

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 A- 171

February 12, 2014

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Bobby Taylor
Vice Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Charter Member - David Spruill
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Copper Hill – Joseph Tate
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter
San Mateo – Roland Biederer
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Excused:

Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Highlands- Jack Stuart
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
Northside Business Leaders – Patrick Bennett
ShAdCo Q – Jenny Bray
Tasti D'Lite – Nancy Burnett

Absent:

White Shell Bay – Sandra Kessler (withdrew as representative)

Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net if members will be absent.

Elected Officials: none present

Staff:

Mayor's Liaison – Mike Sweat
Mayor's Representative – David DeCamp
Jacksonville Electric Authority – Wanyonyi Kendrick
Jacksonville Public Library – Ann Fridl, Highlands Branch
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Sgt. R.C. Messersmith
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Compliance – Bruce Chauncey
Parks & Recreation – Shaniqua Simmons
Planning & Development – Lisa Ransom
Planning & Development – Marvin Echols

Staff Excused:

Guests:

Robert Porter - Northlake

Robert Phillips

Carol Miller - Jacksonville Area Legal Aide

Tom Ingram, Planning LLP

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bobby Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was verified by Neighborhood Coordinator Mary Beth Ridderman. Chair Taylor reminded everyone to silence cell phones and sign-in.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the January summary was made by Tommy Ruffin and seconded by Richard Berry. The vote: All in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Sgt. Messersmith reported:
 - In the past 30 days, reported incidents are down in the following categories: violent crime, robbery and property crime. Reported incidents are up in burglaries to residences, breaking and entering businesses and auto burglaries. There is a crime trend of breaking into cell phone stores. In most cases of auto burglaries, the vehicles were unlocked.
 - Charter Member Berry made an inquiry about the number of homicides. Sgt. Messersmith did not have that information available.
 - To report suspicious activity, call 630-0500.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat reported:
 - A Day of Gardening – Feb. 22, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$15. To register, call Becky at 255-7450.
 - Nutrition Workshops – Feb. 12 or Feb. 13, 4-5 p.m. at Brentwood Library.
 - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – Free 8-week series, Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m. – noon.
 - The poultry ordinance passed. It allows residents to become certified to raise up to 5 hens in certain areas of the city. Only 300 permits will be issued. The first class trained 225 people, with 145 permits issued to-date. The next class has 175 people registered. The ordinance has a two year trial period which began 1/12/14. This is part of a movement to return to agriculture.
 - For information about Extension Office classes, please call the Extension Office at 255-7450.
- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp reported:
 - The pension reform continues to make progress. A three hour meeting was held today. The task force is looking at a proposal to change the structure for new and existing employees and save \$2.3 billion per year from the General Fund. They are also looking at a 401-K and pension hybrid that would offer significant savings. Mayor Brown has asked JEA to contribute to the pension. The task force requested Mayor Brown present a final analysis next week. The final document will be presented to City Council on Feb. 26. Ms. Ridderman forwarded information from the Mayor's Office with pension facts and proposed pension savings. The proposal would save \$130 million for the community. To learn more, please visit www.coj.net retirement reform.
 - A question was raised about the amount of the Mayor's Contingency Fund. David DeCamp answered the question and include the amount of the COJ reserve fund.
 - A concern was expressed regarding the pension fund and legal issues related to the existing long term agreement.
 - A brief discussion followed and included questions and comments regarding JEA's pension contribution and the proposed gas tax extension.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – no representative.
- **Neighborhoods**
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - 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:
 - Three officers were hired. More people are being interviewed. All officers are busy with Operation Urban Blight and other duties.

- Please call 630-CITY (2489) to register and track CARE concerns.
- **Planning & Development** – Lisa Ransom introduced Marvin Echols.
 - Ms. Ransom is being transferred to the Urban Core CPAC.
 - Mr. Echols may be reached at 255-7823. Chair Taylor and Vice Chair Neidlinger welcomed Mr. Echols to the North CPAC. They thanked Lisa Ransom for her diligent service to the North CPAC and wished her well in her new position.
 - Please call 255-7800 regarding posted signs/notices or contact Mr. Echols at 255-7823 or MEchols@coj.net.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Shaniqua Simmons reported:
 - Summer camp is being planned for 11 sites. Vouchers will be provided by Jacksonville Children’s Commission. Registration will be available on the website by the end of February. Registration must be done on line.
 - Parks & Recreation is working with the Extension Office on nutrition classes at community center and parks.
 - A concern was expressed about the level of parental involvement in summer programs. (Parents or others may volunteer at any community center. A background check is required every two years. Please see Ms. Simmons for a volunteer form.)
 - Chair Taylor thanked Ms. Simmons for her report.
 - For more information about nutrition classes or other programs, please contact Ms. Simmons at ShaniquaS@coj.net.
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:
 - The Kingsley Heritage Celebration is Feb. 15. Activities include Dr. Daniel Shaffer, guest speaker, music, a master story teller, Kingsley descendant Perry Francis, kids’ activities, demonstrations of cooking, tabby-making also slaking, spinning, and harvesting Sea Island cotton and indigo. Costumed volunteers and rangers will be present.
 - Last Saturday was Discovery Day. 85 people bird-watched from kayaks.
 - Picture posts have started. See handout for detailed instructions to set smart phone on post, snap pictures then upload onto a national data base. This activity will document park conditions and changes.
 - Chair Taylor thanked Ms. Allen for her report.
 - For information about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – Wanyonyi “Wi” Kendrick reported:
 - JEA’s primary goals include economic development. JEA is ranked as the best utility for businesses. It is ranked above the mean for residential customers. However, the rates are slightly above the mean. JEA is looking for opportunities and next steps.
 - Ms. Kendrick offered to arrange a presentation “Savings without Sacrifice”.
 - Please visit JEA’ website for solutions, such as my budget pay which averages bills over a 12 month period, and my tracker, which compares current usage to a budgeted amount.
 - A question and answer session followed Ms. Kendrick’s report.
 - Concerns were expressed about meter malfunctions and JEA cyber security.
 - Chair Taylor thanked Ms. Kendrick for her report.
 - For more information, please contact Ms. Kendrick at hendwj@jea.com or 665-7217.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – no report.
 - Tommy Ruffin thanked FDOT for changing speed limit signs on Lem Turner, North of Percy Road. The CPAC was acknowledged for its’ letter of support. The neighborhood is safer because of this work.
 - 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

4. **Presentation:** none scheduled due to length of Governmental Affairs agenda.
5. **Chair’s Report** – Chair Taylor reported:
 - He was on vacation at the time of last month’s meeting. He read a book Quiet Revolution, about Jacksonville’s consolidation.
 - The Executive Order does not allow CPAC officers to serve more than two years in the same position, so this is his last year as CPAC Chair. He encouraged others to serve as Chair and Vice Chair.
6. **Elected Officials Reports** –none.
7. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - **Governmental Affairs** –

The following items were discussed or voted upon:

2013-0800	Approve	At the budget adoption meeting in September, several floor amendments provided just over \$2 million in additional funding from several sources to be applied to “blight activities”.
2013-0820	Deny	The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 799 – Local Option Gas Tax – to provide for a 20 year extension of the gas tax from 2016 through 2036. In 1991 the City renewed the local option gas tax for 20 additional years from August 1996 to August 2016, for a total of 30 years from the initial 10 year levy of 1986.
2014-0012	Approve	an ordinance appropriating \$867,139.00 to provide fair share funding in sector 6.1 for contribution towards the construction and completion of Duval road; amending the fair share contract between the city of Jacksonville and Signature Parkway, LLP
2014-0015	Deny	Designee, and corporation secretary to execute and deliver an ordinance approving and authorizing the mayor, on behalf of the city a transfer and maintenance agreement between the city and the Florida Department of Transportation, which transfers to the city responsibility for the road right of way and operation, maintenance, and repair for portions of the new State Road 23 from the Clay County line to I-10 in Council Districts 11 AND 12.
2014-0021	Approve	Yellow Bluff, LLP, through its agent, Matovina and Company, filed application MM-13-24 with the Planning Commission, requesting a minor modification to allow for development criteria to include the option of the proposed forty-two (42) single family lot subdivision on property located on the east side of Yellow Bluff Road between Fritz Road and New Berlin Road
2014-0037	Approve	Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City’s opposition to any proposal to allow interests in Central Florida to withdraw millions of gallons of water per day from the St. Johns River to serve the water needs of that region and urges the St. Johns River Water Management District to explore other alternatives for water supply in that region that do not imperil the health of the St. Johns River. The bill requests action as a 1-cycle emergency.
2014-0039	Approve	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING (Unauthorized parking in disabled parking space is prohibited), to allow fines collected from violations. Seventy percent to be expended only to improve accessibility to qualified physically disabled persons in the County and to provide funds to conduct public awareness programs in the County concerning physically disabled persons. The remaining percentage of the fines collected shall be distributed as provided by law.
2014-0045	Approve	An ordinance 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) TO Community/General Commercial (CGC) on approximately .24 of an acre of land located in Council District 11 on Oceanway Avenue between Oceanway avenue and New Berlin Road, owned BY City of Jacksonville, as more particularly described herein, pursuant to application number 2013c-026; providing an effective date
2014-0046	Approve	An ordinance rezoning approximately 0.24 of an acre of land located in Council District 11 on Oceanway Avenue between New berlin Road and Magnolia Avenue and owned by the City of Jacksonville, as described herein, from Residential Low Density-60 (rld-60) District to Commercial Neighborhood (CN) District
2014-0059	Approve	an 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 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
2014-0060	Approve	land located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 11 on Port Jacksonville Parkway between New Berlin road and Alta Drive (R.E. NO(s). 108451-0003, 108451-0200, 108451-0220, 108451-0180, 108451-0060, 108451-0020, 108451-0160), and owned by Stone Mountain Industrial Park, Inc., as described herein, from planned unit development (PUD) district to planned unit development (PUD) district, as defined and classified under the zoning code, to permit warehouse, distribution, light assembly uses and certain residential uses, as described in the written description and site plan for the Northpoint Industrial Park PUD, pursuant to future land use map series (FLUMs) large-scale amendment application number 2013g-002; providing an effective date.
2014-0079	Approve	The City of Jacksonville adopted Ordinance 2007-837-E, which in pertinent part, established a solid waste service fee for collecting, processing, disposing, recycling and composting of residential solid waste, triggering the termination of free landfill services to the Cities of Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach, under the Atlantic Beach Amendment and the Neptune Beach Amendment to the 1982 Agreement; and since 2007, the City of Jacksonville has continued to provide landfill and disposal services to the Cities of Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach, at no cost to them; and the free disposal of waste into Trail Ridge landfill with no charge for “tipping fees” (the solid waste tipping fee issue), has been a long debated issue that has persisted without resolution

The next Governmental Affairs meeting is March 6, 4 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, Room C-136.

- **Membership** – Reverend and Mrs. Bivins’ absences were excused.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported:
 - I-95 Airport Road to Nassau County will have closed lanes for resurfacing 8:30 – 5:30 p.m. all week.
 - I-295 West of Dunn Avenue will have lane closures in the Southbound lanes 7:30 – 2:30
 - Lem Turner lane closures Thursday and Friday.
 - Eastport Road will have portions closed until Feb. 21. Detours will be posted.

8. **Unfinished Business:** none.

9. **New Business:** none

10. **Public Comments:**

- Bobby Taylor passed the gavel to Vice Chair Neidlinger. Mr. Taylor announced his candidacy for City Council District 2.
- Shauna Allen announced that the North CPAC needs City Council members at CPAC meetings.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** – Mr. Ruffin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Berry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2014 at 4 p.m.

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4501 Capper Rd. **Building C – 136 Conference Room**
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