

**District #6**  
**Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Chair: Mike Getchell**

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus  
4501 Capper Rd. Room C-136  
April 11, 2012

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Chair – Mike Getchell  
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers  
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson  
Captiva Bluff Neighborhood Association - Rex Neidlinger  
Charter Member – Richard Berry  
Council Appointee District 11- Tommy Ruffin  
Florida Open Beaches, Inc., Bobby Taylor  
Heckscher Drive Community Club - Fran Beach  
Heckscher Drive community Club – Gerie Leigh  
Highlands Homeowners Unit 7 - John (Jack) Stuart  
Northlake HOA - Howard Miller  
San Mateo - Roland Biederer

**Excused:**

Amelia View - Nancy Burnett  
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker  
BRC Florida Holdings, Inc. - Hiron Peck  
Charter Member - Dot Mathias  
Charter Member - David Spruill  
Duval County Council of PTS/PTA Assoc. - Vicki Drake  
Eagles Hammock Nancy Landau  
Johnson Community Civic - – James Shronce  
National Park Service – Shauna Allen  
Northside Business Leaders - Michael Fisher  
ShAdCo Zone 6 – Sector Q - Jennelle Bray  
The Cape Association - Delores Spruill  
Turtle Creek Village - Arthur Sullivan  
Parks & Recreation – Brian Burket

**Elected Officials:** Robin Lumb - Council Member At Large Group 5

**Staff:**

Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman  
Neighborhoods, Municipal Code Enforcement - Bruce Chauncey  
Planning – Laurie Kattreh  
Planning - Shakeeb Shariff  
Mayor's Liaison - Mike Sweat  
Florida Department of Transportation - Thomas Hill  
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Sgt. David Smith

**Guests:**

Gay Septon, Amelia View  
Evelyn Kimbrough, Angel Lakes Estates  
Reverend Joseph Tate, Copper Hill IV HOA  
J. Robert Peeples, Jr

## 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Getchell called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman.

## 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

- Chair Getchell announced there is no meeting summary to approve. This is the first month using the new system with Administrative Services Division transcribing the CPAC minutes. Tommy Ruffin made a motion to make a notation for the permanent record that the CPAC could not approve the summary because it is not available. Jack Stuart seconded the motion. Discussion: Ms. Leigh stated that not having the minutes is very problematic because Heckscher Drive Community Club (HDCC) depends on this information. Mr. Taylor said he anticipates next month they will have a note stating the April summary is not available. Chair Getchell said that he saw the minutes from the last meeting and they were a mess. He asked that the members give ASD time to work out the glitches. Mr. Neidlinger made a motion to amend the motion to say that due to the system change, the CPAC did not receive the minutes prior to the meeting. Ms. Leigh said that Ms. Ridderman always had the minutes ready on time. Ms. Leigh expressed a concern that when they are requested, the summary should be available, according to the Sunshine Law. Chair Getchell announced the amended motion is *the March Summary was not available due to a change in the administrative process of producing the minutes*. A second was made by Jack Stuart. The vote: all voted in favor.

## 3. Staff Reports

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Sgt. David Smith
  - Sgt. David Smith provided a report in Chief Davis's absence. Chief Davis sent his regards.
  - Crime is slightly up. There have been burglaries to new construction sites and in 4 subdivisions. Thieves are stealing sinks, appliances and air conditioners from these properties.
  - East of I-95 auto burglaries are occurring
  - West of I-95 robberies of Dollar General stores are occurring
  - Reminder: Keep your eyes out for pickup trucks, trailers, moving trucks or moving vans in your neighborhood. If you see a strange vehicle in your neighborhood and they drive up and down your streets, call JSO. Always lock your vehicles and leave valuables out of sight (loose change, weapons, laptop and cell phones). Please look out for your neighbors. JSO needs help from the citizens.
  - Mr. Ruffin asked if it would be helpful for citizens to video or write down the tag numbers? JSO said yes, they have used citizens' recordings as evidence.
  - To report crimes or suspicious activity, call the non-emergency phone number 630-0500.

- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office, Mike Sweat

Mr. Sweat discussed some of the events in the past year at the Extension Office:

- 5,331 group learning program activities
- 4,438 visits out into the community
- 1,159 volunteers donated over 36,000 hours
- 187,000 educational contacts that were made by their staff

Mr. Sweat announced some of their upcoming program activities:

- Hobby Bee Keeper Program
- Cattlemen's Program
- Spring Gardening Workshop
- Pressure Canning
- Food Safety
- Child Care Training
- More information can be found on their website: <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Mr. Sweat announced that on Saturday, April 21 the 4-H Club (Westside) is having a Tess Godwin Memorial super ride at the Diamond D. Ranch. Most of the activities begin at 12 p.m. A two (2) hour trail ride will be available beginning at 10 a.m.

Some of the activities include:

- Rent a horse
- Petting zoo
- Silent auction

- Concessions
- Hay rides
- Live entertainment
- Door prizes
- Lunch can be bought on-site

Every year the 4-H Club holds a fund raiser. All proceeds go to the Dreams Come True Foundation. Mr. Berry asked Mr. Sweat to announce the seafood dinner and auction to be sponsored by the 4-H Club on Saturday, April 14. Mr. Sweat stated that the seafood dinner and auction will raise funds for the 4-H Clubs. It will be held at the Extension Office, on McDuff Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. The seafood buffet will be served in their auditorium.

- **Duval County Public Schools** - No representative.

No report. Mr. Berry announced that Becki Couch isn't the representative for District 6. Martha Barrett is the new representative.

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** - Thomas Hill reported
  - Repairs to the Nassau River Bridge/I-95 will take longer than expected.
  - A new project will start soon to replace the median on the Dames Points Bridge.
  - Expect lane closures on I-95 at Nassau River Bridge from April 20 – 27.
  - Tonight the Matthew's Bridge will shut down in the East Bound lane.
  - International Center Drive is being extended. Two roundabouts will be added. A presentation can be found on JTA's website. The Project Manager is Windy Morrow.
  - FDOT is conducting surveys regarding the St. Johns River Ferry. Three of four surveys have been completed. The surveys collect information about where people are coming from and going to, why they are there and how much time they are there. Over 300 man hours have been spent collecting the data. FDOT has captured data from 85-90 percent of all riders, about 2,500 respondents so far. Surveys have been completed on weekdays and weekends from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- **Neighborhoods**
  - Housing and Community Development Division - Mary Beth Ridderman announced during National Community Development Week, there were events scheduled daily with various non-profit groups that have received federal funds through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). These sites included Edward Waters College – the Tolbert House, River Region – Andy's Place, Clara White Mission and Daniel (Memorial).
  - Municipal Code Compliance Division - Bruce Chauncey reported
    - The Oceanway project has been completed. The project included Pollytown. There were 440 properties cited.
    - The Code Board meets every other week with a Special Master and residents. The Code Board previously met at night, but there the cost of overtime is a concern. If residents don't show up for a meeting with the Special Master, a fine from \$25 to \$250 per day is charged.
    - Snipe signs are the biggest problem now. There is an automatic \$55 fine for each snipe sign.
  - To report snipe signs or other code violations, please call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Planning & Development** – Shakeeb Shariff reported
  - A new wave of Land Use Amendments have been filed. This was discussed with Government Affairs.
  - Land Use Application # 2012-C10 is for the property located on Duval Station Road where apartments are planned. On April 30 there will be a preview workshop. The CPAC will be notified.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Brian Burket's absence was excused. No report

#### 4. Presentations

Laurie Kattreh is the Transportation Specialist for the City of Jacksonville. She Ms. Kattreh presented information about the 2030 Mobility Plan which replaces Fair Share &

Transportation Concurrency. Jacksonville is recognized as a Transportation Concurrency exemption area, designated as a "dense urban land area."

The 2030 Plan has 4 Mobility Strategies:

- o Connect land use and transportation
- o Provide multi mobile plan
- o Fund mobility
- o Incentivize quality growth and development

The 2030 Mobility Policy Implications:

- o Incentivizing in filling and development
- o Incentivizing quality for growth
- o Incentivizing the market growth to focus on the future

Mr. Berry expressed a concern that 85,000 to 90,000 cars from Clay and Nassau County are not being calculated at the beginning of the project. They are not paying anything.

An ordinance was adopted and unanimously approved by City Council. However a moratorium was put in place on the fees. The plan has not been implemented by the City of Jacksonville. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Mr. Shariff provided AV support for the presentation. Chair Getchell thanked Ms. Kattreh and Mr. Shariff for the presentation.

#### 5. **Chair's Report** - Mike Getchell reported

- o Last month all the CPAC Chairs met to get to know each other. The chairs are concerned that the current administration is unresponsive. A letter was drafted to request a meeting with Mayor Brown but the letter did not convey the sense of urgency. Some CPAC Chairs have been approached by the media.
- o In reference to the ferry legislation 2012-235, this is a committee that was created to locate a funding source for the ferry.
- o He spoke with Lake Ray, House of Representatives, who have a bill in place to partially provide funding for the ferry.
- o The new River Keeper is Lisa Rinaman. Mr. Getchell asked if there is anyone interested in having her to speak to CPAC. The CPAC indicated they are interested.

#### 6. **Elected Officials Reports** - Council Member Robin Lumb, At Large Group 5, introduced himself to the members. He reminded everyone that they have 5 At Large Council Members that they serve county-wide. Positions are available on the following boards:

- o Building Codes Adjustment Board
- o Duval County Job Opportunity Board
- o Duval County Research and Development Authority
- o Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board
- o Health and Life Insurance Procurement Committee
- o Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority
- o Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission
- o Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Board of Trustees
- o JIA Area Redevelopment Agency Board
- o For more information, contact Council Member Robin Lumb at 630-1387 or [rlumb@coj.net](mailto:rlumb@coj.net).

Council Member Lumb met with Representative Andrew Crenshaw today and discussed a couple of issues. One of those issues discussed was the Mayport Ferry and how the State of Florida wasn't allowed to continue funding the Mayport Ferry. It is Council Member Lumb's opinion that it should be a requirement of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to fund the Mayport Ferry. Council Member Bill Gulliford is trying to find ways to raise money. He has a special Ad Hoc Committee to raise money for the ferry. He is looking for specific dollar amount commitments that can be donated for the ferry.

- o Mr. Berry asked if the board positions were volunteer jobs. Council Member Lumb stated that these are non-paid jobs.
- o Mr. Berry stated that 6 or 7 years ago he was advised that the federal government had grant money set-aside for ferries. At that time the requirement was that the only people who could make the application was the state; in other words only the Governor or a Legislative Member. Representative Lake Ray is researching this for Mr. Berry. This seems like something you would have to apply for and that it isn't a permanent source of revenue. Council Member Lumb stated that none of the grant money is available for operating costs. The

capital fund is for repairs only. A couple of reliable players for Duval County are Representative Andrew Crenshaw and Representative Lake Ray. The Mayport Ferry previously had over 500,000 annual trips; it is now just over 200,000 annual trips. If the annual usage of the ferry remained in high volume as it did 9 or 10 years ago, it would sustain itself and there would not be an issue of funding today.

- o Mr. Berry stated that the fees have increased recently. It has actually doubled in price. Council Member Lumb stated that the majority of revenue for the Mayport Ferry is generated by corporations and or Public Transportation.
- o Council Member Lumb stated that City Council Members are very conscientious and very hard working. This is the most fiscally responsible group in years. If you want to influence City Council Members, weigh-in. E-mails and phone calls make a difference. Council Members are very much attuned with e-mails.
- o Ms. Leigh advised that the CPAC appreciates Ms. Barrow's attendance and thanked Council Member Lumb for attending.

**7. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

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

2012-0202	Deny	<p>This bill provides funding for City Council Members' parking in St. James Building Garage (a policy previously abandoned). The CPAC unanimously voted to deny this for these reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It sends the wrong signal to pay for council members' parking when other city employees are taking a pay cut.</li> <li>2. Free parking is available on streets adjacent to Council Chambers.</li> <li>3. The parking fee of \$40.00 per month is not unreasonable.</li> </ol>
No #	Discussion only	<p>New maps have been approved for the Florida House of Representatives. Representative Lake Ray is no longer the representative for the North District. Representative Janet Adkins now represents the North District.</p>

- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – No report
- **Membership** – Harry Wagner's absence was excused
- **Transportation** – Mr. Berry provided copies.  
**Ad-Hoc:** None
- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Hiron Peck's absence is excused.

**8. Unfinished Business**

Ms. Leigh asked if there were any updates on the First Coast Pool money. A discussion continued about concerns in reference to the First Coast Pool funds.

**9. New Business**

Mr. Berry said that CPACs were established to address the 2010 Plan. Each Mayor has created and signed an Executive Order. By-Laws were also formed with each Executive Order. Mr. Berry made a motion to establish a By-Laws Committee to review. Mr. Biederer seconded the motion. Mr. Ruffin said that by-Laws are common to each CPAC. Other CPACs should be involved. Chair Getchell stated that they need to develop by-laws as close as possible to the model by-laws. Chair Getchell will talk with the other CPACs. The vote: all in favor. Talk with Mr. Berry to review the by-laws.

**10. Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit) - None**

**11. Motion to Adjourn**

Mr. Ruffin made a motion for adjournment and Mr. Berry seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2012**

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