

North District Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Bobby Taylor

Vice Chair: Rex Neidlinger

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus

4501 Capper Rd. Building A Room 117

April 10, 2013

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Bobby Taylor
Vice Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Charter Member - David Spruill
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
White Shell Bay – Sandra Kessler

Member Alternates Also In Attendance:

Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh

Excused:

Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau
Garden City – Andrea Lavanderos
Highlands- Jack Stuart
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
Tasti D'Lite – Nancy Burnett
San Mateo – Roland Biederer
ShAdCo Q – Mozelle Masters
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill
Turtle Creek Village - Art Sullivan

Absent:

Northside Business Leaders - Michael Fisher
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash

Elected Officials: None present

Staff:

Florida Department of Transportation – Richard Prindiville
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance – Bruce Chauncey
Parks & Recreation – no representative
Planning & Development – Lisa Ransom
Public Works - John Pappas

Staff Excused:

Mayor's Liaison - Mike Sweat

Guests:

The Cape - Catherine Delre
Eagle Bend - Joan Wright
Eagle Bend – Melanie Pratt

Eagle Bend – Babs Jordan
Copper Hill IV – Rev. Joseph Tate
2013-0197 – Sharon Welch

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bobby Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the February summary was made by Richard Berry and seconded by Mike Getchell. The vote: All in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis, reported:
 - Year to date, violent crime in Zone 6 is down 32.98%.
 - 7.48% increase in property crime, the number directly affected by the number of thefts from businesses such as Walmart.
 - This morning there were several auto burglaries. Someone was going door to door and checking to see if the cars were locked. Several were found unlocked and were burglarized. Please lock your vehicle and remove any valuables or at least remove them from sight.
 - Please call 630-0500 immediately when you see suspicious activity.
 - Last weekend was the ShAdCo safety fair. There was a huge turnout. He thanked Tommy Ruffin and others for their hard work.
 - A discussion was held about homeowners insurance and the effectiveness of neighborhood watch programs.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat's absence was excused.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – No representative.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Richard Prindiville reported:
 - I-295 and I-95 interchange flyover will be constructed. Bids begin Summer 2016.
 - SR 23 Outer Beltway will extend North to US 90 to provide better access for freight, for example Publix and Michael's warehouses and a better link to Cecil. Bids begin 2015.
 - Hwy 301 Bypass will bypass Starke on the West side. It will connect CR 277 South to the north side at CR 233 (Morgan Road). Hwy 301 is heavily congested with truck traffic.
 - Governor Scott will move forward on the \$38 million Jax Mile Point project.
 - J. Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB) and I-95 flyover will connect Southbound I-95 to Eastbound JTB ramp northbound to JTB. Internal bridgework to the flyover JTB and Belfort Road.
 - A concern was expressed about inadequate signage on the I-10 Westbound detour near Stockton Street.
 - Accident and related Florida Highway Patrol information: www.fhp.state.fl.us
 - Regional traffic information: www.northfloridaroads.com
 - 511 websites: www.jax511.com and www.fl511.com
 - Interstate highway traffic information: call 511 telephone service
- **Neighborhoods**
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - She and her supervisor attended the Embraer ribbon-cutting ceremony at JAA.
 - Last week was National Community Development (NCD)Week. The Neighborhoods Department administers federal grants through the Community Development Block Grant Program. During NCD Week, Ms. Ridderman attended several events. Of particular interest was the Sulzbacher Homeless Shelter tour, which showcased the newly remodeled commercial kitchen, the respite wing which is currently under construction and the military veterans' unit, which is used exclusively by veterans.
 - She participated in the Mayor's National Day of Service at the Durkeeville Baseball Grounds.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Bruce Chauncey reported:
 - Officers have written over 450 snipe sign citations.
 - A concern was expressed about signs posted on phone poles. Officer Chauncey explained the signs are hard to reach. They are printed with prepaid cell phone numbers and because of that anonymity most cannot be cited.
 - Please call 630-CITY (2489) if you suspect a code violation.
- **Planning & Development** – Lisa Ransom reported:
 - She deferred to the Governmental Affairs report.

- She suggested residents call 255-7800 regarding signs or contact Lisa at 255-7834 or lransome@coj.net.
- **Parks & Recreation** – No representative
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:
 - Tomorrow, April 11, 5 – 7 p.m. is Open House at Broward House. Information will be available about the Kingsley Plantation Tram Tour.
 - National Park Week April 21 – 27. Several activities are planned:
 - Trail hike, April 26, 6 p.m. Reservations required. Call 251-3547 to reserve a spot.
 - Scavenger hunts
 - Opportunities to earn Junior Ranger Badges
 - Admission is free during National Park Week.
 - Mary Beth Ridderman forwarded the flier to everyone. Check your email box for more information or visit <http://www.nps.gov/timu/historyculture/kp.htm>.
 - A question was raised about Senior National Park Passes. The senior pass costs \$10 (\$20 by mail) and allows the senior free lifetime admission into National Parks. For more information, please call the visitor's center at (904) 641-7155 or visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html>.
 - Free passes are available for active duty military personnel and dependents. To learn more, visit <http://www.nps.gov/drto/parknews/freemilitarypassesdrto051812.htm>
 - Free passes are available to persons with permanent disabilities. To learn more, visit <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm>

4. Presentation: The Better Jacksonville Plan Status by John Pappas.

- 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. FDOT will provide 100% funding for the Hammond and Ramona project.

5. Chair's Report –

- The St. Johns River Clean-up March 16 was very successful. Chair Taylor expressed his appreciation for residents and community partners who came from across the city to help in the Huguenot clean-up. He expressed special appreciation for the large number of Anheuser Busch employees who volunteered their time at Huguenot Memorial Park.
- Chair Taylor introduced the topic of meeting space. The original room has been under construction for several months and may no longer be available due to new rules for the room. Members were polled and said they liked Room 117. They agreed to ask to continue to meet there. The May meeting is currently set for Room A-171 and is subject to change locations monthly. Mary Beth Ridderman will contact FSCJ staff regarding this room.
- Chair Taylor welcomed visitors from Eagle Bend who attended the meeting to learn more about proposed Alta Road improvements.

6. Elected Officials Reports –no representative.

7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports

- **Governmental Affairs** – Rex Neidlinger led this portion of the meeting.

The following items were discussed or voted upon:

2013-0154	Disapprove	ORD Approve proposed 2013B Series Text Amend to Transp. Element of 2030 Comp Plan re.: Access for Non-Residential Parcels with Frontage along 2 or More Roadways; Waive Sec 650.404, Ord. Code, Requirement of Plan & Dev. Dept. Informational Workshop Prior to Dept. Written Report & Recommendation
2013-0156	Disapprove	ORD-MC Creating Sec 111.925 (Neighborhood Enhancement Trust Fund), Part 9 (Neighborhood Dev.), Chapt. 111 (Spec Rev & Trust Accts), Ord. Code, a Neighborhood Enhancement Trust Fund for Deposit of all Gifts, Donations, Contributions, Grants & State Funds rcvd from Card Room Pari-Mutuel Rev. for use of Neighborhood Enhancements within a 5-mile area of a Pari-Mutuel Establishment; Auth. Funds Carryover to next FY.
2013-0157	Disapprove	ORD-MC Amend Sec 129.112 (Council Related Salaries), Chapt. 129 (Salaries of Public Officials & Employees). (Sidman) (Introduced by CP Bishop) Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt. 166, F.S. & CR 3.601
2013-0158	Approve	ORD-MC Amend Chapt 609 (Code Enforcement Citations), Sec 609.109 (Applicable Chpts. & Parts), Ord. Code, to Classify Offenses made re.: Disposal of Waste Tires within City's Fine Schedule & City's Enforcement Authority of Chapt 260
2013-0163	Discussion	The bill amends Council Rule 3.102 – Preparation of Bills – to require the legislation introduced with a request for

	only. No Position	emergency specify whether the sponsor intends to request that the City Council take up the matter and vote on it at the time of initial introduction, or whether it is the sponsor's intent to request action after the legislation has been through one committee cycle and Terms; Composition), Ord. Code, to add the Superintendent of the Timucuan Ecological Preserve, as an Ex Officio Member of the Commission.
2013-0165	Approve	ORD-MC Amend Chapt 93 (St Johns River Ferry Comm.), Sec 93.103 (Membership; Terms; Composition), Ord. Code, to add the Superintendent of the Timucuan Ecological Preserve, as an Ex Officio Member of the Commission.
2013-0179	Discussion & comment No position.	ORD Auth. Lease Agreement with GIV Imeson, LLC for use by Supv of Elections of 50,000 Sq. Ft at One Imeson Park Blvd for 10 Yrs, 1st yr. \$39,999.96, 2nd Yr. at \$260,199.96 with 3% annual increases thereafter
2013-0180	Approve	RESO Auth. Economic Dev. Agreement with Cory's Thunder, Inc. for Expansion of Operations in Jax; Recommend Apv. by Fla. Dept. of Economic Opportunity as a ATI Business with a High Impact Sector Bonus; Evidence City Local Financial Support of \$49,000 under QTI Tax Refund Program & State Match of \$196,000 for Total of \$245,000 for 35 Jobs; Timeline for Execution of Agreement by Company; Affirm Proj's Compliance with Public Investment Policy.
2013-0181	Approve	RESO Supporting Passage of Fla. House Bills 189 & 1031 and Senate Bills 1370, 1388 & 1076 Supporting the 2013-2014 Duval County School Bd. Agenda re.: PECO Dollars, Instructional Material, Class Size Amends, End of Course Exams & Diploma Students & Graduation; Directing Distribution of Reso.
2013-0185	Defer pending arranging for a speaker.	ORD-MC to Estab. a Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee within the Public Works Dept. & Revise Code of Subdivision Regs; Amend Sec 30.402 (Div. Chief), Part 4 (Community Planning Div.), Chapt 656 (Zoning Code) & Sec 32.202 (Div. Chief), Part 2 (Engineering & Constrn. Mgmt. Div.) & Sec 32.302 (Div. Chief), Part 3 (Right of Way & Grounds Maint Div.), Chapt 32 (Public Works Dept), Ord Code, to Estab a Committee to Revise & Make Recommendations re.: Policies & Standards re Context Sensitive Streets Issues
2013-0186	Approve	ORD-MC Amend Sec 656.312 (Neighborhood Commercial Category), Subpart C(Commercial Use Categories & Zoning Dists), Part 3 (Schedule of Dist. Regs, Chapt 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, to Eliminate the Retail Sale & Service of All Alcoholic Beverages for Off Premises Consumption by Exception in Commercial Neighborhood Zoning Dist.
2013-0187	Approve	ORD Approp. \$14,255,000 from Banking Funds to Purchase the Haverly/YMCA Bldg. (A/K/A/ the "Jake Godbold Bldg."); Auth. Increase of Principal Amt. of Banking Funds Bonds to \$15,415,000; Amend Ord 2012-434-E (CIP) to fund Purchase & Finding of Detriment if Deferred; Provide Oversight.
2013-0195	Defer. Request Speaker	ORD Auth. an Agreement with JTA re North Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Public Improvements; Req. & Auth. Public Works Dept & OGC in Connection with this Legislation to Create, Amend &/or Modify Applicable Permit(s) to be Issued & Apvd. by Public Works Dept.
2013-0197	Approve	ORD-Q Rezoning 7759 Plummer Rd (14.10± Acres) - RR-Acre to AGR - Sharon Welsh. (Dist. 11-Holt) (Reingold) (LUZ) LUZ PH - 5/7/13 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 4/23/13

- o Volunteers are needed for the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.
- o Fran Beach was appointed to the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.
- o The next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is May 2, 4 p.m. at the FSCJ North Police Academy.

- **Membership** – Harry Wagner's absence was excused. A brief discussion was held regarding volunteers to assist with membership, to contact subdivisions and recruit them to join the CPAC.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported:
 - o Mary Beth Ridderman forwards FDOT's notices and reports.
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – Chair Taylor asked for a volunteer. No one volunteered. This subcommittee will be removed from the CPAC agenda until such time as a volunteer has been identified.

8. Unfinished Business –

- Chair Taylor reminded everyone to sign in.
- Chair Taylor introduced the topic of a meeting room and inquired if the members liked the current room, A117. He explained that when the remodeling is completed in the conference room/former meeting room, we had less space for everyone to be included in the meeting. Members in attendance said they liked the current room, the proximity to the parking lot and the computer availability. Mary Beth Ridderman will inquire about meeting in this room each month.

9. New Business – none

10. Public Comments: none

11. Motion to Adjourn – Dick Berry made a motion for adjournment and Tommy Ruffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:03.

NEXT MEETING: May 8, at 4 p.m.

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The next Governmental Affairs Meeting is May 2, 2013, 4 p.m.
Policy & Corrections Academy, Room 216 or Room 207, FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd.

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No audio recording is available for this meeting due to technical difficulties.