

**District #6**  
**Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Chair: Mike Getchell**

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus  
4501 Capper Rd. Building C - Auditorium  
November 14, 2012

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Chair - Mike Getchell  
Charter Member – Richard Berry  
Charter Member - David Spruill  
Amelia View – Gay Septon  
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker  
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson  
Captiva Bluff Neighborhood Association - Rex Neidlinger  
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin  
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach  
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce  
National Park Service – Shauna Allen  
ShAdCo Q- Jenny Bray  
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

**Excused:**

Charter Member – Dot Mathias  
Ashford Wood - Evelyn “Kathy” Myers  
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake  
Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau  
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh  
Northlake Homeowners Association – Howard Miller  
Northside Business Leaders - Michael Fisher  
San Mateo – Roland Biederer  
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner  
ShAdCo Q – Mozelle Masters  
Turtle Creek Village - Art Sullivan

**Elected Officials:**

**Staff:**

Florida Department of Transportation – Thomas Hill  
Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis  
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman  
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey  
Parks & Recreation – Elizabeth Palmer  
Planning & Development – Gary Kresel

**Staff Excused:**

Mayor’s Liaison - Mike Sweat  
Planning – Lisa Ransom

## Guests:

Copper Hill IV - Reverend Joseph Tate  
Blue Grass/Northwood Neighborhood Watch - Pastor Mark Bivens  
Blue Grass/Northwood Neighborhood Watch – Sharon Bivens  
Tasti D-Lite - Nancy Burnett  
Angel Lakes – Paula Scott  
JCCI - Laura Lane  
Greenscape - Joan Pattison  
ETM – Ray Spofford

### 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Mike Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman.

### 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the October summary, as amended was made by Jack Stuart and seconded by Bill Baker. The vote: All in favor.

### 3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis reported:
  - City wide, violent crime is down 7.89 percent.
  - City wide, there is a 40 year low in crime.
  - Property crime is up 7 percent. A lot of the increase in crime is related to the holidays. Please secure your car, lock valuables in the trunk, don't be overloaded with packages when walking to the car, be aware of your surroundings, pay attention to people, be cautious about "clicking" the car doors too far ahead of time – someone could be waiting near your car before or after you arrive.
  - During the holidays, increases are expected in home break-ins and robberies to individuals.
  - A concern was expressed about vehicles being operated without lights during rain or after dark.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat's absence was excused.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – No representative.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Thomas Hill reported:
  - I-95 Overland bridge project has regional significance. It extends from JTB to Atlantic Boulevard. It is a 5 year project that will cause a lot of congestion.
  - I-95 ITS project is ongoing.
  - Main Street Bridge over the Trout River - repairs will be completed in late 2013.
  - An upcoming project is Heckscher Drive/SR 105, electrical and mechanical repairs to the Sister's Creek Bridge will begin January 2013 and should finish Summer, 2013. The purpose is to maintain the bridge while the new bridge is being built.
  - Airport Boulevard ITS – overhead signs
  - Mathews Bridge – lane closures and detours expected this weekend
  - Public Notices
    - Public Meeting - Work Projects, Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m. at FDOT, 2198 Edison Ave.
    - Public Meeting - Highway 301 and I-10 Ramp and Interchange, Nov. 26, 4:30 Baldwin Senior Center.
  - James Bennett would like to present information on managed lanes/express lanes (toll lanes) on I-295. I-295 and I-95 are being redesigned for these express lanes. Tolls will be paid via Sun Pass.
    - Concerns were expressed about the toll lanes.
- **Neighborhoods**
  - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported her team is working on process mapping, providing details about each duty they perform.
  - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Bruce Chauncey reported a Zone 6 officer is retiring, but permission has been received to hire another person.
    - A concern was expressed that The Heckscher Drive Community Club was incorrectly cited for tall grass. The property is next door to the club and belongs to COJ. It is now

fenced and the club can no longer mow the lot which is adjacent to club property. Municipal Code Compliance Supervisor Bruce Chauncey will investigate and make needed corrections.

- **Planning & Development** – At the request of CPAC, Gary Kresel, City Planner Supervisor, Planning & Development Department, presented information about the proposed text amendments. A lengthy discussion followed each amendment. (see Governmental Affairs).
- **Parks & Recreation** – Elizabeth Palmer reported:
  - Thomas Creek Preserve boat ramps, tables and grills are ready for use.
  - Ms. Palmer placed Fall/Winter Activity guides on the registration table. Lots of walks and tours are planned.
  - The Holiday Blast Camp was announced. It is a free program offered at all city recreation centers. Ms. Palmer provided flyers.
  - Please visit <http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/jaxparks-tv.aspx> to view videos and news about Jacksonville’s parks.
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:
  - Erosion of washed-in beach sand at Ft. George Inlet is reaching a critical point, choking off access and main source of water to Timucuan Preserve. A new task force is being formed to address this problem.
  - Save the Date - Science Symposium, Jan. 25, 2013
  - Save the Date – Timucuan Discover Day, Jan. 26, 2013. These celebrations kick off a year-long celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Timucuan Preserve.
  - Please visit the National Park Service’s website: <http://www.nps.gov/foca/index.htm>.

4. **Presentation:** Laura Lane presented information about JCCI 2025, a large community effort to develop a vision for Jacksonville for 2025. She distributed a printed survey, which is also available online at [www.jax2025.org](http://www.jax2025.org). Community meetings are planned in January, February and March, 2013 – she will send information when it is available. Ms. Lane asked for input from residents. These and other suggestions were made:
- Need for improved transportation system.
  - Abandoned buildings need to be renovated or demolished.
  - More entertainment is needed to attract people to downtown

**Chair’s Report** – Chair Getchell reported his information about the situation at Ft. George Inlet was reported by Shauna Allen, National Park Service.

- The following guests were welcomed to the Social Subcommittee: Sharon Bivens and Bessie Williams. Members include Mary Thompson, Mozelle Masters and Tommy Ruffin.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** –none

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Governmental Affairs** – The following items was discussed or voted upon:

2012-0637	Approve	Change future land use designation 9.99 acres on Yellow Bluff Road between Main Street and Sand Hill Drive, from RR to Neighborhood Commercial (NC).
2012-0638	Approve	Rezoning 9.99 acres on Yellow Bluff Road between Main Street and Sand Hill Drive, from RR to PUD
2012-0649	Approve	Application by Jabrusco First Coast Mulch & Recycling for renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessary (CON) to operate a yard trash and clean wood processing facility
2012-0578	Discuss	Legislation combines Community Planning Division with existing Current Planning Division to create the Planning Services Division (PSD). SD will be responsible for preparation, evaluation and review of zoning applications, certificates, administrative deviances, variances, waivers, exceptions, amendments and modifications as required by Chapter 656.
20126012	Discuss	Grants final approval to amend Future Land Use Element of 2030 Comp Plan to reduce minimum gross density housing units in MDR of Urban priority, Urban, Suburban and Rural areas from 10 units to greater than 7 units per acre.
2012-0613	Discuss	Amends transportation element of 2030 Comp Plan to incorporate a list of 2035 Feasible Plan Projects
2012-0614	Discuss	Approves text amendment of 2030 Comp Plan future Land Use Element regarding maximum residential density limitations for small-scale amendments to non-residential land use categories.

The next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is Dec. 6, 2012, 4 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus auditorium, Building C.

- **Membership** – Mr. Wagner’s absence was excused.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported:
  - Mary Beth Ridderman e-distributed information and a map about permanent street light outages planned by COJ Public Works and JEA. Please review the information. Planned street light outage will begin in mid-November and affect neighborhoods and roadways, creating safety hazards.
  - Speakers from COJ Public Works and JEA are invited to the December 12 CPAC meeting.
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – A volunteer is needed.
- **Social** – Mary Thompson announced the annual social is Dec. 12, following the CPAC meeting. It will be held in the atrium of Building C. Mike Getchell is bringing his famous pork-fest. Please contact Ms. Thompson at 757-3650 to discuss what you will bring.
- **Nomination:** Tommy Ruffin announced the subcommittee has no slate of officers to present. He expressed his concern that no one is stepping up to accept the jobs. The election is next month. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the December meeting.

8. **Unfinished Business** – none.

9. **New Business** – The First Coast High School Pool funding remains a concern. He and other residents visited numerous pools and received estimates for pools similar to or larger than the pool wanted for First Coast High School. A public meeting is scheduled on Nov. 19, 7 p.m. at the Highlands School Media Center.

10. **Public Comments:** James Shronce announced the Sanddollar restaurant, destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt and reopened.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** – Jenny Bray made a motion for adjournment and Tommy Ruffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

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