

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
September 11, 2013

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Bobby Taylor
Vice Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
White Shell Bay – Aline Clement

Excused:

Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Charter Member - David Spruill
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Highlands- Jack Stuart
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter
Northside Business Leaders – Patrick Bennett
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
San Mateo – Roland Biederer
ShAdCo Q – Jenny Bray
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill
Tasti D'Lite – Nancy Burnett
White Shell Bay – Sandra Kessler

Absent – Pending Removal

Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau
Garden City – Andrea Lavanderos

Elected Officials: none

Staff:

Florida Department of Transportation – Thomas Hill
JSO – Sgt. R.E. Valentine
Mayor's Liaison – Mike Sweat
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance – Bruce Chauncey
Parks & Recreation – Shaniqua Simmons

Staff Members Excused:

Mayor's Representative – David DeCamp
Planning & Development – Lisa Ransom

Guests - Mayoral Appointment in Process

Copper Hill – Rev. Joseph Pope
Edwards Creek Road - Danny Ferriera
NTCA – Evelyn Coney

Guests:

JTA - Sureya Teeple

JTA – Robert Franques

Captiva Bluff - Nicolet Neidlinger

UNF Nursing - Kymburle Adkins

UNF Nursing – Tiffany Odell

Robert Phillips

UNF Nursing – Kristen Kortebein

UNF Nursing – Trisha Thakkar

UNF Nursing - Sona Dolseare

UNF Nursing – Sophia Sears

UNF Nursing – Jacqueline Morela

UNF Nursing – Brittany Swann

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bobby Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A moment of silence was held to honor those civilians and responders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

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

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Sgt. Valentine reported:
 - A 300% increase in robberies to individuals based on no robberies the month before and 3 last month -= 300%. The following crimes are down in number: business burglary, business theft, residential burglary, theft from individuals. The following crimes are up in number: auto thefts, auto burglaries and business petit theft.
 - A concern was expressed about speeding motorists creating dangerous conditions on Heckscher Drive. Many mailboxes have been knocked down. Cars pass on double yellow lines during daylight hours. JSO presence is requested. Sgt. Valentine said he will report it to JSO Traffic Patrol.
 - Labor Day is the second largest attendance day at Huguenot Park. Please be sure to thank JSO Reserve Officers – they volunteer their time.
 - Appreciation was expressed for JSO's traffic control on Cedar Point – the races have stopped.
 - To report suspicious activity, call 630-0500.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat reported:
 - The Mayor's Office announced a new Education Commissioner, AnnMarie Kent-Willette, Ed.D. was hired at \$1.00 per year salary.
 - The Mayor's Office announced Earnie Franklin, Director of Public-Private Partnerships was hired at \$1.00 per year salary
 - Mayor Brown is concerned about the 35,000 unemployed in Jacksonville and that Jacksonville is #1 in foreclosures in the state.
 - Sept. 12 is the New Town Success Zone community meeting.
 - Extension Office announcements
 - New volunteers are in training, taking a pesticide exam today.
 - 4-H Military partnership has 288 kids in military families involved in 4-H. Duval won an award for this partnership.
 - 4906 Duval County kids are in 4-H this year
 - The following classes are offered: Make & Take Rain Barrel, Eating & Growing seasonably, Food Preservation, Canning Mango Chutney and Beekeeping. For more information about classes, please call the Extension Office at 255-7450.
- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp's absence was excused.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – No representation. A concern was expressed that no representatives attend the North CPAC meeting. Vice Chair Neidlinger said he will send an email to the School Board and request a representative attend the meetings.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Thomas Hill reported:
 - There have been no changes to the plans for I-95/I-295 and Heckscher Drive.
 - Sisters Creek Bridge work will be completed this Fall. Expect lane closures 7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. the night work is finished.
 - Appreciation was expressed in behalf of the homeowners association and the North CPAC for FDOT's responsiveness in assessing the need for a traffic light, which was not warranted and reviewing the speed limit signs and subsequently the speed limit will be lowered to 50 mph.
 - 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.
 - Sept. 17 at 1 p.m., training for Condo owners. 213 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Bldg. Room 851, 213 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Bldg. Room 851. Space is limited for both classes. Pre-registration required. Contact marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Contact marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260.
 - Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m., training for Homeowner and Townhome Associations, 213 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Bldg. Room 851. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Contact marybeth@coj.net or 255-8260.
 - The CPAC Coordinators and their supervisor hosted the Egyptian Delegation.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Bruce Chauncey reported:
 - A new officer started Monday.
 - Code Compliance Officers are doing a great job – writing lots of citations.
 - He is hopeful the budget will be favorable for Code Compliance.
 - Last month residents mentioned issues at Baisden Road and Suzanne Road. Both were cited.
 - Please call 630-CITY (2489) to register and track CARE concerns.
- **Planning & Development** – Lisa Ransom's absence was excused.
 - 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:
 - She relocated from Charleston. She has the North, NW and Arlington areas.
 - The First Coast Pool Study Meeting is October 3, 6 p.m. at the First Coast High School Auditorium.
 - The bid is out on the Mayport board ramp. It should go to the contractor in 2 weeks. The project will extend the existing boat ramp and add a boat ramp.
 - An inquiry was made about funding for security guards at Huguenot Park. Lack of guards has created bad issues at Hannah regarding by not security the property.
 - Chair Taylor welcomed Ms. Simmons to the North CPAC.
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:
 - Harvest Day, October 5. The event will feature living history demonstrations. Information is available at the website. Cards are available with a list of all Timucuan anniversary activities.
 - International Coastal Cleanup – Sept 21. from 7-9 a.m. at Beach and Atlantic; 9 – 11 a.m. at all other locations.
 - To learn more about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
- 4. **Presentation:** JTA Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) North Corridor Project by Sureya Teeple and Robert Franques. PowerPoint presentation showed the BRT bus corridor. BRT is part of the planned regional transportation system. Buses will be branded "Max", with a gold color. Buses will arrive at transit stations every 10-15 minutes. Intersection improvements such as traffic signal priority will be completed. Buses will travel in transit lanes. Parking will be available in park and ride lots. The phases are planned in this order: downtown: North phase to Lem Turner; SE because of employment opportunities, East - downtown and SW - downtown to the Orange Park Mall. Buses will run: First Street, the new VA hospital, UNF Health (Shands), MLK Parkway, Boulevard, Gateway shopping Center, Rowes, Soutel Drive, Copper Road and Dunn Avenue. There will be a park and ride near Home Depot and a station at Wal-Mart.
 - A request was made for a ridership survey. Ms. Teeple said she will send a link.
 - A question and answer session followed.
 - Chair Taylor thanked JTA for the presentation.
- 5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Bobby Taylor:
 - Florida Open Beaches in hosting the International Coastal Clean Up at Huguenot Park, 9 – 11 a.m. on Sept. 21.
 - The final budget meeting is Sept. 24. Chair Taylor encouraged residents to attend to request funding support for services.
 - The St. Johns River Ferry has received funding for one year.
 - Credit to the City Council Members who have the courage to do what is responsible to fund City services. Chair Taylor expressed his pleasure that the five fire stations originally scheduled to

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September 5, 2013

Honorable Bill Gulliford, President
Jacksonville City Council
117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Council President Gulliford,

The North District CPAC which encompasses one third of Duval County is concerned that for a number of months we have not had a representative from the City Council in attendance at our monthly meetings. As you may be aware the CPAC provides an opportunity for citizens to engage in dialogue about legislation, zoning and land use changes and the decision-making process affecting their quality of life

We respectfully request that our City Council members include us in their scheduled visits to re-engage with the community leaders and citizens of the Northside at the monthly North District CPAC meetings.

Respectfully submitted,


Bobby Taylor
North CPAC Chair

E-Copy: Council President Bill Gulliford, Vice President Clay Yarbrough, Council Members: William Bishop, Richard A. Clark, Don Redman, Lori N. Boyer, Matt Schellenberg, Dr. John Gaffney, E. Denise Lee, Warren A. Jones, Reginald L. Brown, Raymond E. Holt, Doyle Carter, Bill Gulliford, Kimberly Daniels, John R. Crescimbeni, Stephen C. Joost, Greg Anderson, Robin Lumb
Council Legislative Services: Cheryl Brown, Dana Farris
Neighborhoods Department: Kenny Logsdon, Elaine Spencer

BUS RAPID TRANSIT - MAX

Overview

JTA is enhancing its transit system with North, Southeast, East and Southwest limited stop corridors connecting through downtown Jacksonville. The system, branded as "MAX", is an integral piece of JTA's transit vision, taking mass transit in Northeast Florida to an exciting new level. MAX is not about speed; it is about transit efficiency and convenience; key elements for today's business professionals. Features will include:

- ▼ Low-floor branded buses that arrive every 10 minutes during peak hours and 15 minutes off-peak
- ▼ Branded, weather-protected, stations with schedule information, lighting and ticket machines at key locations
- ▼ Operation in both mixed traffic and dedicated-lane segments in selected areas
- ▼ Transit signal priority at intersections allow buses to extend green signal time
- ▼ Connections with other JTA services

Benefits

MAX will offer customers a premium transit service on more heavily-traveled corridors. The system will serve as a critical element of JTA's transit system, providing enhanced convenience, reliability and connectivity to travel seamlessly through Jacksonville.



Downtown Jacksonville will serve as the hub of the MAX system, integrating with the Skyway services as well as future rail transit. In addition to having system-wide amenities, downtown stations will encompass decorative brick bands, landscaping and decorative street lighting where feasible. The system and associated improvements are also designed to better link the North and South banks.



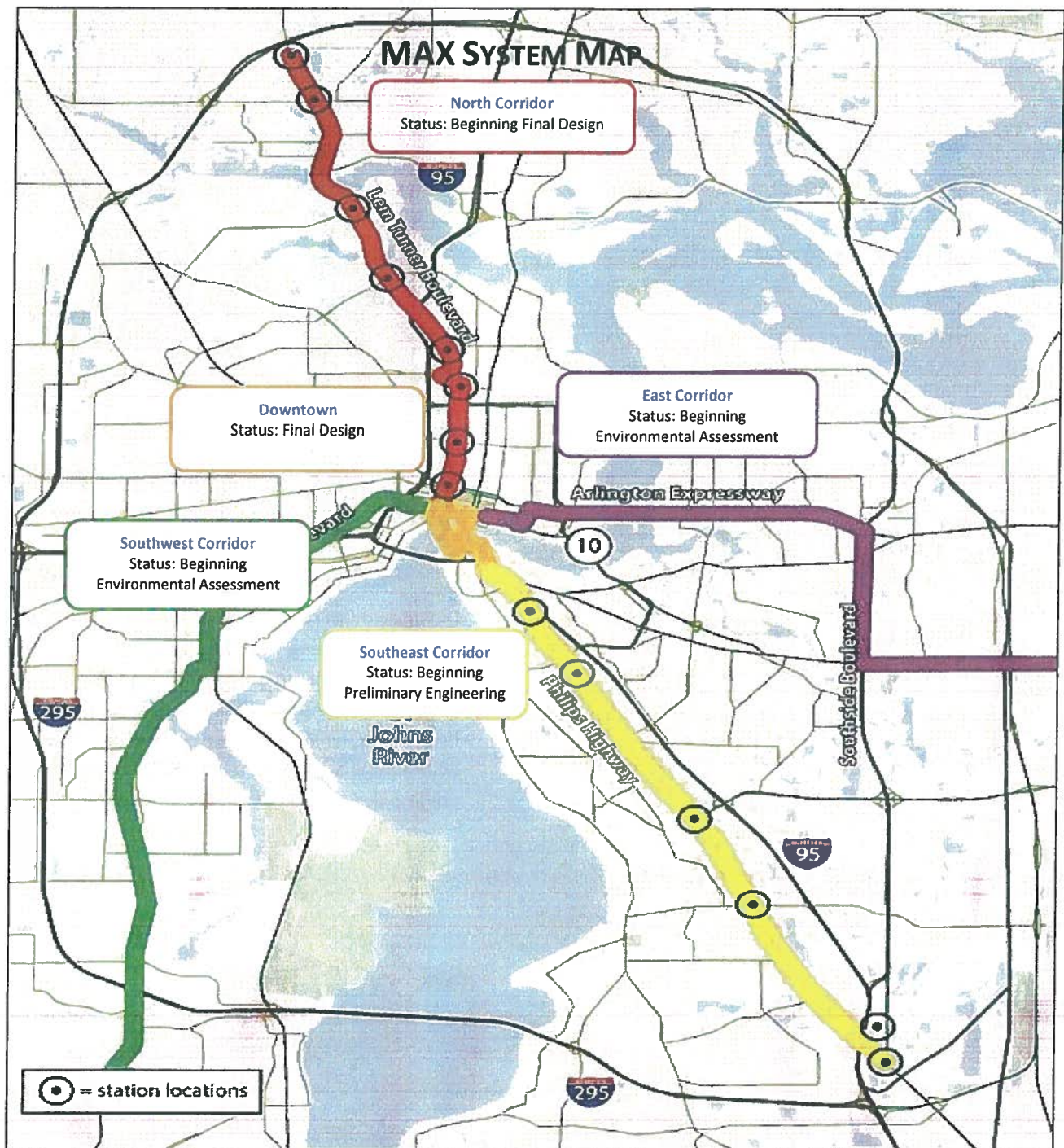
MAX will feature enhanced branded stations with schedule information, ticket machines and other attractive amenities at key locations.



Jacksonville Transportation Authority
100 North Myrtle Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32204
www.jtafla.com

For more information visit
www.jtafla.com/JTAfutureplans/Bus/

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Estimated Timeline for Implementation

Downtown	North	Southeast	East	Southwest
2014	2015	2015	2016-2017	2016-2017



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NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Mary Beth Ridderman, Neighborhood Coordinator
September 2013

Neighborhoods:

Housing & Community Development

- Marilyn Fenton-Harmer left the COJ to pursue her dream of teaching. Until her position is filled, Mary Beth works with the North, Northwest and Southwest CPACs and neighborhoods. Rosemary Wesolowski works with Southeast, Greater-Arlington-Beaches and Urban Core CPACs. For concerns, contact Supervisor Kenny Logsdon, 255-8237.
- Neighborhood Coordinators hosted Egyptian Delegation on Sept. 4. They said they appreciated our hospitality. They observed that Jacksonville has lots of green space and undeveloped areas along the waterways and needs public transportation systems.
- Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. Condominium Training, 214 N. Hogan St. Room 851
- Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m. Homeowner Association Training 214 N. Hogan St. Room 851.

Parks and Recreation:

- **Parks :**
 - Learn more about area parks: <http://www.youtube.com/user/friendsofjaxparks>
 - Sign up for updates on parks: <http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming/jaxparksupdates.aspx>
- **Special Events:**
 - Sept. 20 at 6 – 10 p.m. Pirate Party, Pirates of Caribbean Curse of the Black Pearl movie. Bring your own chair or blanket. Free admission. For more information call 630-3690 or visit <http://www.jaxhappenings.com/Events/Pirate-Party.aspx>
- **County Extension Office:**
 - Free newsletter: <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/nleafJanuaryFebruary13.pdf>
 - Another free newsletter: <http://www.solutionsforyourlife.com/>
 - Learn more at <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu> or 255-7450.

JSO:

- Oct. 1, 2013 National Night Out – plan something for your neighborhood and register your event <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriff-s-office/bizforms/national-night-out-registration-form.aspx>
- On Line Crime Reporting <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/report-a-crime-online.aspx>
- JSO Information: <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office.aspx>

Public Library:

- Read free full digital copies of magazines on your computer, tablet or mobile device! Choose from many popular titles with no due dates. <http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/res/db/zinio.html>
- Please visit kids' magazines on the web: <http://jpl.coj.net/kids/mags.html>
- Project Gutenberg is a volunteer effort to digitize, archive, and distribute cultural works. It is the largest collection of free electronic books (eBooks) in the world. Gutenberg offers over 40,000 free e-books: choose among free e-pub books, free kindle books - download them or read them online. <http://www.gutenberg.org/>. Contact 630-City (2489) for more information.

Duval County Public Schools:

- Parent Academy: supplies parents and caregivers with tools to promote students' academic achievement. [http://inside.coj.net/News/Documents/DCPS-Parent%20Academy%20\(website%20flyer\).pdf](http://inside.coj.net/News/Documents/DCPS-Parent%20Academy%20(website%20flyer).pdf) or 390-2969

Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC)

- Partnering with U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Florida Department of Health/Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs to provide nutritious snacks and supper meals to local children. Starting Monday, Sept. 9, children attending JCC-funded TEAM UP Nutrition Program sites will each receive a nutritious snack and supper meal before going home each day.

Keep Jacksonville Beautiful:

- Sept. 21, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Coastal Cleanup. For information: 630-3420, 630-2489 or visit www.coj.net/KJB

Other:

- Sept 29 at 2 p.m. and the last Sunday of each month - Northside Love Arts & Vendors Market: Entertainment, Zumba, kids' activities, fruit/veg. market, food trucks. 5054 Soutel Dr. 755-5281.
- Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Inaugural Honeybee Festival: children's activities, honey sampling, crafts, free admission. http://beefriendsfarm.com/Honeybee_Festival_Flyer.pdf
- Florida's Financial History Challenge for students – K-12. Entries through Oct. 11, 2013. Awards Dec. 31, 2013 <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/YMM/HistoryChallenge/default.aspx>.
- Sept. 12 at 6 p.m., Community Meeting: Saving Our Youth Civil Citations: In and Out of School, FSCJ Downtown, 101W. State St. A-1068.

Jobs:

- Sept. 27 at 10 – 3 p.m. Veterans Job Fair. Jacksonville Fairgrounds. 510 Fairground Place. For more information, contact 630-3680 or visit www.coj.net/jobsforvets
- City of Jacksonville Jobs: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/jacksonvillefl/default.cfm>
- Other Jobs:
 - <http://jobs.monster.com/fl-florida.aspx>
 - Worksource/Employ Florida <https://www.employflorida.com/vosnet/Default.aspx> or call 904-356-5627 or 924-1710.

Phone Numbers:

- City Link 630-CITY (630-2489). Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information contact 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org.
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St, Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or www.jaxpubliclibrary.org.
- JSO - Police Non-emergency 630-0500.
- JSO Zone 4 – 573-3165
- JSO Zone 5 -384-8028
- JSO Zone 6 – 696-4335
- JFRD Non-emergency – 630-0530
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously.
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it.
- Duval Extension Office – 255-7450 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search Extension Office).

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