

# North District Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Bobby Taylor

Vice Chair: Rex Neidlinger

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus

4501 Capper Rd. Building C - Auditorium

February 13, 2013

### Attendance:

#### **Members:**

Chair – Bobby Taylor

Vice Chair – Rex Neidlinger

Charter Member – Richard Berry

Charter Member – Dot Mathias

Amelia View – Gay Septon

Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson

Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin

Garden City – Andrea Lavanderos

Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach

Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh

San Mateo – Roland Biederer

ShAdCo Q – Mozelle Masters

White Shell Bay – Sandra Kessler

#### **Excused:**

Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers

Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker

Charter Member - David Spruill

Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake

Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell

Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau

Highlands- Jack Stuart

Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce

National Park Service – Shauna Allen

Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash

Northside Lions – Harry Wagner

ShAdCo Q – Jenny Bray

Tasti D'Lite – Nancy Burnett

The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Turtle Creek Village - Art Sullivan

#### **Absent:**

Northside Business Leaders - Michael Fisher

**Elected Officials:** None present

#### **Staff:**

Mayor's Liaison - Mike Sweat

Florida Department of Transportation – Richard Prindeville

Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman

Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance – Bruce Chauncey

Parks & Recreation – Elizabeth Palmer

Planning & Development – Lisa Ransom

**Guests:**

Copper Hill IV – Rev. Joseph Tate

Joe Blaumik – Water's Edge

Highlands Middle School Big Brothers/ Big Sisters – Tia Keitt

Zoning Consultant Dan Boswell

**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 January summary was made by Richard Berry and seconded by Fran Beach. The vote: All in favor.

**3. Staff Reports**

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – no representative.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat reported:
  - Mayor Brown refinanced long term bonds that will net \$11 million for downtown improvements.
  - The Extension Office is busy.
    - Last week's class, Eating and Growing Sensibly, taught residents to grow, prepare and serve vegetables.
    - Feb. 23 – Day of Gardening – training opportunity for the first 300 people. He recommended residents register in advance (\$10) because last year there was standing room only. This year, the number will be limited to the first 300. Lunch is provided. 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
    - Learn new pesticide regulation. Jacksonville is one of only two offices in Florida to train procedures and teach pest companies for testing and training.
    - The community garden is expanding.
    - Jr. Master Gardener Program funding has been cut. It was previously sponsored by the Jaguars. The program offered training in 9 inner city Title One schools. It operates with 27 volunteers who teach gardening to kids. The program is seeking a \$25,000 sponsor.
    - Mr. Sweat brought flyers for distribution.
  - Additional information is available at <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu> or 255-7450.
  - Chair Taylor thanked Mr. Sweat for his report.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – No representative.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Richard Prindiville reported:
  - Follow-up from the last meeting: pipes along Dunn Avenue near I-295 are part of a resurfacing project for driveway aprons, etc.
  - Lane closures:
    - Heckscher Drive – temporary repairs to the Sisters' Creek Bridge, 3/1/13. Lane closures will be at night. Scheduled completion Summer, 2013.
    - Mathews Bridge painting and refurbishing. Expect closures in East bound lane from 7 p.m. today until 6 a.m. Friday and from Friday at 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday. Both East bound lanes will be closed from 7 p.m. on March 4 until 6 a.m. on March 5 and from 9 p.m. on March 6 until 6 a.m. on March 7. The bridge WILL BE TOTALLY CLOSED from 7 p.m. on March 1 until 5 p.m. on March 3, from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. on the nights of March 5 and March 7 and from 7 p.m. on March 8 until 6 a.m. on March 9. Detour traffic will use the Arlington Expressway, Cesery Boulevard to merge with University Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard to the Hart Bridge. Scheduled completion: Summer or Fall 2013.
  - Accident and related Florida Highway Patrol information: [www.fhp.state.fl.us](http://www.fhp.state.fl.us)
  - Regional traffic information: [www.northfloridaroads.com](http://www.northfloridaroads.com)
  - 511 websites: [www.jax511.com](http://www.jax511.com) and [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com)
  - Interstate highway traffic information: call 511 telephone service

- **Neighborhoods**
    - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman provided a written report.
    - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Bruce Chauncey reported:
      - The division is interviewing to fill vacancies.
      - Please report concerns to 630-CITY (2489).
  - **Planning & Development** – Lisa Ransom deferred to the Governmental Affairs report.
    - If you see orange, blue or lime green signs posted, you may call the following numbers for more information:
      - 255-7800 – main number
      - 255-7834 - Lisa Ransom
  - **Parks & Recreation** – Elizabeth Palmer reported:
    - Sheffield Park is scheduled to open in April or May.
    - Winter-Spring Activities Guides are available.
    - A resident expressed concern about the Palms Restaurant’s opening date. Ms. Palmer said the issue is being addressed by the Office of General Counsel.
  - **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen’s absence was excused.
4. **Presentation:** The scheduled presentation was unexpectedly cancelled due to the speaker’s emergency.
5. **Chair’s Report** – Chair Taylor had no report.
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:**

2013-21	Approved	RESO Requesting & Urging the Agency for Health Care Admin to Apv Certificate of Need Appl: 10125, filed by Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc, to Estab a 100-Bed Acute Care Hospital which Enhances Access to Health Care Svcs for North Duval County Residents, & Stimulates Economic Dev by creating Jobs
20013-6	Issue dropped by committee	ORD-Q Designating the Houston Cemetery at the South End of Big Talbot Island bet Houston Ave & Mud River as a Landmark Site; Directing Entry on Zoning Atlas.
2013-45	Approved	ORD-MC Amend Chapt 93 (St Johns River Ferry Comm), Sec 93.103 (Membership; Terms; Composition), Ord Code, to add CEO of Visit Jacksonville, or any Successor Entity chosen by TDC to perform Marketing Svcs & Promote Jax Tourism, as an Ex Officio Member of St Johns River Ferry Comm.
2013-54	Approved	ORD Approp \$15,207.45 from Contributions from other Govts & Private Sources to Mayport Ferry Contractual Svcs Acct to Permit the St Johns River Ferry Comm to Contract for Grant Writing Svcs.
2013-53	Approved with condition: include N. Jax Parks and Oceanway Town Center	ORD Transferring \$1,328,399.03 (\$686,138.34 Unused Grant Match Funds from Gen Fund Rsv for Fed Progs that were Returned to Accts of Origin pursuant to Sec 117.106, Ord Code & \$642,260.69 from SF 751 JEDC Fund Balance) to Remove Extraordinary Lapses in all Depts in Gen Fund - GSD to fund Janitorial Svcs for Parks (Not Transferred from Public Works to Parks & Rec during Budget Process) & Remainder to fund R/W Mowing.
2013-55	Approved with condition rehire officer in same position/ lived outside COJ at time of layoff	ORD Waiving Sec 116.910 (Residence Within the City; Exception), Ord Code, to allow Rehire of 45 JSO Officers; Provide for Sunset Provisions.
2013-58	Approved	ORD Granting Appl of Burkhalter Wrecking, Inc for Renewal of its CON to Operate a Clean Debris Demolition Disposal Facility; Provide for Conditions.
2013-65	Approved	ORD-Q Rezoning Propy on Dunn Ave bet Mar Vic Ln & Montward Rd (4.03± Acres) - PUD to PUD (Dunn Ave Ofc Park - Commercial, Ofc & Med & Dental Clinic Uses) - Dunn Avenue Office Park, Inc.
2012-731	Approved	RESO Urging Gov Scott & Fla Legislature to Amend Sec 553.38, F.S., to allow Local Govts to Apv Manufactured Bldgs & Mobile Homes as a Use by Exception.
E-13-01	Disapprove	Exception zoning request for a tire recycling facility.
2013-C-005	Discussion only	

- During discussion of the above items, these concerns and questions were raised:
  - The Oceanway Town Center is not maintained by COJ although other town centers built since then are maintained by COJ.
  - There is a discrepancy in the quality of maintenance of North Jacksonville parks/right of way when compared to Jacksonville’s Southside.
  - A status update is needed on the proposed Heckscher Drive roundabout. Chair Taylor referred residents to Kenny Logsdon, Town Center Project Manager.
- Following up on the January meeting, Mr. Berry prepared a letter for the Chair’s signature. The letter supports building Shands Hospital North.
- The next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is Mar. 7, 2013, 4 p.m. at the FSCJ North Police Academy.
- **Membership** – Harry Wagner’s absence was excused. Chair Taylor introduced the following new

members and presented letters from Mayor Brown:

- o Sandra Kessler, Primary Representative for White Shell Bay
- o Aline Clement, Alternate Representative for White Shell Bay
- o Fran Beach, Primary Representative for Heckscher Drive Community Club
- o Gerie Leigh, Alternate Representative for Heckscher Drive Community Club
- o Andrea Lavanderos, Primary Representative for Garden City
- o Natasha Ernest, Alternate Representative for Garden City
- o Chair Taylor thanked them for their service to the community. Members welcomed them with a round of applause.

• **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported:

- o Mary Beth Ridderman forwards FDOT's notices and reports.
- o I-95 between Dunn and I-295 closure tonight from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- o I-295 North of Alta closure today between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- o Dunn near North Main, closures Feb. 18 between 9a.m. and 4 p.m.

- o The COJ is turning out street lights in industrial areas. Street lights have been turned off on the residential side of Faye Road – safety is a concern.

- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – A volunteer is needed.

8. **Unfinished Business** – none.

9. **New Business** – none.

10. **Public Comments:** none

11. **Motion to Adjourn** – Tommy Ruffin made a motion for adjournment and Mary Thompson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

**NEXT MEETING: March 13, at 4:00 p.m.**

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