

District #6
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Chair: Mike Getchell

MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus
4501 Capper Rd. Room C-136
Date: May 9, 2012

Attendance:

Members:

Amelia View – Nancy Burnett
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Captiva Bluff Neighborhood Association - Rex Neidlinger
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Charter Member - David Spruill
Council Appointee District 11- Tommy Ruffin
Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Association - Vicki Drake
Eagle Bend Association – Mike Getchell, Chair
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Highlands Homeowners, Jack Stuart
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northlake Homeowners Association - Josephine Fiveash-Porter
Northlake Homeowners Association – Howard Miller
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Excused: Hiron Peck, Nancy Landau, Bobby Taylor, Michael Fisher, Jennelle Bray, Art Sullivan

Elected Officials: Executive Assistant to City Council Member Lumb, Donna Barrow

Staff:

Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development – Elaine Spencer, Chief
Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Enforcement – Michael O'Loughlin
Planning & Development - Shakeeb Shariff
Mayor's Liaison - Mike Sweat
Florida Department of Transportation - Thomas Hill
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis
Parks & Recreation – Brian Burket

Guests:

Amelia View, Gay Septon
Angel Lakes Estates, Evelyn Kimbrough
Copper Hill IV, Reverend Joseph Tate
Danny Ferreira
Charles Mann
J. Robert Peebles
Marshwinds, Preben Rameeldt

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Mr. Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was verified by Ms. Ridderman.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- o A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Shronce. The vote: All in favor.

Ms. Leigh stated a correction to the March, 2012, minutes. She was present for the meeting. Although she did not sign in, the summary reflects she spoke at the meeting. A motion to approve March minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Neidlinger. The vote: All in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis reported:
 - o Zone 6 had no reports of violent crime for the past seven days.
 - o There were 4 auto thefts because vehicles were left unlocked with keys in the ignition.
 - o 12 auto burglaries occurred. Ten cars were left unlocked. Please remove keys and valuables. Lock cars to prevent crimes of opportunity.
 - o The area North and South of Dunn Avenue, between Bart Road and Biscayne has the highest density area of population and the highest number of crimes.
 - o Tuesday, May 15, 2012, residents can meet Sheriff Rutherford during Zone 6 Sheriff's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Walk which begins at 6 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church, 10421 Biscayne Blvd. Assistant Chief Davis invited CPAC members to join JSO in their walk against crime.
 - o There were two shootings today at Madison Woods.
 - o There were some unusual circumstances involved with a missing person from Biscayne Bay. Assistant Chief Davis reported he understands the person was located.
 - o Other crimes in Zone 6 include thefts of property such as air conditioners and appliances from new homes that are under construction. If residents see trucks in sub-divisions where new homes are being built, especially after dark, or a truck is in the back of the premises, please call JSO at 630-0500.
 - o Assistant Chief Davis may be reached at the Zone 6 Office, 696-4335.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat, stated that his department had a mandatory meeting with Mayor Brown. Mr. Sweat stated the Mayor's position on the following:
 - o The City of Jacksonville has too many vehicles
 - o There are too many supervisors
 - o The preliminary budget is in and revenue is down 4% to 6% with a 56 – 58 million dollar deficit.
 - o Pension reform of \$23 million is in the budget to cover costs this year.
 - o Health care costs are a burden on COJ
 - o There is now a city wide hiring-freeze
 - o There will be additional job losses. It won't be the last person hired/first fired; the value of service is an important factor to keep good employees.
 - o Jacksonville received a \$400 thousand grant from IBM to look at downtown revitalization.
 - o \$93 million will be spent by Winn Dixie in new Bi-Lo corporate offices.
 - o Everbank is moving 1,500 jobs downtown of which 200 of these will be new jobs.
 - o Citywide, approximately 38,000 people are seeking employment.
 - o Mayor Brown's first Business Builders program attracted approximately 450 people.
 - o Chair Getchell asked Mr. Sweat if he has invited Mayor Brown to visit CPAC. Mr. Sweat stated that is waiting for a response on the date when the Mayor can visit CPAC meetings. Chair Getchell expressed his concern that the CPAC is a voluntary organization and that Mayor Brown has been in office for 11 months and hasn't attended any CPAC meetings.
- **Duval County Public Schools** – Vicki Drake announced the vision meetings are scheduled. Residents were asked to attend these interesting and informative meetings. Mr. Getchell thanked Ms. Drake for her report.

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** - Thomas Hill reported:
 - Projects are on-going on I-95 and I-295.
 - U.S. 301 is being widened. Expect lane closures 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. through 2015.
 - A new project will begin in late 2012 to replace the center median on Dames Points Bridge.
 - I-95 North of Dunn Avenue - one to two Northbound lanes will close for bridge maintenance during evening hours.
 - I-95 to Nassau Bridge – single lane closures, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through May, 2012.
 - Heckscher Drive at Sisters Creek - lane closures on Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. for routine inspections.

Mr. Hill provided a follow-up status on the Mayport Ferry survey:

 - All collected data has been entered into the database. A draft report has been completed and is being reviewed. FDOT plans to provide the report to the City Council. It will be provided to the public as soon as possible. The expected results will indicate a number of local trips and recreation trips with a lot of business traffic during the week.

- **Neighborhoods**
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman:
 - Introduced Chief Elaine Spencer. Ms. Spencer announced she had come to the City of Jacksonville (COJ) from Federal Housing Urban Development (HUD). Mr. Getchell and several members welcomed her to the North CPAC. When asked, Ms. Spencer said she would be happy to return to discuss the Housing and Community Development Division.
 - Ms. Ridderman reported that a written report was provided. She reminded members to Save the Date: CommUniverCity – The Housing and Community Development Division, Neighborhoods Department offers free HOA, Condo and Townhome Training, also Board Member Certification Training on June 5, 2012, at 6 p.m., 214 N. Hogan St., Ed Ball Building, Room 110. Seating is limited. To register, call Mary Beth Ridderman at 904-255-8260.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Michael O’Loughlin
 - Mr. O’Loughlin stated that Code Enforcement doesn’t have anything new to report.
 - The systematic inspection in Oceanway has been completed. Code Enforcement has fewer than 500 new cases. In June, 2012, Code Enforcement will sweep Highland’s area.

- **Planning & Development** – Shakeeb Shariff reported:
 - Update on the LUZ application by the Higgs Group, Inc. for Duval Station Road. Ordinance # 2012-334 is LUZ, Ordinance #2012-335 is rezoning. The first City Council Public Hearing for LUZ Ordinance # 2012-334 will be held on June 12, 2012. The Planning Commission’s Public Hearing on Ordinance # 2012-334 will be held on June 14, 2012.
 - He has submitted a letter of resignation. May 18, will be his last day with COJ. Mr. Shariff expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the CPAC. Mr. Shariff suggested the CPAC members if they want to leave information for the next CPAC Planner to please leave it with Ms. Ridderman.
 - Ms. Mathias thanked Mr. Shariff for the work he has done in District 6. Chair Getchell and other members thanked Mr. Shariff for his outstanding service to the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee and his faithful attendance at Governmental Affairs meetings and CPAC meetings. The CPAC applauded Mr. Shariff.

- **Parks & Recreation** – Brian Burket reported:
 - Hanna Park and Huguenot Park will be open until 8 p.m. during the summer months.
 - COJ has officially terminated the contract with the contractor for Palms Fish Camp Restaurant and a new Request for Proposal (RFP) is being drafted to hire a new contractor.
 - A new Summer Activities Guide is available.
 - Chair Getchell stated that he attended a Jacksonville Waterways Commission (JWC) meeting today. Ms. McDaniel, Planning Department and Ms. Meeks, Waterfront Parks, asked JWC to endorse a resolution from the JWC to City Council to approve some projects that will allow them to apply for matching funds from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND). One of the projects met a lot of resistance from City Council Member At Large Crescimbeni who objected to

dredging near the Zoo dock. Mr. Getchell stated that City Council Member At Large Crescimbeni has always been careful spending tax payers' dollars and that City Council Member At Large Crescimbeni stated he felt the dollars could be better spent elsewhere. Chair Getchell said understands that the JWC was considering a recommendation to cut the Zoo dredge spending. Another meeting will be held May 21. The time has not been determined. Chair Getchell asked Brian Burkett to find out the time and advise CPAC members. A concern was expressed that the Zoo is a proposed Water Taxi site. A brief discussion followed.

- Other:
 - **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:
 - The National Park Service was busy preparing for the 450th anniversary of the Ribault Landing that was held on May 1. The COJ, the French Navy and the French Contingents were partners and together they hosted a wonderful show, which received rave reviews.
 - She will have more information to report next month regarding the Public Archeology Field School. The Public Archeology Field School will take place at Cedar Point and it is in conjunction with the UNF on the following dates: June 25 – June 29 and July 9 - July 13, 2012.
 - UNF and University of Florida archeology students will be working at Kingsley Plantation and at Ft. Caroline.

4. **Presentations** – JSO North District Crime Stats by Assistant Chief T. C. Davis
 - Chief Davis explained the Crime Statistics/Crime Mapping Program, which is available at www.coj.net or www.jaxsheriff.org. A copy of the presentation is attached.
 - Chief Davis may be reached at 696-4335 or JSOZone6@jaxsheriff.org.
 - Mr. Getchell thanked Assistant Chief Davis for an informative presentation.

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Mike Getchell reported:
 - He expressed his concern that Mayor Brown has not visited any of the CPAC meetings. He has not scheduled quarterly meetings with the CPAC Chairs. The Mayor has not signed an Executive Order. Executive Orders have been signed by each Mayor since 1993.
 - He invited Lisa Rinaman, the St. Johns Riverkeeper, to speak to the CPAC. Ms. Rinaman will check her schedule and let Mr. Getchell know.
 - On May 22, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., a public meeting is scheduled by the U.S. Army Corps and the JaxPort to discuss the possibility of dredging the St. Johns River. Mr. Getchell stated that the meeting will be held at the JaxPort's Cruise Terminal. Chair Getchell suggested residents check the JaxPort or U.S. Army Corps websites to verify the date and time of the meeting because it is subject to change.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** - City Council Executive Assistant, Donna Barrow, stated that City Council Member Lumb sends his regards and that if District 6 needs anything, please call him.

7. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Mr. Ruffin and Mr. Berry led this portion of the meeting. The following items were discussed or voted upon:

2012-0215	Approved	Amend Chapter 802 (Public Parking), by Creating New Section 802.114 (Parking for City Council Meetings) to Provide 2 dollar Parking for Council Meetings and Other City Hall Events; Create New Section 802.115 (City Hall Metered Parking) to Provide for 4-Hour Meters Adjacent to City Hall.
2012-0218	Approved	Rezoning 14165 Main St N (5.25± Acres) – Planning Unit Development (PUD) and Commercial Community/General-2 (CCG-2) to PUD (Commercial Uses) – for a Funeral home (with a crematory). A lengthy discussion followed. Concerns were expressed about odors and possible health issues resulting from crematorium emissions. Vote 10 – 5.
2012-0235:	Discussion only. City Council already voted in favor.	Create an entity to operate the ferry; to seek grants and other funding sources to meet the fiscal obligations in operating the ferry. Though Council Member Gulliford, as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee, requested the Office of General Counsel to draft the legislation to create a St. Johns River Ferry Commission

2012-0235:	Approved	Send a thank you letter to City Council Members for their support of the ferry.
No #	Discussion only	Apartment complex on Duval Station Road between Majestic Court and Hollings Street. The project consists of 88 units North and South of Duval Station Road; with 80 of the units on the Northside of the road. The Governmental Affairs subcommittee requested that Ms. Alberta Hipps conduct a meeting with surrounding residents to address their concerns and to ensure that sidewalks be provided on both sides of Duval Station Road . Concerns included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-story apartments will overlook yards of single family homes in the Duval Station Road area that will cause elimination of the owners' privacy. • Apartments in the Duval Station Road area may not be originally planned to be subsidized housing, but could convert to subsidized housing.
2012-297	Discussion	Council Member Ray Holt introduced this bill to remove funding set aside for the First Coast High School Community Pool. The money will be transferred to JaxPort then to CSX for road construction.

- Mr. Berry invited residents to attend the June 7, 4 p.m., Governmental Affairs meeting.

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – No Subcommittee.
- **Membership** – Mr. Wagner stated there are no new members.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported:
 - The 5 year proposal plan is going through the Transportation Planning Organization and they will decide what the road projects will be for the next 5 years. There are 15 projects in the North Planning District which includes: resurfacing of Busch Drive, Dunn Avenue, etc.; replacing Sisters Creek Bridge, adding a flyover at I-95/295 North Jacksonville and replace/expand Heckscher Drive 9A/295.
- **Ad-Hoc:** None.
- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Chair Getchell stated he received an e-mail a few weeks ago asking if District 6 wants to find a replacement for Dr. Peck. the position was held for Dr. Peck in hopes that he would recover from his illness and return. Mr. Berry stated that Dr. Peck turned in a letter of resignation to the TRUE Commission in January, 2012. Mr. Berry stated that the TRUE Commission provides an auditing function and that TRUE makes recommendations to the City Council. The TRUE Commission meets once per month. A volunteer is needed.

8. Unfinished Business

Residents are very concerned that funding set aside for First Coast High School Community Pool is in the process of being moved to JaxPort for use by CSX. The pool was planned to be used for swim meets and could be an economic factor for North Jacksonville. A lengthy discussion followed. Members urged residents to call, write or e-mail their City Council members regarding Bill 2012-297.

9. **New Business** – Mr. Berry stated that at the last meeting they formed a committee to review the Executive Orders and By-Laws. The committee consists of six members as follows: Mr. Biederer, Mr. Berry, Mr. Stuart, Ms. Mathias, Mr. Ruffin and Mr. Neidlinger. Mr. Berry has provided each member a copy of the 1994 By-Laws, 1995 By-Laws and 2007 By-Laws. Mayor Austin established the CPACs and each mayor since Mayor Austin issued an Executive Order to reestablish the CPAC's within the first month of election or re-election. It is a concern that a new Executive Order has not been provided by the new administration.

10. Public Comments/Announcements - None

11. **Motion to Adjourn** - Mr. Baker made a motion for adjournment and Ms. Allen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

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