



MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 FSCJ North Campus
 Building "C" Conference room C-136
 4501 Capper Rd.
 Feb. 8, 2012 4 – 6 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONS – REPRESENTATIVES	
in Attendance	
Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	PENDING REMOVAL – non-attendance
Charter Member – Dick Berry	Lydia Estates
Charter Member – Dot Mathias	New Berlin Enclave
Charter Member – David Spruill	
Amelia View – Nancy Burnett	PENDING NEW APPOINTMENT (PRESENT)
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	Northlake HOA – Howard Miller
Johnson Comm. Civic – James Shronce	
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	VISITORS
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	Jim Breland – Garden City
Duval Council of PTAs/PTA –Vicki Drake	Evelyn Kimbrough – Angel Lakes Estates
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Gerie Leigh	Paula Scott – Angel Lakes Estates
Highlands – Jack Stuart	Gay Septon – Amelia View
Johnson Comm. Civic – James Shronce	Katie Ross – Senator Bill Nelson
National Park Service – Shauna Allen	Janet Herrick – OnSite Environmental Cons.
ShAdCo Q – Mozelle Masters	Val Bostwick – Friends of St. Johns River Ferry
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	Charles Mann
ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE	STAFF and OFFICIALS
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club - Fran Beach	Mayor’s Liaison/Duval Extension Office – Mike Sweat
	Florida Dept. Transportation – Thomas Hill
EXCUSED	Housing and Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman
Betz Realty – William Baker	Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – Lt. H.A. Eason
BRC Florida Holdings – Hiron Peck	Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	Planning & Development – Shakeeb Shariff
FL Open Beaches, Bobby Taylor	Recreation and Community – Brian Burket
Northside Business Leaders – Michael Fisher	
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	STAFF ABSENT
San Mateo – Roland Biederer	Duval School Board – Selinda Keyes
ShAdCo Q – Jennelle Bray	
Turtle Creek Village – Art Sullivan	ABSENT
	Lydia Estates
	New Berlin Enclave

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Mike Getchell.
2. **A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Community Development Division.
3. **Presentation -**
 - Val Bostwick, President of Friends of the Ferry, presented information about the St. Johns River Ferry and JAXPORT's consideration to permanently close the ferry.
 - Mr. Bostwick provided each member with a copy of a letter from Friends of the Ferry to JAXPORT. The CPAC voted unanimously to approve the electronic distribution of the letter to all North CPAC members and to all other CPACs.
 - The CPAC voted unanimously to inform all CPACs about the North CPAC's support to save the ferry and ask for support from other CPACs.
 - The CPAC voted unanimously to support and attend the Friends of Ferry "Save the Ferry" rally on Feb. 18, 1 p.m. at the Heckscher Drive pavilion near ferry slip.
 - On behalf of the North Jacksonville Civic Association (NJCA), President Dot Mathias thanked Mr. Bostwick for his hard work to save the ferry. NJCA represents 19 organizations.
 - North CPAC Chair Mike Getchell thanked Mr. Bostwick for his letter and work to save the ferry. The North CPAC consists of 25 member organizations, who in turn, represent hundreds of homeowners.
 - Mr. Bostwick may be contacted at 343-4552 or vbostwick@comcast.net.
 - Janet Herrick, OnSite Environmental Consulting, presented information about the Living Shoreline Project proposed for the Jacksonville Zoo. Ms. Herrick represented Danielle Fondren.
 - The CPAC voted unanimously to provide a letter of support for the project.
 - The CPAC Chair thanked Ms. Herrick for her presentation and said he looks forward to seeing the project's progress.
4. **Summary of previous meeting:** Jack Stuart asked to correct the January meeting summary. He was present at the meeting although he did not sign in. A motion to approve with the correction was made by Dick Berry. The motion was seconded by Rex Neidlinger. The vote: 14 in favor and 1 opposed. The motion carried. The correction will be made in the permanent record and on the CPAC's website.
5. **Unfinished Business - none.**
6. **Chair's Report:**
 - Chair Getchell recognized Katie Ross, Aide to Senator Bill Nelson. He thanked her for being present to learn more about the St. Johns River Ferry.
 - Chair Getchell reported there is a lot on the agenda tonight. Order will be needed.
 - Changes are planned that will affect the CPAC meetings. The mayor asked for additional cuts from every department. The 3 CPAC coordinators will be retained, but they will have additional duties. Fifty percent of their time will be with CPACs and neighborhoods. The other 50 percent will be with grants. Mary Beth will continue to attend and record the meetings. A staff person from Administrative Services Division will transcribe the recordings into summaries. To facilitate this change, when members or guests speak, please identify yourself for the record.
7. **Staff Reports**
 - A. **JSO -**
 - Crime is up in two areas: aggravated battery and robberies/home invasions. Three suspects were identified and they identified 3 others to clear 8 cases of car-jackings. There was no change in the following types of crime: burglary to businesses, burglary to residences, robberies to individuals and robberies to businesses.
 - A concern was expressed about the shooting at Briarcliff Apartments. JSO has no leads at this time.

- o A concern was expressed about fire safety at Cedar Point due to unauthorized activities after hours (dry conditions and no fire hydrant).
- o A question was raised about a possible break-in at the Sand Dollar Restaurant. The officer said he will look into it and report back.
- o For more information or to report suspicious activity, call the Zone 6 office, 696-4335 or the non-emergency number, 630-0500.

B. Mayor's Representative – Mike Sweat reported:

- He invited Mayor Brown to visit the North CPAC.
- The Extension office offers classes on several subjects: Eating and Growing Sensibly; Best Management Practices (Water Resources and Landscaping); A Day of Gardening. A discussion group will be offered regarding Raising Poultry in Jacksonville. For more information or to register, please call 255-7450.
 - o Several residents voiced concerns about a proposed ordinance to allow residents to raise poultry in residential areas.
- Please visit the Duval County Extension website:
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation-and-Community-Services/County-Extension-Office.aspx>

Jim Breland expressed appreciation for Mike Sweat's assistance in a Garden City tree mitigation project.

Mr. Sweat may be contacted at 387-8850.

C. City Council Member's Reports – No representative. No report.

D. Duval County School Board – No representative. No report. For information about Duval Schools, please visit <http://www.duvalschools.org/>.

E. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Thomas Hill reported:

- Bridge projects on Heckscher drive are on schedule.
- The Dames Point Bridge will have lane closures from 7:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- I-10 will be widened from I-295 to Brannan Field-Chaffee Road exit.
- He followed up from last month's question regarding the St. Johns River Ferry. The state road ends at the ferry and picks up again on the opposite side. FDOT build a road and a bridge (Dames Point) to replace the ferry. He said he advised FDOT Administrators about the CPAC's concern.
 - Public Notice: regarding SR 15 and US1 New Kings Road from 104 Dunn Avenue.

Open House Mar. 1, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at 7866 New Kings Rd..

- Public Notice: regarding US 301 widening from North of Baldwin to Callahan
 - o Open House, Feb. 14, 4:30 – 6:30 at Baldwin City Hall, 10 Hwy 90.
 - o Open House Feb. 21, 4:30 – 6:30 at Callahan, 54230 U.S. 1

F. Municipal Code Compliance – Bruce Chauncey announced:

- Currently poultry is allowed only in Rural Residential. Acreage of 1.5 acres or more is required to raise poultry. Poultry pens must be 50' from property lines. Chickens or other poultry are not allowed to run free. They must be kept in clean cages or pens.
- A question was raised about the number of free-roaming chickens at Pecan Park and N. Main Street. Officer Chauncey said there has been no report. He will check on it.
- Please report suspected code violations to 630-CITY (630-2489).

G. Planning and Development – Shakeeb Shariff reported:

- One copy of Luz descriptions was provided to Chair Getchell. The document is not available on COJ.net. Zoning is now on Municode. The documents is updated periodically. He will be happy to provide the most recent version. A question was raised about downloading and printing.

Mr. Shariff suggested residents call him at 255-7847 for assistance to download and print the document.

- He offered to bring a map of Residential Category descriptions.

H. Recreation and Community – Brian Burket reported:

- The Road to Olustee Living History Weekend had 825 attendees. Each year the event has grown. More enactors are needed to increase more participation and crowds.
- March 3, First Coast Regional Air Potato Round Up. Need volunteers at Tille Fowler Regional Park and Hannah Park.
- March 5-10, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Invasive Plant Removal at Hugueont Park. Volunteers needed – call the park office or show up.
- March 5 – 10 Reed Island will host an invasive plant removal event that is not open to the public due to safety factors. The Tamarisk plant, believed to have been transported to the area from the shipping industry, is invasive on the island.
- Alamacani – the end of the pier has not been opened. Grills and picnic areas are being added.
- Council Member Holt is expected to introduce legislation soon regarding the future of Palms Restaurant.
- For information about park activities or aquatics programs, visit www.jaxparks.com or call 630-3690.

I. National Park Service: Shauna Allen reported:

- Feb. 18, 1:30 p.m., Kingsley Heritage Celebration, focusing on the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, often called the "War of Jubilee". The celebration honors the role of African Americans in the war. The goal of this annual celebration is to allow the local community to explore cultural traditions found in modern American society that originated during the plantation period. Sparky and Rhonda Rucker will perform.
- Feb. 25, 1 p.m., a Civil War reenactment, featuring the Massachusetts 54th Regiment, one of the first African American units in the war.
- Feb. 29, 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., WJCT, Channel 8 presents a documentary about the Feb. 2 discussion between community leaders and study circle participants regarding the Kingsley Slave Cemetery.
- No date has been set for a public meeting regarding an environmental assessment re.: a tram tour on Kingsley Plantation to connect the Kingsley Plantation and Ribault. A boat tour from Ft. Caroline and from Sisters Creek to Kingsley will also be discussed.
- Gerie Leigh requested to know a month or more in advance of events at Kingsley because the Heckscher Drive Community Club is out of sync with the Kingsley events. She asked that Mary Beth Ridderman be advised of events as soon as possible so she can let residents know in order to avoid conflicts in event scheduling.
- For more information, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/timu/naturescience/park-science-symposium.htm>.

J. Neighborhoods Department – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:

- The department has a new name: Neighborhoods. The CPAC coordinators are currently in Housing & Community Development Division of Neighborhoods. The division has a new chief, Elaine Spencer, who will begin work on March 1, 2012. The Acting Director is LaCree Carswell.
- Training was provided to 44 residents on Feb. 7: Ethics, Government in the Sunshine and Running Effective Meetings.
- Ms. Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

8. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Governmental Affairs: Dick Berry and Tommy Ruffin reported for the

Governmental Affairs Subcommittee. The following items were discussed or voted upon:

2011-628	Defer	Approves a proposed 2011E Series text amendment to the Future Land Use Element of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan for transmittal to various required state agencies for review
2012-58	Approve	Changes the future land use designation from rural residential(RR) to light industrial (LI) on approximately 9.80+ ACRES of land located in council district at 12210 New Berlin Road between American Holly Road and Faye Road.
2012-59	Approve	Rezoning approximately 9.80± Acres of land from rural residential(RR) to light industrial (LI) located in council district at 12210 New Berlin Road between American Holly Road and Faye Road.
2012-76	Approve	Living Shoreline Project
No number	Approve	Distribution of letter from Friends of the Ferry to North CPAC members and all other CPACs.
No number	Approve	Inform all CPACs about the North CPAC's support to save the ferry and ask for their support.
No number	Approve	Support and attend Friends of Ferry "Save the Ferry" rally on Feb. 18, 1 p.m. at the Heckscher Drive pavillion near ferry slip.

The following concerns were raised:

- Proposed new Border Patrol and Coast Guard facility's possible use of property for a temporary holding facility that may house detainees overnight. The holding facility is too near homes in the area.
- Buffer to screen from view the proposed new Border Patrol and Coast Guard facility. Discussion followed regarding a buffer.
- Impact of ferry's closure on eco-tourism, businesses, property values and on jobs (\$700,000 payroll).

B. Membership: Harry Wagner's absence was excused.

C. Transportation: Dick Berry was present. He said Mr. Hill had already covered the information. In addition, Mary Beth Ridderman electronically distributes FDOT reports to members.

D. Taxation Revenue Expenditures (TRUE) Commission: Liaison needed.

10. New Business: None.

11. Public Comments:

- Vicki Drake announced that her family often rides the ferry over to Hannah Park to camp and then to Jacksonville Beach to shop and eat out. A lot of people use the ferry to access Jacksonville Beach so the beaches community should be concerned about losing the ferry.
- Katie Ross said she was invited by Gerie Leigh. She attended in a listening capacity and will report back to Senator Nelson. She said she was impressed with the attendance, participation and great questions.
- Chair Getchell announced the JaxPort board meeting is Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. The location is 2831 Talleyrand Ave. It is a public meeting. To speak at the meeting, contact Rdixon@JaxPort, Paul Anderson's assistant. Seating is limited, arrive early for a seat.
- Dot Mathias announced a Save the St. Johns River Ferry Rally will take place at the ferry pavillion on Heckscher Drive, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.

12. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Berry and properly seconded by Shauna Allen. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is 4 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136.

The following provision is required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes:

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Summary prepared by Mary Beth Ridderman. For information contact Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, City of Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Division, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, Jacksonville, FL 32202, 904-255-8260.
MaryBeth@coj.net.

Citizen Planning Advisory Committee
Gov't Affair Minutes (Dist 6)
February 2, 2012

Called to Order at 4:02 pm. The following members were present:

Jack Stuart	Dick Berry	Mary Thompson	Jeanie Bray
Harry Wagner	Tom Ruffin	Dot Mathias (excused)	Shakeeb Shariff

Bills for consideration:

2011-628 - This bill approves a proposed 2011E Series text amendment to the Future Land Use Element of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan for transmittal to various required state agencies for review.

It was moved by Mr. Berry and seconded by Ms. Bray that the bill be postponed pending additional information. The motion passed 6 – 0.

2012-58 – This bill changes the future land use designation from rural residential(RR) to light industrial (LI) on approximately 9.80± ACRES of land located in council district at 12210 New Berlin Road between American Holly Road and Faye Road.

2012-59 – Rezoning approximately 9.80± Acres of land from rural residential(RR) to light industrial (LI) located in council district at 12210 New Berlin Road between American Holly Road and Faye Road.

It moved by Mr. Berry and seconded Jack Stuart that the bills be approved. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote. However, there were two concerns is expected to be addressed at the full CPAC: (1) a buffer between the LI and RR property to the North and will there be long-term holding facilities on this property?

Other Items

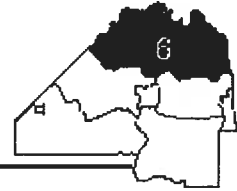
The committee recommends that we have someone to brief the CPAC on the new Mobilization legislation.

Mr. Shariff of the Planning Department will provide us a brief overview of zoning and density.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm

Tom Ruffin

**North District
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Chairman: Mike Getchell**



February 12, 2012

Mr. Paul Anderson CEO
Jacksonville Port Authority
2831 Talleyrand Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Subject: Continued Operation of the St. Johns River Ferry


Dear Mr. Anderson,

The St Johns River Ferry lies within the boundaries of the North District CPAC. This CPAC seeks the Board's consideration to continue funding the St. Johns River Ferry until it can be adequately funded by some other source or shared responsibility. The North District CPAC wishes to acknowledge JAXPORT for stepping up to the plate and agreeing to fund the ferry when it was evident that State revenues would no longer be available. However, we believe that the decision to possibly cut the ferry operation from JAXPORT's 2013 budget does not leave adequate time for any other agency or organization to plan for the addition of this service in their respective 2013 budgets.

Members of the North CPAC agree whole-heartedly with Friends of the St Johns River Ferry Inc. that losing the ferry would be more than an inconvenience.

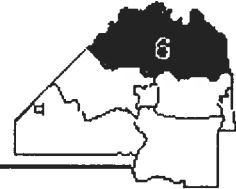
Loss of the ferry service will set back redevelopment efforts for Mayport Village and the wider Mayport area, as well as stunt growth along Heckscher Drive. Businesses on each side of the river will sustain significant financial losses, and may even become economic casualties of the decision to end the St Johns River Ferry Service. The "ripple effect" of the ferry's closure would be substantial and far-reaching. Accordingly, neither JAXPORT nor the City of Jacksonville can make a decision to end the ferry service without considering the casualties and/or collateral damage that will take place. - Friends of the SJR Ferry Service

The North CPAC respectfully requests that JAXPORT's board members give careful consideration to a decision that will have extensive impacts on the entire community. This decision will not only affect JAXPORT's ledger sheet but the lives of many of our fellow citizens in the North District and throughout Jacksonville.

Sincerely,
Mike Getchell
Mike Getchell 
Chairman

Cc: Reginald Gaffney, Stephen D. Busey, James P. Citrano, Joe York, John E. Anderson, John J. Falconetti, Dr. John Allen Newman
City Council Members: Clay Yarbrough, William Bishop, Richard Clark, E. Denise Lee, John R. Crescimbeni, Warren Jones, Stephen Joost, Reginald Brown, Dr. Johnny Gaffney, Don Redman, Lori N. Boyer, Matt Schellenberg, Ray Holt, Doyle Carter, Bill Gulliford, Jim Love, Kimberley Daniels, Greg Anderson, Robin Lumb
Cc: Val Bostwick, Members of the North CPAC, Southeast CPAC, Northwest CPAC, Greater Arlington Beaches CPAC, Southwest CPAC

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Feb.12, 2012

Honorable Reginald Brown
Land Use & Zoning Committee
City Hall at St. James, Suite 425
117 West Duval Street
Jacksonville FL 32202

Subject: Bill # 2012-58 Adopt Small-Scale Amend to FLUM Series of 2030 Comp Plan - 12210 New Berlin Rd (9.80 Acres) - RR to LI - M & M Dairy, Inc. (Appl # 2011C-015) (Dist. 11-Holt)

Dear Council Member Brown,

The referenced bill proposes a change to the future land use designation of approximately 9.80± acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Light Industrial (LI).

The North District CPAC has reviewed this bill and has no objection to the proposed change. The vote was unanimous 15-0.

Respectfully,

Mike Getchell
(MS)

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Chairman

Cc: Committee Members Ray Holt, Lori N. Boyer, Doyle Carter, Robin Lumb, Jim Love, Don Redman

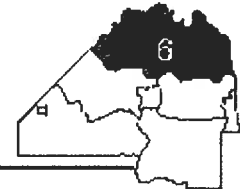
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Feb. 12, 2012

Honorable Reginald Brown
Land Use & Zoning Committee
City Hall at St. James, Suite 425
117 West Duval St.
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Subject: Bill # 2012-59 Rezoning Propty at 12210 New Berlin Rd (9.80± Acres) - RR-Acre to IL - M & M Dairy, Inc. (Dist. 11-Holt)

Dear Council Member Brown,

The referenced bill proposes a rezoning of approximately 9.80± acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Light Industrial (LI).

The North District CPAC has reviewed this bill and has no objection to the proposed change. However, it is requested that no exceptions be granted to current usage listed for this zoning (LI).

The vote was unanimous 15-0.

Respectfully,

Mike Getchell
(MSG)

Mike Getchell
Chairman

Cc: Committee Members Ray Holt, Lori N. Boyer, Doyle Carter, Robin Lumb, Jim Love, Don Redman

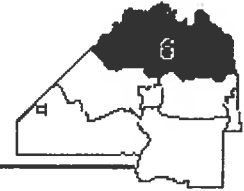
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February 9, 2012

Bob Chabot
Director of Horticulture and Facilities
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens
3700 Zoo Parkway
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Subject: LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT

Dear Director Chabot,

Citizens Planning Advisory Committees were first established in October 1993 by Mayor Ed Austin as an ongoing, grassroots public participation program. The primary purpose of the CPAC is to maintain open and effective communication between Jacksonville residents, businesses, neighborhoods, community organizations, educational institutions and city government.

Based upon the presentation of the Living Shoreline Project to the CPAC by Ms. Janet Herrick of Onsite Environmental Consulting LLC on Wednesday February 8, 2012, the North District CPAC voted unanimously to COJ Resolution 2012-76 Living Shoreline. A confirmation of this support in the form of this letter will be distributed to our City Council.

Sincerely,

Mike Getchell

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Chairman

Cc: Janet Herrick Danielle Fondren

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