

**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  
October 10, 2012

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Chair - Mike Getchell  
Charter Member – Richard Berry  
Charter Member – Dot Mathias  
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin  
Ashford Wood - Evelyn “Kathy” Myers  
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson  
Captiva Bluff Neighborhood Association - Rex Neidlinger  
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake  
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh  
National Park Service – Shauna Allen  
ShAdCo Q – Mozelle Masters

**Excused:**

Charter Member - David Spruill  
Amelia View – Gay Septon  
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker  
Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau  
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach  
Highlands Homeowners Association - Jack Stuart  
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce  
Northlake Homeowners Association – Howard Miller  
Northside Business Leaders - Michael Fisher  
San Mateo – Roland Biederer  
ShAdCo Q - Jennelle Bray  
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner  
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill  
Turtle Creek Village - Art Sullivan

**Elected Officials:**

**Staff:**

Assistant to Council Member Robin Lumb, Donna Barrow  
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman  
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey  
Florida Department of Transportation – Thomas Hill  
Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – Lt. Eason  
Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing Program – John Prevost  
Mayor’s Liaison - Mike Sweat  
Parks & Recreation – Brian Burket  
Planning & Development – Lisa Ransom

**Guests:**

Copper Hill IV - Reverend Joseph Tate  
Copper Hill IV – Bessie William  
Duval County Public Schools – Tonea Robinson  
Blue Grass/Northwood Neighborhood Watch - Pastor Mark Bivens  
Blue Grass/Northwood Neighborhood Watch – Sharon Bivens  
Tasti D-Lite - Nancy Burnett  
Angel Lakes – Evelyn, Kimbrough  
UNF RN-BSN Program - Ciara Thorpe

**1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum**

Chair Mike Getchell 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 correction is needed to the September summary: Kathy Myers was not present in September. A motion to approve the September summary, as amended, was made by Dick Berry and seconded by Mary Thompson. The vote: All in favor.

**3. Staff Reports**

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lt. Eason reported:
  - Zone 4 crime statistics look good, before the holiday season.
  - There were no abductions, kidnapping, sexual battery, rape, home invasions, robberies. There were 4 robberies of individuals with 2 robberies at the Kendall Court Apartments. Individuals from Zone 5 come into Kendall Court and commit crimes. One arrest has been made that should solve 2 cases. On Broward Road, a female was approached by a black male who took her purse – during the early morning daylight hours.
  - Two auto thefts occurred in 7 days. Lt. Eason reminded residents not to leave vehicles running, for example when the weather is very cold. Three auto burglaries were reported. Lt. Eason asked residents to remove valuables from the vehicle altogether or at least remove them from sight.
  - Nineteen incidents of petit theft were reported – 10 from the Wal-Mart store and 9 from the River City Market Place. JSO made 16 arrests.
  - Be cautious during the holiday shopping season. Don't go out alone and always be cognizant of your surroundings. People in the parking lot are watching for crimes of opportunity. Do not leave packages in the car, not even in the trunk because even if you lock the car, thieves can quickly break in.
  - A concern was expressed about vandalism and kids riding ATVs at night in the park next to New Berlin Elementary School.
  - Chair Getchell thanked Lt. Eason for his report.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat reported:
  - Copies were provided of the New Leaf Newsletter and Captive Audience newsletter.
  - Oct. 16 - Gardening Program – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Road. This is a free program. Registration requested - call Becky at 255-7450.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – No representative.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Thomas Hill reported:
  - Last month a question was raised about repairing the Sister's Creek Bridge when it is scheduled to be replaced. Construction on the new bridge will not begin until 2015. Maintenance is needed while the new bridge is being built.
  - A public meeting is scheduled to discuss express lanes, Oct. 25, 4 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center, 3130 Hartley Rd.
- **Neighborhoods**
  - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman announced October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A memorial breakfast is scheduled for Oct. 11 – all seats are sold out. Oct. 13 is the Dogtoberfest at Metropolitan Park.
  - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Bruce Chauncey reported Zone 6 is now fully staffed.
- **Planning & Development** – Lisa Ransom reported:

- There were no actions that required an October Governmental Affairs meeting.
- A land use amendment application (2012C-16/Planner Gary Kresel 255-7833) application was received to facilitate a land use change from Rural Residential (RR) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) at US 17 and Yellow Bluff Road. The companion PUD would rezone the subject property from Rural Residential to Planned Unit Development. The Heron Walk PUD is assigned to Michael Koerner, 255-7819.
- A land use amendment application (2012C-014/planner Ed Lukacovic 255-7841) to facilitate a land use change from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Recreation Open Space (ROS). The companion PUD would rezone the subject property from Residential Low Density-60 to Planned Unit Development to allow the Peggy Sue Mobile Home Park to have travel trailers and recreational vehicles. The PUD is assigned to Bruce Lewis 255-7820.
- Chair Getchell thanked Ms. Ransom for her report.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Brian Burket reported:
  - Mr. Burkett is leaving the North CPAC. He will be temporarily assigned to the SW CPAC.
  - Elizabeth Palmer was introduced. Ms. Palmer will be assigned to the North CPAC.
  - 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.
  - Mary Beth placed Fall/Winter Activity guides on the registration table. More copies are available.
  - October is Greenways and Trails month. Jacksonville has over 150 miles of trails. An incentive program is being offered to get residents to visit the trails. The first 25 persons who place on Facebook a personal photo taken in their favorite park will receive a free tee shirt.
  - Mr. Burket thanked everyone and said he had enjoyed the two years he worked with the North CPAC. He added the CPAC will be in good hands with Elizabeth Palmer.
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:
  - October 20-21, the Timucuan Preserve will host the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Battle of St. Johns Bluff. In the past, there were civil war structures on St. Johns Bluff. Ms. Allen suggested taking the ferry to and from the event. Oct. 20 – Cannon Program: 10 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM. Musket Program: 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM and at 3:30 PM. Oct. 21 - Cannon Program: 12 PM, and 2 PM.
  - Please visit the National Park Service's website: <http://www.nps.gov/foca/index.htm>.

**4. Presentation: JSO Crime Free Multi-Family Housing by John Prevost**

- The Crime Free Multi-Family Housing Program began in Mesa, Arizona in 1992. In Jacksonville, the program has proven successful in reducing the number of crimes in apartments, hotels and motels. It is a voluntary program.
  - Apartments managers receive training
  - Properties are assessed and conform to appropriate lighting, landscaping and other security measures (locking windows, door eye-viewers, deadbolt locks, signage, community involvement, etc.)
  - Apartment contracts are altered to require certain standards. Noncompliant residents are evicted and may not move into another certified Crime Free Multi-Family apartment.
  - Goals are to lower calls for police service and a safer environment for residents.
  - A discussion was held about training needed on this subject for Governmental Affairs members to enable them to make informed recommendations to developers.
  - A concern was expressed regarding an elderly neighbor who lives near First Coast High School, near where a number of trespassers are going onto school property through an area that previously had large shrubbery. Officer Prevost offered to look at the site and asked the resident, Kathy Myers, to obtain his contact information from Mary Beth Ridderman.
  - A concern was expressed about the danger levels and community impact of different types of meth labs.
  - For more information, please visit <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/news-room/jso-news/crime-free-multi-housing-program.aspx>

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Getchell reported :

- The Army Corps of Engineers issued a new permit for the new Sisters Creek Bridge. The website has photos and information about the on/off ramps. <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/>
- A meeting will be held on October 25 at the Cruise Terminal regarding the environmental assessment for harbor deepening.
- Members of the Nomination Subcommittee were appointed: Tommy Ruffin, Mary Thompson, Rex Neidlinger and Mike Getchell. The Chair asked for other members – no one volunteered. A discussion was held regarding the need for officers. Currently, no one agreed to be nominated as Vice Chair and the CPAC is operating outside the parameters of the Executive Order. Mr. Ruffin and Mr. Berry are serving as Acting Vice Chairs and Acting Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chairs. A concern was expressed that if no members step up to serve as Chair and Vice Chair, the North CPAC may cease to exist.
- Members of a 2012 Social Subcommittee were appointed Mary Thompson, Mozelle Masters and Tommy Ruffin. Others may be added at the November meeting.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** – Donna Barrows, Assistant to Council Member Robin Lumb announced she was available for questions and asked residents to contact Council Member Lumb with any concerns. She provided a list of City Council Board and Commission memberships available and provided the forms.

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Governmental Affairs** – No Governmental Affairs meeting was held in October since the acting subcommittee chairs identified only one item for review. To be efficient, the item will be reviewed at this meeting. The following item was discussed or voted upon:

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| 2012-547 | Approved | ORD-Q Rezoning 13333 Lanier Rd (15.39± Acres) - PUD & RLD-100A to PBF-1 - Duval County School Board. (Dist. 11-Holt) (Gabriel) (LUZ) (PC & PD Apv) (CPAC Letter of Support on file) LUZ PH - 10/16/12 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt. 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 10/9/12 |
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- **Membership** – Mr. Wagner's absence was excused.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported:
  - Dames Point Bridge - 3 Southbound and 2 northbound lanes will be closed.
  - I-295 between Commonwealth Avenue and the Trout River Bridge - Single Southbound lanes will be closed between 7:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. on Monday, October 15. The off ramp from I-295 southbound to New Kings Road eastbound WILL BE TOTALLY CLOSED with a detour between 7:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. nightly on Monday, October 15.
  - New Kings Road at Dunn Avenue - single lanes in both directions will be closed daily (M - F) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. through Friday, October 19.
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – A volunteer is needed.

8. **Unfinished Business** - Rex Neidlinger requested a report next month from Harry Wagner about the status of the former Oceanway Volunteer Fire Department and proposed park.

9. **New Business** – none.

10. **Public Comments:** Brenda Priestly Jackson announced her candidacy for Clerk of the Circuit Court.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** – Tommy Ruffin made a motion for adjournment and Rex Neidlinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

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