

District #6
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Chair: Mike Getchell

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus
4501 Capper Rd. Building C - Auditorium
September 10, 2012

Attendance:

Members:

Chair - Mike Getchell
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Charter Member - David Spruill
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Captiva Bluff Neighborhood Association - Rex Neidlinger
Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Association - Vicki Drake
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
Highlands Homeowners Association - Jack Stuart
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northlake Homeowners Association – Howard Miller
ShAdCo Q – Mozelle Masters
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Excused:

Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Ashford Wood - Evelyn “Kathy” Myers
Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau
Northside Business Leaders - Michael Fisher
San Mateo – Roland Biederer
ShAdCo Q - Jennelle Bray
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
Turtle Creek Village - Art Sullivan

Elected Officials: Mayor Alvin Brown

Staff:

Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development, Elaine Spencer, Chief
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development, Kenny Logsdon
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey
Florida Department of Transportation – Richard Prindiville
Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – Officer Michael Powers
Mayor’s Liaison - Mike Sweat
Mayor’s Office – Debbie Delgado
Parks & Recreation – Brian Burket
Planning & Development – Lisa Ransom

Guests:

Copper Hill IV - Reverend Joseph Tate
Blue Grass/Northwood Neighborhood Watch - Pastor Mark Bivens
Blue Grass/Northwood Neighborhood Watch – Sharon Bivens
Garden City Neighborhood Association - James Breland
Tasti D-Lite - Nancy Burnett
Angel Lakes – Paula Scott
Marshwinds – Preben Rakefeldt

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. Honored Guest Speaker: Mayor Alvin Brown

- Expressed his appreciation for FSCJ North President Dr. Barbara Darby, for providing a home for the North CPAC, for North CPAC Chair Mike Getchell, Acting Vice Chairs Tommy Ruffin and Dick Berry. He thanked Charter Members Dot Mathias, Dick Berry and David Spruill. He recognized all CPAC Members, City and State staff members, community volunteers and Mayor's Liaison Mike Sweat.
- This is an incredibly important time in our city's history. It is a time where each of us has a responsibility to focus and put Jacksonville first.
- It is a tough budget year. He discussed budget issues of rising pension costs, reduced revenues and stated that each constitutional officer, department head and employee has been asked for solutions to reduce costs. His focus is on hard-working taxpayers.
- He is proud to hold the line on taxes the second year in a row and is proud City Council has done the same.
- His goal is to restore economic security by focusing on best practices and innovations.
- Mayor Brown thanked staff members Mia Jones, Elaine Spencer and Debbie Delgado. Mike Getchell recognized Mary Beth Ridderman's work with the CPAC and Mayor Brown thanked her.
- A question and answer session followed. Several CPAC members and other residents thanked Mayor Brown for visiting the CPAC.

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

The August meeting was cancelled. A motion to approve the July summary was made by Dick Berry and seconded by Tommy Ruffin. The vote: All in favor.

4. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lt. Michael Powers reported:
 - Zone 6 has had a few sporadic incidents. Auto burglaries remain a problem and over half of the cars were left unlocked. Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity. Please lock your car and store valuables out of sight.
 - A concern was expressed about what appears to be drug traffic at 2969 Frances St..
 - A concern was expressed about speeding on Briarcliff Road. A speed monitor was requested.
 - A concern was expressed regarding boom-boxes playing loud music from midnight to 4 a.m.
 - A question was asked about curfew times for minors. Curfew is 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.
 - A concern was expressed about residents in neighborhoods who fail to control their children. Older residents are sometimes fearful of children.
 - Chair Getchell thanked Lt. Powers for his report.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat reported:
 - A farm tour was held at Brandy Branch Dairy, a state-of-the-art facility that milks 1500 cows.
 - Acting Chair Ruffin thanked Mr. Sweat for asking Mayor Brown to attend the CPAC.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – No representative.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Richard Prindiville reported:
 - I-295 from I-10 to I-95 North – the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) installation is scheduled for completion in Winter, 2012.
 - 9-A from Atlantic Boulevard to I-95 North is scheduled for completion in Fall, 2013.

- o Heckscher Drive, Sister's Creek Bridge – mechanical and electrical repairs/construction are imminent and should finish Fall, 2013.
- o Dames Point Bridge – 1 Northbound and 1 Southbound lane will close until the end of 2012..
- o Mathews Bridge – Eastbound lane will close 9/12/12 from 9 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 9/13/12. Westbound lane will close 9/13/12 from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. The bridge will be closed on Saturday, 9/15/12.
- o A concern was expressed and a lengthy discussion held regarding the construction of a toll lane on I-295.
- o A question was asked about repairing the Sister's Creek Bridge when it is scheduled to be replaced.
- **Neighborhoods**
 - o **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman announced a written report was provided. She asked residents to notice the item about the October Art Walk. As part of the Art Walk, Mayor Brown is hosting an Open House at City Hall on Oct. 3, 5 – 7 p.m.
 - Chair Getchell announced the CPAC was a “coin flip” from losing Ms. Ridderman. A drawing was held for her and another employee who were hired on the same day. Ms. Ridderman retained her position. He expressed concern that, due to budget issues, employee cuts are not over.
 - o **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Bruce Chauncey reported:
 - o Zone 6 lost 2 of their new officers. Zone 6 is down to 3 officers in Zone 6.
 - o The church that burned on New Berlin Road will be rebuilt.
 - o Systematic inspections are suspended due to loss of personnel.
- **Planning & Development** – Acting Chair Ruffin introduced Lisa Ransom. She announced she has been with Planning for 17 years and she is familiar with Vision Plans. Ms. Ransom met with the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee. She is available for questions.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Brian Burket reported:
 - o The department has had some staff reductions but no services will be eliminated. The Parks budget was increased because Parks Maintenance is being transferred back to Parks. Parks will be mowed 19 times each year.
 - o There will be no closures of pools or services.
 - o The City Council passed legislation to acquire the Thomas Creek parcel. The city's contribution of \$1.2 million is small compared to the entire purchase price.
 - o Sept. 29 is a World Wide Day of Play at Woodstock Park from noon – 3 p.m.
 - o Oct. 6 is Art in the Park, the first in a series of Communities First. The event will be held on the North Bank from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.. Free art activities will be available.
 - o Please visit JaxParks.com to see videos highlighting area parks and activities.
 - o A concern was expressed about the status of Huguenot Park. Mr. Burkett said nothing has changed at this time.
 - o A concern was expressed about the Palms Fish Camp, which has been closed for years due to contractor issues and remains unfinished/unopened.
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:
 - o Save the date – January 25. Former Mayor John Delaney is the keynote speaker at Ribault Club.
 - o January 26 – Science Discovery Day. This event will offer family and child – friendly, hands-on activities to help understand natural and cultural resources. Ms. Allen expressed her appreciation to North District homeowners associations for helping out.
 - o Brochures are available about invasive plant species. The focus has been to eliminate invasive species and now outreach will contact private landowners. Speakers are available. The following resources are available:
 - <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/>
 - www.fleppc.org/list/list.htm
 - www.floridainvasives.org
 - o Please visit the National Park Service's website: <http://www.nps.gov/foca/index.htm>.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Getchell apologized for cancelling the August meeting. He made the decision to

cancel because the speaker rescheduled and there was no Governmental Affairs meeting/report.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** – Mayor Alvin Brown was the honored guest speaker.

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

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

2012-0492	Discussion only	Appropriates \$10,000,000 from the JIA/CRA tax increment district account to allocate funding to the Duval Road expansion project (\$375,000) and to the JIA North Access Road project (\$9,625,000). The funding for the projects will carry-over to the succeeding fiscal year. The bill approves a Third Amendment to the Duval Road Fair Share Agreement between the City and Signature Land, Inc./Signature Parkway, LLP for the Duval Road project.
2012-0510	Discussion only	Authorizes the Mayor and any appropriate City Council members to execute an inter-local agreement to reconstitute an expanded North Florida Transportation Planning Organization as originally authorized by Resolution 2010-361-A, and to execute another inter-local agreement with the TPO to authorize a rail corridor study to examine the feasibility of locating a new east/west alignment for a rail line within the Braddock/JIA study area.
2012 - 0527	Approved	Waiver of minimum road frontage application wrf-12-12 located in council district 11 at 10620 Palmetto Avenue, requesting to reduce the minimum road frontage requirements from 35 feet to 0 feet.

- **Membership** – Mr. Wagner’s absence was excused.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported he had nothing to add to FDOT’s report.
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – A volunteer is needed.

8. **Unfinished Business** - none

9. **New Business** – none.

10. **Motion to Adjourn** – Bill Baker made a motion for adjournment and Jack Stuart seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.
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