided a written report which was distributed at the meeting and attached to the permanent record.
    - See the list of new area restaurants.
    - A Mexican restaurant is replacing Trent's on 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.

- Education – Chuck Mann's absence is excused.
  - TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Tom Martin reported the TRUE Commission meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. His term is ending in June. A volunteer is needed.
- 8. Unfinished Business –**
- Vice Chair Len Burroughs announced Dee Mann's surgery was successful. She is recovering at home.
- 9. New Business –**
- Len Burroughs announced Murray Hill Preservation Association is hosting an Antiques Road Show on June 27, 7 p.m. at the Murray Hill Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.
- 10. Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)**
- Kathy Budd expressed disappointment that no Council Members attended the CPAC meeting. A brief discussion was held.
  - Kathy Budd introduced the topic of a proposed Super Wal-Mart at the Collins/I-295 interchange. She had expected a different major store at that location.
- 11. Motion to Adjourn –** Dewey Walker made a motion to adjourn. Kathy Budd seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

## **No July Meeting**

**NEXT MEETING: August 12, 2013 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus  
3939 Roosevelt Blvd, Room E-112F

Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman, Neighborhood Coordinator

Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee  
7 p.m. FSCJ Kent Campus  
June 10, 2013 - monthly meeting  
Economic Development sub-committee Report  
Chair: James E. Kelly

### **Companies That Owe Employees a Raise**

Posted: May 6, 2013 at 3:13 pm

While CEOs of companies with the strongest financial results are usually paid hundreds of millions of dollars, rank and file employees at these corporations are often less fortunate. Only a small number of the best performing companies give raises or bonuses to most employees that are tied to earnings. Why shouldn't these companies spread the wealth?

Several of the American most successful companies have large numbers of low-paid employees. These people work in retail stores, call centers, or clean hotel rooms. Some do not make a great deal more than the minimum wage. However, their work is critical to the daily success of their companies. Despite their modest pay, they are often the face of their corporations. The senior management at companies like McDonald's and AT&T do not deal with customers — the clerks and restaurant staffs do.

Read more: Companies That Owe Employees a Raise - 24/7 Wall St.

<http://247wallst.com/2013/05/06/companies-that-owe-employees-a-raise/#ixzz2TyXJ9ehh>

### **Companies That Owe Employees a Raise**

May 6, 2013 by Douglas A. McIntyre and Samuel Weigley

#### **KFC Restaurant**

Source: courtesy of KFC

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#### **1. Comcast:**

- > 1-yr. stock price change: 44.45%
- > 5-yr. stock price change: 93.63%
- > Employees: 129,000
- > CEO pay: \$29,124,014

Comcast is the largest cable company in the U.S. In fiscal 2012, Comcast's net income was \$6.2 billion, a nearly 50% increase from the previous year. In the past 12

months, the company's stock rose by roughly 44%. In what many consider to be a smart move, the company diversified its operations by buying control of NBCUniversal two years ago. Earlier this year, it paid GE \$16.7 billion for the remaining 49% ownership position. NBCUniversal operates the cable and broadcast television business, and the studio businesses dominated by Universal Pictures. Comcast customer care and direct sales jobs often pay modestly. The average salary for a Customer Account Executive at Comcast was just \$13.39 an hour, according to Glassdoor.

#### **2. Walt Disney**

- > 1-yr. stock price change: 50.94%
- > 5-yr. stock price change: 93.49%
- > Employees: 166,000
- > CEO pay: \$40,227,848

Walt Disney founded the company in 1923 as The Disney Brothers Studio. The company has since expanded to include Walt Disney studios, Disney consumer products, a network television business, which includes ABC and a majority interest in ESPN and the company's interactive division. Disney is widely regarded for its employee customer training. The company even has an operation called the Disney Institute, which trains management and workers from other companies. According to the company, BusinessWeek's Best Internships survey ranked Disney #11 on internship opportunities for undergraduates. Disney reported revenue of \$42.3 billion in the most recent fiscal year, up 3% from the prior year, and net income was \$5.7 billion, up 18%. The improvements were mostly driven by success from its parks and resorts division, which started with the founding of Disneyland in 1955 and employs a number of low-paid workers, including the theme parks cast members.

#### **3. McDonald's**

- > 1-yr. stock price change: 6.91%
- > 5-yr. stock price change: 68.15%
- > Employees: 440,000
- > CEO pay: \$13,751,919

The fast-food industry, led by McDonald's, fared better than nearly any other industry during the economic downturn. Yet the situation for most of the fast-food giant's employees hasn't improved. The company is still paying its front-line workers minimum wage or very close to it. According to *Glassdoor*, the average pay of a cashier was a mere \$7.69 an hour. Yet with payroll one of the company's major expenses, investors are concerned about a possible minimum wage increase. The day after President Barack Obama announced a plan to raise the minimum wage to \$9 an hour, McDonald's share price tumbled. On the other hand, the low wages could be hurting company's morale. Recently, company executives notified franchisees that more than anything, customers complained about "rude and unprofessional employees." Still, McDonald's hasn't announced any plans to pass some of its billions of dollars in profits to employees. Instead, in late 2012, the company said it would return \$5.5 billion to shareholders by the end of the year through both an

increased dividend and share repurchases. The company has raised its dividend every year since 1976.

#### 4. AT&T

- > 1-yr. stock price change: 13.45%
- > 5-yr. stock price change: -7.10%
- > Employees: 241,800
- > CEO pay: \$22,234,703

AT&T had a net profit of \$7.3 billion in 2012 on revenue of \$127.4 billion. This is an improvement from the \$3.9 billion profit on revenue of \$126.7 billion in 2011. The company's CEO, Randall Stephenson, received more than \$20 million per year between 2010 and 2012. In late November, the company stated that it would continue to phase-out its landline telephone service by spending \$14 billion over the next three years to extend its broadband-based service to 75% of its landline customers. This will likely result in more job cuts in the landline business, which has already suffered from reduction in headcount in recent years. But these reductions have, in the opinions of many, hurt customer service. According to Glassdoor, the customer service representatives and retail associates are getting the worst pay, with some making as a low as \$10 an hour.

#### 5. Yum! Brands

- > 1-yr. stock price change: -3.95%
- > 5-yr. stock price change: 68.74%
- > Employees: 523,000
- > CEO pay: \$14,168,355

Yum! Brands — which includes fast food chains KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell — is another company that is well known for paying a large portion of its workers either minimum wage or just slightly over that. For example, a crew member at Taco Bell makes an average of just \$7.76 an hour, according to Glassdoor. Meanwhile, the company's chairman and CEO, David Novak, received more than \$14 million in 2010 and 2012, as well as more than \$20 million in 2011. Though restaurant workers at Yum! Brands chains are not unionized, they have gone on strike in recent months, seeking higher pay. Meanwhile, Yum's stock price has soared almost 70% in the past five years as both revenue and earnings have increased solidly in recent years.

#### 6. DirecTV

- > 1-yr. stock price change: 15.29%
- > 5-yr. stock price change: 123.89%
- > Employees: 27,200
- > CEO pay: \$18,043,266

DirecTV has performed very well in recent years, providing handsome rewards to shareholders. In the past five years, the company's stock price has risen nearly 124%, compared to a roughly 15% increase in the S&P 500 during that time. Like the other companies on this list, DirecTV's CEO is paid very well, taking home more than \$18 million in 2012. But like other cable providers, its call-center workers and technicians are generally paid relatively low wages. According to the American Customer Service Index, DirecTV provided slightly better customer service than many of its competitors. However, DirecTV's reputation took a hit last year when it lost the rights to broadcast certain

cable channels because of a dispute with Viacom over licensing fees. The blackout ended within weeks when an agreement between the two companies was reached.

#### 7. Public Storage

- > 1-yr. stock price change: 18.57%
- > 5-yr. stock price change: 80.87%
- > Employees: 5,000
- > CEO pay: \$15,339,125

Public Storage operates more than 142 million square feet of rentable self-storage space across the world. The business has been exceptionally profitable in recent years, with a net profit margin of 50%, third-highest of any company on the S&P 500. The company reported a net profit of more than \$939 million on revenue of more than \$1.8 billion in 2012. Public storage has also provided stellar returns to investors over the last five years, at nearly 81% versus 16% for the S&P 500. But the company's 5,000 employees have not been as lucky as its investors and managers — including CEO Ronald Havner, Jr., who took home over \$15 million last year. A large number of the company's currently open positions in retail sales pay roughly \$9 to \$10 dollars an hour.

#### 8. Time Warner Cable

- > 1-yr. stock price change: 22.03%
- > 5-yr. stock price change: 8.83%
- > Employees: 50,250
- > CEO pay: \$17,352,728

In the last year, Time Warner Cable's stock price has risen by roughly 22%, better than the 18% rise in the S&P 500 during that time. The CEO has been compensated quite well during the same time, receiving more than \$17 million in 2010 and 2012, and more than \$16 million in 2011. But customer service positions and field technicians tend to receive average wages of between \$12 to \$15 an hour. The company does have its shortcomings. Unlike DirecTV and AT&T, Time Warner Cable actually scored worse on the American Customer Satisfaction Index.

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JBJ: May 22, 2013, 3:11pm EDT

Jacksonville economy among 50 strongest in U.S.

Michael Clinton

The Jacksonville economy continues to slowly make its way up the list of the strongest in the nation — cracking the top 50 in the May version of the On Numbers Economic Index.

Jacksonville's economy ranked No. 45 on the May index — up from No. 54 last month. It ranked as low as No. 98 in February.

Of the big cities in Florida, only Tampa ranked higher than Jacksonville. Here's how the other big cities in Florida ranked (with their previous position in parenthesis):

- No. 31 Tampa (38)
- No. 59 Miami (68)
- No. 74 Orlando (61)

The index is calculated once a month, based on the latest official statistics for all U.S. metropolitan areas with estimated populations above 500,000. The index is designed to show the relative economic strength of those 102 major metros.

The index is generated by an 18-part formula that assesses private-sector job growth, unemployment, earnings, housing-price appreciation and construction and retail activity. Read the detailed methodology here.

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Paramedics and emergency technicians among 'hot' growth jobs

By Marcia Heroux Pounds, Staff writer  
10:48 a.m. EDT, May 28, 2013

A ride-along with fire-rescue as a student convinced Al Ugalde he was on the right career path.

"A little girl was not breathing. We transported her to the hospital. I was using a mask with a bag, and each squeeze of the bag was a breath for her. That little girl changed my life, to have such an impact on someone's life," said Ugalde, who later became a paramedic-firefighter.

Ugalde went to Palm Beach State College to take paramedic training, and then firefighter school. Those are decisions he does not regret.

"I fell in love with it," said Ugalde, 42.

With many paramedic-firefighters in their 50s and nearing retirement, there are likely to be more job opportunities for both emergency medical technicians and paramedics in the near future, local schools and fire-rescue services say.

Micro-businesses booming in U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 30, 2013 7:30am

- More than 380,000 non-employer businesses added to the economy
- "Approximately 75 percent of all U.S. business locations are non-employer businesses"

There are small businesses and then there are the really small businesses – those that have no employees. And those are booming, at least in number.

The number of businesses without paid employees in the U.S. rose 1.7 percent to 22.5 million in 2011, according to a new report released Thursday from the U.S. Census Bureau. This marks the second straight increase in non-employer businesses, with all but two states (Louisiana and New Hampshire) posting gains from 2010 to 2011.

U.S. businesses without paid employees cover 450 industries and have annual business receipts of \$1,000 or more (\$1 or more in the construction industries) and are subject to federal income taxes.

"Approximately 75 percent of all U.S. business locations are non-employer businesses," says William Bostic Jr., associate director for economic programs at the U.S. Census Bureau. "These statistics provide the only source of information on the total number of establishments and receipts at the local level for this important component of our nation's economy."

This release covers 19.4 million sole proprietorships, 1.4 million corporations and 1.6 million partnerships, which together make up the total number of non-employer businesses.

At the state level, California has the largest increase in the number of non-employer businesses, with 72,605 added in 2011. The states with the next highest increases in the number of businesses were Texas (41,148), **Florida (31,485)** and New York (21,119).

Among the 50 counties with the largest number of non-employer businesses, Los Angeles County added the most with 28,651. Other large increases were in Cook County, Ill. (11,705), Maricopa County, Ariz. (10,038) and Kings County, N.Y. (Brooklyn) with 8,455.

California also had the largest dollar increase in non-employer receipts, adding \$5.5 billion for a state total of \$143.8 billion in 2011.

Among industry sectors, services that comprise the "other services" (except public administration) sector gained the largest number of establishments, adding 159,163 in 2011, an increase of 4.7 percent. Types of services that fall within this sector include automotive repair and maintenance, barbershops, beauty salons, laundries and dry cleaners.

The number of non-employer businesses declined in only two sectors. The construction sector lost 36,262 establishments (1.5 percent), while the finance and insurance sector lost 3,088 establishments (0.4 percent).

Tuesday, June 4, 9:23 AM EDT

Compiled by Karen Brune Mathis

**Marco's Pizza** OK'd along Blanding Boulevard

The City approved a permit for Construct Group S.E. Inc. to make tenant improvements for Marco's Pizza at **5324 Blanding Blvd., No. 11**, at a project cost of \$89,757. The restaurant, in West Jacksonville at Blanding Boulevard and 103rd Street, will be about 1,700 square feet.

The chain has one area store open at **8415 Cheswick Oak Blvd.** in the Argyle area in Southwest Jacksonville. In December, Marco's Pizza area franchise owner Kirk Luchman, a former basketball player with the Jacksonville Barracudas, told the Daily Record he wanted to open 34 stores over the subsequent five-10 years in North Florida and South Georgia.

Luchman said in December that each store represents an average \$240,000-\$250,000 investment and each averages 15 employees. At the low end of those figures, 34 stores represent a \$8.1 million investment and 510 employees.

The investment cost includes equipment, leasehold improvements, franchise fees, licensing, permits, construction, architectural plans, startup inventory and marketing costs and other fees, he said.

The Marco's model is takeout and delivery and the stores range from 1,200 to 1,800 square feet in size.

They can seat 10-20 per store, Luchman said.

The menu and more information can be found at [marcospizza.com](http://marcospizza.com). The menu features pizzas, subs, salads and wings, among other items.

Marco's Pizza was founded in 1978 and is based in Toledo, Ohio.

**Sunday Business Notebook: Another Wal-Mart, a growing auto dealership and a handful of luxury homes**

By Roger Bull Sat, Jun 8, 2013 @ 4:59 pm | updated Sat, Jun 8, 2013 @ 5:33 pm

There appear to be plans to bring a Wal-Mart Supercenter to Collins Road and Interstate 295. Gatlin Development lists the project on its website, but isn't talking about it.

Gatlin owns many of the shopping centers around the country where Wal-Mart stores are located, including all four where Wal-Mart Neighborhood Markets are opening in Northeast Florida.

Among the projects listed on its website is one on 45 acres of vacant land in the northwest quadrant of Collins Road and I-295 interchange.


In addition to the 155,000-square-foot Wal-Mart at the site, Gatlin's plans also list our other retail spaces, a gas station, a restaurant and a fast food restaurant. The company did not return phone calls or emails to talk about the plans. It does not own the land yet, according to city property records.

**Woody's BBQ now open**

Woody's Bar B Q  
8540 Argyle Forest Blvd.  
Jacksonville (904) 772-7675  
(In shopping center to left of Winn-Dixie)

Area being surveyed for Shopping Center on AFB Next to Publix Shopping Center at Oakleaf Village Center called Phase II.

**VILLAGE CENTER  
AT  
OAKLEAF PLANTATION**  
PHASE TWO  
AVAILABLE TO TRACTS  
MAY BE SEPARATED OR COMBINED  
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**Sunday Notebook: New charter school being built on 103rd Street**

February 24, 2013 - 10:02am

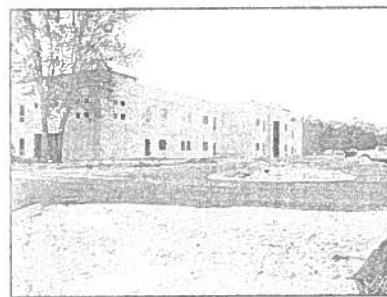
View this story on the All-Access Members site

By Roger Bull

An \$11 million charter school is being built at 9238 103rd St. The business arrangement for Duval Charter School at Westside works like this:

Red Apple Development, an arm of Charter Schools USA, paid \$800,000 last month for the 9.7 acres of vacant commercial land at the corner of 103rd Street and Rockola Road.

Red Apple will build the school and will then lease it to the governing body, Renaissance Charter School Board, which will then hire Charter Schools USA to actually manage the school. Charter Schools USA will hire the administrators, teachers, set the curriculum, etc.



**New Mexican Restaurant replaces Trent's Seafood on 103rd St.**





**The Better Jacksonville Plan  
Roadway Improvement Projects  
Remaining**

Project Description	Project Limits	Project Scope	Study & Design % Complete	Real Estate Acquisition	Cost-To-Complete (millions)
				% Acquired	
Cahoon Road (PH II)	Lenox to W. Beaver	Reconstruct 2 Lane Urban Roadway with closed drainage system Bike lanes and Sidewalks	D - 50%	0%	\$9.88
Collins Road	Blanding to Pine Verde	Reconstruct 2 Lane to 3 Lane Urban Roadway with closed drainage system Bike lanes and Sidewalks	D - 50%	0%	\$13.25
Collins Road	Shindler to Westport	Reconstruct 2 Lane to 4 Lane Divided Urban Roadway with closed drainage system Bike lanes and Sidewalks	D - 100%	100%	\$5.07
Collins Road	Westport to Rampart	Reconstruct 2 Lane to 4 Lane Divided Urban Roadway with closed drainage system Bike lanes and Sidewalks	D - 100%	100%	\$5.81
Collins Road (PH II)	Shindler to Old Middleburg additional lanes	Construct new 4 Lane Divided w/ Closed Drainage system, Bike lanes and Sidewalks	D-90%	100%	\$3.95
Crystal Springs Road (PH II) - actually Hammond & Ramona - Crystal Springs to Cahoon	Hammond to Cahoon	Reconstruct 2 Lane to 3/5 Lane Urban Roadway with closed drainage system Bike lanes and Sidewalks	D - 100%	100%	\$6.72
Girvin Road	Atlantic to Wonderwood	5/3 Lane Urban w/ Closed Drainage Collection System, Bike Lanes & Sidewalks	D - 100%	100%	\$12.74
Hartley Road	Old St Augustine to San Jose	3 Lane Urban w/ Closed Drainage Collection System, Bike Lanes & Sidewalks	D - 100%	50%	\$8.11
Kernan Blvd (PH V) "B" Roadway	Atlantic to McCormick	4/6 Lane Divided Urban w/ Roadside Ditches, Bike Lanes & Sidewalks	D - 95%	50%	\$15.05
Kernan Blvd (PH VI) Roadway	JT Butler Blvd to Glen Kernan	6 Lane Divided Urban w/ Roadside Ditches, Bike Lanes & Sidewalks	D- 30%	0%	\$15.15
Mc Duff & 5th St (PH III)	Huron to Melson	Widen from 2 to 3 Lane Urban with closed drainage system, Bike Lanes and Sidewalks	D-90%	100%	\$2.00
Old Middleburg Road	103rd Street to Branam Field	Reconstruct 2 Lane to 4 Lane Divided Urban Roadway with closed drainage system Bike lanes and Sidewalks	D - 50%	1%	\$22.40
Parramore Road Extension	Parramore to Youngerman Circle	Construct new 2 Lane Section with sidewalks.	S - 100%	0%	\$1.90
Ricker Road	Old Middleburg to Morse	Reconstruct 2 Lane to 3 Lane Urban Roadway with closed drainage system Bike lanes and Sidewalks	D - 100%	100%	\$9.14
San Pablo Road	Beach to Atlantic	3 Lane Urban w/ Closed Drainage Collection System, Bike Lanes & Sidewalks	D - 100%	32%	\$10.54
Shindler Drive (PH II)	Collins to 103rd	Reconstruct 2 Lane to 3 Lane Urban Roadway with closed drainage system Bike lanes and Sidewalks	D - 95%	5%	\$11.06
Old St. Augustine/Greenland	Old St. Augustine @ Greenland Intersection Improvements	1 Lane Urban w/ Closed Drainage Collection System, Bike Lanes & Sidewalks	D - 95%	100%	\$0.55
<b>TOTAL Cost-To-Complete:</b>					<b>\$153.32</b>

NORTH FLORIDA TPO  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

to the

SOUTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following major items were discussed at the last meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, June 5, 2013:

- Approved the Atlantic Beach Elementary Safe Route to School Project. This project provides two eight foot bike paths within two miles to the school.
- Approved the North Florida TPO revised Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.
- Approved the revised Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2013/14 through FY 2017/18. The TIP document is several hundred pages in length and includes aviation, highway, port, and transit transportation projects in Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns counties. Any transportation project to be implemented using federal funds must be included in the TIP.
- Approved the FDOT requests amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2012/13 through FY 2016/17.
- Received the List of Priority Projects (LOPP) for FY 2018/2019 for review. Approval will be requested in August.
- Received a presentation on the results of the Nassau County SR 200/A1A Corridor Study.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM