

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 C Auditorium
October 9, 2013

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Bobby Taylor
Vice Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Copper Hill – Joseph Tate
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
San Mateo – Roland Biederer
Tasti D'Lite – Nancy Burnett
White Shell Bay – Sandra Kessler

Excused:

Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Charter Member - David Spruill
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
Highlands- Jack Stuart
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
Northside Business Leaders – Patrick Bennett
ShAdCo Q – Jenny Bray
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Elected Officials: none

Staff:

Florida Department of Transportation – Thomas Hill
Mayor's Liaison – Mike Sweat
Mayor's Representative – David DeCamp
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance – Bruce Chauncey
Parks & Recreation – Shaniqua Simmons
Planning & Development – Lisa Ransom

Guests:

Jackie Padgett – Jacksonville Lime	Ann Fridl – Highlands Library
Bill Harris - Jacksonville Lime	UNF Nursing – Brittany Swann
Bill Gosnell – Jacksonville Lime	Evelyn Kimbrough – Angel Lake Estates
Nick Caggiano - Jacksonville Lime	Sarah Stanley – UNF Nursing
Phil Hetzner - Jacksonville Lime	Nancy Altman - HDCC
Robert Phillips	Patricia Cooper
Tim Duke	

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bobby Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. A moment of silence was held. Please sign the card for Bill Baker, whose mother passed away. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the September summary was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Ferreira. The vote: All in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office). If present, did not sign in.
- To report suspicious activity, call 630-0500.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat reported:
 - The Farmers' Market is celebrating its 75th anniversary. The market is owned by Preferred Freezer Services. Over 20,000 visitors are expected each day this weekend. Master Gardeners will be available at the Extension Office booth to answer questions.
 - Nov. 6 – 17 is the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair <http://www.jacksonvillefair.com/fair/>
 - Nov. 9 – 4-H Day at the Fair with livestock exhibits.
 - Oct. 19 is the Fair Horse Show, held at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.
 - Oct. 29 – Fall Gardening Class.
 - Brochures are available.
 - Chair Taylor thanked Mr. Sweat for his informative report.
 - For more information about Extension Office classes, please call the Extension Office at 255-7450.
- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp reported:
 - The budget has been completed.
 - The Mayor's Office is working on pension reform. The next meeting is Oct. 29. A brief question and answer session was held. The Mayor created a pension reform task force, CM Gulliford endorsed the process. A variety of people are involved and the task force will make recommendations to the Mayor. The Police, Fire and Pension Fund litigation is still on-going. Mr. DeCamp encouraged residents to attend meetings/ the COJ hopes to stream meetings live on the internet. A concern was expressed about the value of COJ properties discussed to transfer to fund the pension.
 - Shad Kahn has expressed an interest in developing the shipyards.
 - Tonight is an NBA event at the arena.
 - The Mayor is working on litter and blight issues. He told the Northside Business Leaders Association that he is working on a task force to deal with trash, litter and code enforcement.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – No representation. Vice Chair Neidlinger reported he had prepared a letter for the Chair's signature.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Thomas Hill reported:
 - I-95/I-295 to Georgia State Line will be resurfaced, construction begins Fall 2013. Expect delays and lane closures.
 - I-295, Heckscher Drive and New Berlin Road East - better access will be added, construction began Sep. 21 and should be completed late in 2015. The estimated cost is \$20 million.
 - Expect lane closures on Heckscher Drive and Sisters Creek Bridge, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. This project should be completed in 2013.
 - He received an e-mail from Cliff Payne about looking at speed limit signs on Heckscher Drive. FDOT is looking into it and will get back to the CPAC.
 - I-295 and I-95 flyover is in the design phase.
 - New express lanes are connecting all around I-295. They are not part of the above flyover project.
 - Eastbound I-295 to Northbound I-95 a flyover is being created to merge I-95. Existing merge ramps will be removed to build the flyover and improve the loop ramp.
 - Mr. Hill will look into concerns expressed by Chair Taylor's letter to FDOT regarding Nicole's On the River. The restaurant is losing revenue because of lengthy lane closures on Heckscher Drive.
 - Changes are planned for the entire Heckscher Drive area. Mr. Hill suggested the new FDOT representative provide a presentation. Chair Taylor asked Mr. Hill to send the information electronically to Ms. Ridderman who will forward to the North CPAC.

- Mr. Hill has accepted a position at the Tallahassee office, so this is his last CPAC report. Chair Taylor thanked him for his work with the CPAC. The CPAC applauded.
 - 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
 - **Neighborhoods**
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - A written report was prepared.
 - January 7, 2014, 4 p.m. - Training for CPAC Chairs and Vice Chairs, 214 N. Hogan Street, Room 851.
 - March 18, 1 p.m. - training for Condo owners. 213 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Bldg. Room 110, 214 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Bldg. Pre-registration required. Contact marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260.
 - March 18, 5:30 p.m., training for Homeowner and Townhome Associations, 213 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Bldg. Room 110. Pre-registration required. Contact marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Bruce Chauncey reported:
 - Two cars were towed from Heckscher Drive.
 - Discussion was held about specific addresses. The Chair asked residents to put issues in CARE, 630-2489.
 - Charter Member Richard Berry credited Code for making a positive difference in the city.
 - Chair Taylor recognized Code Compliance Officers for doing a wonderful job although they don't have enough people. Previously, Code Compliance had 42 field employees, now there are 17. The division plans to hire more people.
 - Please call 630-CITY (2489) to register and track CARE concerns.
 - **Planning & Development** – Lisa Ransom reported was on annual leave for the last Governmental Affairs meeting. Development is increasing in certain areas. She was reassigned within her department - she will remain with the North CPAC.
 - Please call 255-7800 regarding posted signs/notices or contact Ms. Ransom at 255-7834/ lransom@coj.net.
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Shaniqua Simmons, Parks District Manager, reported:
 - National Parks are closed due to the federal budget and furlough. All City parks remain open.
 - Due to COJ budget cuts, Community Center and gym hours will be reduced. A flier was provided.
 - The First Coast Pool Meeting is October 29 at 6 p.m. at the First Coast High School Auditorium. Mr. Berry commented that this is the third and final meeting – the report will go to City Council for their consideration. He encouraged residents to be at the Oct. 29 meeting.
 - **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen's absence was excused. The federal budget crisis caused national park to be closed and employees furloughed.
 - To learn more about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
4. **Presentation:** Lime Manufacturing Plant by Jacksonville Lime, presented by Jackie Padgett. A lime plant is planned for the Talleyrand area at 1915 Wigmore St. The proposed kiln-type manufacturing operation will be located on a former industrial site, now a Brownfield site, adjoining the St. Johns River. Lime will be shipped via ships on the St. Johns River and the finished lime will be transported by truck or rail. The finished lime will be used for water purification and paper production. No water is involved in the process. The presenters will send information electronically to Ms. Ridderman who will forward to the CPAC. For additional information, contact Jennifer Savage at 398-5222 or jsavage@daltonagency.com.
- The following concerns were expressed:
 - Possible dust and other pollutants from proposed lime plant on Wigmore Street.
 - Increased truck traffic due to proposed lime plant.
 - Dalton Agency has not contacted Greater Arlington Beaches – the proposed lime plant is across the river from them.
 - Chair Taylor thanked the presenters.
5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Bobby Taylor:

- Presented thanked new members Pamela Ferriera, Danny Ferriera, Bessie Williams and Reverend Joseph Tate, for their community service and presented them with appointment letters from Mayor Brown.
 - Appointed Nomination Subcommittee Members: Richard Berry and Danny Ferriera. The Slate of Officers is due next month. Chair Taylor encouraged stepping up as Chair or Vice Chair. If you are interested, please see one of the Nomination Subcommittee Members.
 - Announced the International Coastal Clean Up. Florida Open Beaches and Chair Taylor hosted the Huguenot Park site. It was very diverse group with 31 attendees who picked up a number of bags of trash. He thanked everyone who contributed their time and efforts.
 - Commended City Council for passing legislation to fund government and commended Mayor Brown for allowing it to pass with no attempt to veto.
6. **Elected Officials Reports** – No representative. Vice Chair Neidlinger announced there has been no Council representative at CPAC for the entire year. He had drafted a letter to City Council Members regarding attendance. The draft was read into the record. *Danny Ferriera made a motion to approve the letter as read. Mr. Berry seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The vote: all were in favor.*
7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
- **Governmental Affairs** – The Vice Chair/Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair Rex Neidlinger, thanked Lisa Ransom for her work with the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee and for the maps she recently shared.

The following items were discussed or voted upon:

2013-0603	Deny	Sign waiver application sw-13-11 located in Council District 11 at 13734 Lyle Road, between Coman Road and Duval Station Road (107724-0000) as described herein, owned by Duval Station Baptist Church, Inc., requesting a sign waiver to allow for internal illumination and to reduce the minimum setback for a sign from 20 feet to 10 feet in zoning district residential low density-60 (rld-60), as defined and classified under the zoning code; providing an effective date.
2013-0647	Deny	Adopting a small-scale amendment to the future land use map series of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use designation from low density residential (LDR) and medium density residential (MDR) to light industrial (li) on approximately 3.96 acres of land located in Council District 8 at 0 Newcomb road between Lem Turner Road and VC Johnson Road owned by Southeast Industrial Acquisition LLC, as more particularly described herein, pursuant to application 2013c-025; providing an effective date.
2013-0648	Deny	Ordinance rezoning approximately 3.96 acres of land located in Council District 8 on Newcomb Road between Lem Turner Road and VC Johnson Road (019996-0000), and owned by Southeast Industrial Acquisition, LLC, as described herein, from residential rural-acre (RR-acre) district to industrial light (IL) district, as defined and classified under the zoning code, pursuant to future land use map series (FLUMS) small-scale amendment application number 2013c-025; providing an effective date.
2013-0655	Deny	Ordinance adopting a large-scale amendment to the future land use map series of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use designation from community/general commercial (CGC) and medium density residential (MDR) to low density residential (LDR) on approximately 26.92+ acres of land located in Council District 11 on Main Street North between Tisonia Road and Dead Sea Lane and owned by KHS North Main, LLC as more particularly described herein, pursuant to application number 2013d-003; providing an effective date.
2013-0656	Deny	Ordinance rezoning approximately 26.92 acres of land located in Council District 11 on Main Street North between Tisonia Road and Dead Sea Lane (108148-0010), and owned by KHS North Main LLC, as described herein, from PUD (planned unit development) district to PUD (planned unit development) district, as defined and classified under the zoning code, to permit single family residential uses, as described in the written description and site plan for main street pursuant to future land use map series (FLUMS) large-scale amendment application number 2013d-003; providing an effective date.
2013-0659	Approve	Ordinance approving a proposed large scale revision to the future land use map series of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use designation from rural residential (RR) and business park (BP) to light industrial (LI) on approximately 74.10+ acres of land located in Council District 11 on Port Jacksonville Parkway between New Berlin Road and Alta Drive and owned by Stone Mountain Industrial Park, Inc., as more particularly described herein, pursuant to application number 2013G-002, for transmittal to the State of Florida's various agencies for review; providing an effective date.
2013-0669	Discussion Only - No Action	Ordinance authorizing transfer of surplus city owned property and buildings to the Police and Fire Pension Fund; conveying the property to the Police and Fire pension Fund (PFPF) in exchange for a reduction in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the PFPF in an amount of the assessed value, all in accordance with a purchase and sale agreement to be entered into between the City and PFPF; authorizing the Mayor and the Corporation Secretary to execute any and all documents necessary to accomplish the foregoing transactions; waiving conflicting provisions of chapter 122 and 500, Ordinance Code.
None	Approve	Send letters to City Council Members requesting their attendance at CPAC meetings.

- o Specific concerns were expressed:
 - Value of COJ properties currently discussed to transfer to fund the pension.
 - Concern that residents could lose preservation land to transfer properties to fund the

pension.

- o Mr. DeCamp said he would provide a timeline for the Pension Fund Task Force (2103-0669).
- o Harry Wagner has asked to be replaced on the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.
- o Chair Taylor appointed Danny Ferriera to the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.

• **Membership** – Reverend Bivins reported:

- o Looking for new members has not been easy because the Neighborhoods Directory, a voluntary database, is not up-to-date. Florida's Sunbiz has a list of neighborhood organization names but many are inactive and the list is not sorted by city, county or zip code.
- o He and Mrs. Bivens brought in new members this month and brought a guest today. Rev. Bivens introduced Patricia Cooper.
- o Mr. Bivens said he spoke by phone messages and emails to Council Member Gaffney and invited him to attend the North CPAC. He would like to contact other City Council Members.
- o They participated in a Neighborhood Watch Walk at Turtle Creek. They are trying to figure out who to contact in that neighborhood.
- o A brief discussion as held about membership. Mr. Ferriera asked if any visitors were interested in joining CPAC. Mr. Neidlinger suggested the ShAdCo Sector Presidents be contacted to recruit members.
- o Mr. Biederer recognized Rev. and Mrs. Bivens for their leadership role in seeking new CPAC members.
- o Chair Taylor commended Reverend and Mrs. Bivins for an excellent job.

• **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported:

- o FDOT Construction began 10/6/13 on resurfacing Dunn Avenue and Lem Turner. Expect single lane closures. Chair Taylor asked FDOT Mr. Hill to provide detailed information about the times for lane changes and the date the project is expected to be completed.

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8. Unfinished Business: none.

9. New Business:

- The December meeting will have an abbreviated agenda to allow time for elections and for the annual social. The annual social event was discussed. Mary Thompson, who usually chairs the Social Subcommittee, can help this year, but she cannot chair the subcommittee. Kathy Myers, Mrs. Bivens and Mrs. Williams will serve on the subcommittee. See Kathy to let her know what food you will bring. More volunteers are needed. Please let the Chair know next month.

10. Public Comments: none.

- A concern was expressed about cost of the federal furloughs.
- The St. Johns River Ferry Fest is Saturday, Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. The ferry will be free for pedestrians on that day.
- The next meeting of the Heckscher Drive Community Club is Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. A local author, Joe Abb Overby, will discuss his book, Acres Aweigh, the story of the woman, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Stark, who developed the resort Wonderland By-The-Sea and was subsequently physically removed from her property because the U.S. Navy decided to build a Naval Base on the site

11. Motion to Adjourn – Danny Ferriera made a motion to adjourn. Roland Biederer seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2013 at 4 p.m.

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus

4501 Capper Rd. **Building A – Room 171**

The next Governmental Affairs Meeting is Nov. 7, 2013, 4 p.m.

FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd., Building C-136 Conference Room

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