

# **MEETING SUMMARY**

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus  
4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136  
March 9, 2016

## **Attendance:**

### **Members:**

Chair – Rex Neidlinger  
Charter Member – Richard Berry  
Charter Member – Dot Mathias  
Amelia View – Gay Septon  
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins  
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins  
Copper Hill – Joseph Tate  
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams  
Council Appointee - Tommy Ruffin  
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake  
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira  
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Ingrid Salvemini  
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Rio Salvemini  
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce  
Lydia Estates – Shelley Wozniak  
Lydia Estates – Michael Wozniak  
National Park Service – Shauna Allen  
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter

### **Excused:**

Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson  
Charter Member - David Spruill  
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers  
Florida Open Beaches – Bobby Taylor  
Marshwinds – Matt Stone  
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

***Three consecutive unexcused absences will result in removal from CPAC membership.  
Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net) if members will be absent.***

**Elected Officials:** Council Member John Crescimbeni

### **Staff:**

Duval County School Board – Superintendent Nikolai Vitti  
Duval County School Board – Paula Wright  
Duval County School Board – Kim Hayward  
Florida Department of Transportation – Jim Green  
Jacksonville Fire & Rescue – Chief Andrew Harrold  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Officer – Assistant Chief Gregory Burton  
JTA – Cheryl Riddick  
Mayor's Liaison - E. Denise Lee  
Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Initiatives - Mary Beth Ridderman  
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development – Barbara Florio  
Public Library – Stephanie Miller  
Public Works, Mowing & Landscaping – Victor Colon  
Regulatory Compliance, Municipal Code Compliance – Timothy Myers  
Regulatory Compliance, Consumer Affairs – Jennifer Kohn

### **Guests:**

Ervin L. Norman	Christian Whitfield
Paul Fenning	Donald Drake
Patricia Cooper	Tracie Thornton
Mary Gilligan	Robert Porter

## 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Rex Neidlinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He welcomed all members and guests and acknowledged FSCJ North President Dr. Sandy Robinson. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

## 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the February summary was made by Dick Berry and Shauna Allen. The vote: All were in favor.

## 3. Elected Officials: Duval County School Superintendent Nikolai Vitti and Duval County School Board Member Cheryl Grymes were present as the invited guest speakers (see below).

## 4. Presentation: Duval County School Superintendent Nikolai Vitti and Duval County School Board Member Cheryl Grymes discussed recent boundary and program changes in area schools.

- Recommended boundary changes to First Coast High School and Ribault High School.
- Recommended changes to Oceanway and Highlands were rejected by the working group.
- Raines and Ribault are at 60% occupancy. Both schools have strong alumni and neighborhood roots.
- Jackson is no longer a neighborhood school. It will eventually convert to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade magnet school with Ribault and Raines as feeder schools. Jackson currently has a cyber program and offers dual enrollment at FSCJ. An opportunity exists to build an Information Technology "IT" program at Jackson. Next year the 9<sup>th</sup>s and 10<sup>th</sup> grades will be at Jackson. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade program will be phased in.
- Schools are the largest employer in Jacksonville, with an operating budget larger than the City.
- Funding is needed for capital improvements, including repairs, building maintenance and new schools (A back log exists of over \$100 million in major/minor maintenance.)
- A resident expressed a concern: special magnet schools and programs may create an improper balance between groups that could lead to a class system. Superintendent Vitti explained that he believes in a diversification of schools.
- A resident expressed a concern: magnet schools create a "Brain Drain" with the highest performing students often leaving neighborhood schools.

## 5. Staff Reports

- **Mayor's Liaison** – E. Denise Lee said she was present to answer concerns and questions. She discussed:
  - Mayor's Initiatives, which include LED lighting in neighborhoods with the highest crime rates.
  - Mayor Curry is serious about neighborhoods.
    - He is working to change the CPAC Executive Order.
    - He will reorganize the Neighborhoods Department.
  - More neighborhood associations are needed to combat crime.
  - JFRD will begin outreach to install or service smoke detectors in neighborhoods. Ms. Lee commended JFRD Director Kurtis Wilson for his vision of assisting neighborhoods by installing or servicing smoke detectors.
  - City departments such as Municipal Code Compliance, Housing and Community Development Division, Public Works and others will all be working in the same targeted areas to combat crime.
  - Residents were encouraged to report code violations and blight to 630-CITY by using the free city MYJAX app.
  - A member commended Municipal Code Compliance officers for their enforcement in the North district. The CPAC applauded.
  - Ms. Lee may be contacted at 630-1874 or [edeniselee@coj.net](mailto:edeniselee@coj.net)
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Assistant Chief Greg Burton reported:
  - He will be attending North CPAC meetings.
  - In Zone 6, the numbers increased for auto burglaries, home burglaries, and burglaries to homes under construction.
  - Residents were asked to lock doors to homes and vehicles and review the JSO website for crime mapping: <http://www.coj.net/departments/sheriffs-office/crime-statistics.aspx>

- Brochures and other materials are available at the Zone 6 Substation.
- Presentations to neighborhood groups are available upon request.
- Assistant Chief Burton may be contacted at 696-4335 or [Gregory.Burton@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:Gregory.Burton@jaxsheriff.org)
- Chair Neidlinger thanked AC Burton for his report.
- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department** – Chief Andy Harrold reported:
  - The importance of installing and checking smoke detectors. More information will be forthcoming about the JFRD smoke detector installation program. Ms. Ridderman offered for Neighborhood Coordinators to assist JFRD by electronically distributing information about the smoke detector program or other JFRD programs.
  - JFRD website: <http://www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue.aspx>
  - The JFRD non-emergency number is 630-0434.
  - Chair Neidlinger thanked Chief Harrold for attending the North CPAC.
- **Planning and Development** - Marvin Echols' absence was excused.
  - Mr. Echols may be contacted at 255-7823 or [mechols@coj.net](mailto:mechols@coj.net).
- **Parks, Recreation and Community Services** – Joshua Rhodes had no report.
  - A question was raised about needed benches at Bert Maxwell Park. Mr. Rhodes said he will ask and get back to Mr. Bivens with the answer: Benches will be considered as a separate project after current bulkhead construction has been completed.
  - Joshua Rhodes may be contacted at 255-7904 or [rhodesj@coj.net](mailto:rhodesj@coj.net).
- **Regulatory Compliance - Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Tim Myers reported:
  - Zone 6 officers completed 1,454 inspections in the past month. City wide, officers conducted 9,215 inspections.
  - A systematic inspection was completed within one week in Brentwood with 351 new cases and 1098 violations. Zone 6 received assistance from other officers. Brentwood needs an organization. (Brentwood is in the Northwest Planning District. The Neighborhood Coordinator was notified of the need to reform and organization.)
  - Tim Myers may be contacted at 255-7037 or [tmyers@coj.net](mailto:tmyers@coj.net).
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:
  - National Parks is celebrating its 100 year anniversary.
  - April 16 is National Park Week.
  - April 16 is International Migratory Bird day. Little Talbot Island offers a limited edition centennial drawstring backpack and a Florida parks one day/one park admission pass. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Little Talbot Island is a stopping off point for traveler/migratory birds. School groups will prepare to receive their Junior Ranger Badges, which will be presented at the April 17 Suns game. Volunteers are needed.
  - May 20-21 National Parks BioBlitz at Ft. Caroline. Learn to locate and identify insects. Free to everyone. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 221-5568 or visit [www.nps.gov.timu](http://www.nps.gov.timu).
  - For information about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
  - Ms. Allen may be contacted at 221-7567 extension 115 or [shauna\\_allen@nps.gov](mailto:shauna_allen@nps.gov).
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green reported:
  - I-295 and Heckscher Drive - traffic shift onto the new East and West exits.
  - A concern was expressed: signal lights frequently malfunction at I-295 South and Heckscher Drive, creating safety issues when drivers become impatient and run the light. FDOT followed up by reporting the signal lights are the City's maintenance issue. A CARE issue was entered. Council Member Ferraro's office assisted to try to resolve the issue with Public Works.
  - Regional traffic information: [www.northfloridaroads.com](http://www.northfloridaroads.com)
  - 511 websites: [www.jax511.com](http://www.jax511.com) and [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com)
  - Mr. Green may be contacted at (904)360-5684 or [james.green@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:james.green@dot.state.fl.us).
- **JTA** – Cheryl Riddick reported:
  - Service changes will begin April 4. Rack cards and schedules are being printed. The Outreach Team will be out. Ms. Riddick said she will share the information electronically with Ms. Ridderman to pass along to the CPAC.
  - St. Johns River Ferry is back on service. The kick-off celebration is April 16. Ms. Riddick said she will share the information electronically with Ms. Ridderman to pass along to the CPAC. A discussion was held. The ferry works in partnership with the National Parks Service.

- Dedicated bus lanes and queue jumps have been installed downtown. Brochures were distributed.
- To learn more about JTA, please visit [www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com).
- Ms. Riddick may be reached at (904) 632-5522 or [criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:criddick@jtafla.com).
- **Public Works:** Victor Colon introduced himself and announced this was his first CPAC meeting. He reported:
  - Right of Way mowing season has begun.
  - Mowing has been completed in zip codes 32208 and 32209.
  - The Mowing and Landscaping Division works with JSO to trim the tree canopy in targeted areas.
  - He commended Denise Lee for being responsible for creating the Mowing and Landscaping Division. The division plays an important role in blight reduction.
  - Victor Colon may be contacted at 472-2886 or [vcolon@coj.net](mailto:vcolon@coj.net)
- **Military Affairs and Veterans:** Ken Johnson's absence was excused.
  - Ms. Ridderman picked up Northeast Florida Women Veterans Schedule of Events fliers from Mr. Johnson's office and distributed them.
  - Ken Johnson may be contacted at 630-7227 or [kenjohns@coj.net](mailto:kenjohns@coj.net).
- **Duval Schools:** Kim Hayward was present to answer questions.
  - Ms. Hayward may be contacted at 390-2675 or [haywardk@duvalschools.org](mailto:haywardk@duvalschools.org).
- **Public Libraries:** Stephanie Miller introduced herself. She works at the Highlands Library and will be attending North CPAC meetings. She asked to be listed on the agenda each month. She reported:
  - Through a state grant, the library offers a no-charge, on-line high school.
  - High 5 Summer Program for kids, to prevent the "summer slide". A brochure was distributed.
  - The library offers programs for kids and adults of all ages.
  - She encouraged residents to get a library card – and use it.
  - Ms. Miller may be reached at 630-2962 or [sstokes@coj.net](mailto:sstokes@coj.net).

**6. Chair's Report –** Rex Neidlinger reported:

- He thanked CPAC members for the flowers in memory of his dad.
- He will contact Lake Ray to discuss the presentation with FDOT about JAXPORT, containers, railways, rail crossings, etc.
- A letter was e-mailed to CPAC members, requesting lists of projects for Capital Improvement Projects. Provide Ms. Ridderman with the neighborhood's name, contact person's name, address and email address, along with a list of projects needed in neighborhoods or nearby parks, streets, etc. Ms. Ridderman will re-send the information.

**7. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report -** Mary Beth Ridderman reported:

- Housing and Community Development Division Acting Chief Diana Seydlorsky was introduced.
- Mayor Curry is very supportive of CPACs and Neighborhoods. He supported reorganizing the Neighborhoods Department, which will include CPACs, neighborhoods and Neighborhood Coordinators. Neighborhood Coordinators are very pleased about the renewal of the Neighborhoods Department!
- Mayor's Community Conversation originally scheduled for March 24 was changed to April 1, 6 p.m. at 100 Festival Park Ave.
- She is available to assist residents to form new neighborhood associations or renew former associations.
- Mary Beth Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).

**8. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **Governmental Affairs –** Richard Berry and Tommy Ruffin chaired the Governmental Affairs portion of the meeting.

2016-0096	Approved	The bill appropriates \$1,442,313.23 from the Drainage System Rehab capital improvements account to several drainage projects (Brierwood Road, Champlain Road, Corbett Street, Duval Station Road, Grant Avenue and Hobart Avenue) and re-appropriates \$518,686.77 in residual funds from the completed "Hamilton/Jersey Outfall to Roosevelt" project to the Sunnyside Outfall Replacement project.
2016-0101	Approved	The bill authorizes the execution of a restrictive covenant between the City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc. providing that the manatee critical care facility to be constructed by the Zoo utilizing state grant funding will be used as a "cultural facility" as defined
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		in the grant for a period of at least 10 years following the execution of the grant award agreement.
2016-0127	Approve	The bill authorizes the conveyance of 4 parcels of real property (3 in Mayport, one in the Fort George area on the north bank of the river), the Mayport ferry vessel <i>Jean Ribault</i> , and various other items of tangible personal property from the City to the JTA as part of the transfer of ferry operations from the City to the JTA. Commission – shall sunset and be repealed as of September 30, 2016.
2016-0136	Approve	An ordinance appropriating \$907,000 (\$209,727.95 from the Egrets Nest Drive project and \$697,272.05 from the countywide Intersection Improvements and Bridge Rehab project) to the Cedar Point Road, Grove Park Boulevard, and Jork Road Bridge Improvements projects.
2016-0141	Approve	An ordinance appropriating \$2,060,742 (\$936,701 from the Florida Inland Navigation District (find) and \$1,124,041 from Grant Capital projects – interest) to fund eight find grant CIP projects.
2016-0155	approve	An ordinance concerning the River City Marketplace Development of Regional Impact
No number	Discussion	Mayor Curry asked the CPACs to solicit neighborhoods to identify one Capital Improvement Project for each neighborhood within their boundaries to be considered in the 2017-21 Capital Improvement Projects program.
No number	Approve	After a very lengthy discussion, the CPAC voted not to send a letter to request clarification of CPAC membership criteria.
Minor Modification 16-05	Approve	2010-0397E
No number	Discussion	Serving alcohol at a JTA Ferry Fest was previously been voted upon by the ferry's governing committee.
No number	Discussion	Traffic patterns at River City Marketplace.

- o The next Governmental Affairs meeting is April 7, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, Building C Room 136.
- **Membership** – Mark and Sharon Bivins were present earlier, but had to leave for a prior appointment.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry was present for questions.
- **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE)** – Danny Ferreira reported he attended the TRUE Commission meeting. He began a discussion about saving time during the meeting by sending the TRUE report electronically to members. After discussion, Mr. Ferreira was asked to send the TRUE report to Tommy Ruffin, who will forward it to Ms. Ridderman for distribution to the CPAC.

#### 9. Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Berry reminded neighborhoods to send a list of CIP projects to Ms. Ridderman before the next CPAC meeting.

#### 10. New Business: None.

#### 11. Public Comments:

- Christian Whitfield introduced himself as candidate for District 4 House of Representatives.
- Graffiti is a concern at Leonid and Lem Turner, Trout River Bridge and Soutel. These addresses have been reported to JSO and 630-City.
- A question was raised and a lengthy discussion held about car washes, vegetable stands, and yard sales and other entrepreneurial enterprises held on empty lots. Please report roadside vendors to 630-CITY.
- A concern was expressed about construction equipment parked on a specific commercial property. Ms. Lee asked the resident to call her with the address so Ms. Lee can follow-up.
- Tracy Thornton announced she works with Art in Public Places. New programming is focusing on art in neighborhoods.

#### 12. Adjourn – Dick Berry made a motion to adjourn. Danny Ferreira seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next North CPAC meeting is April 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is April 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C Room 136.