



**MEETING SUMMARY**

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 FSCJ North Campus  
 Building "C" Conference room C-136  
 4501 Capper Rd.  
 November 9, 2011 4 – 6 p.m.

<b>ORGANIZATIONS – REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
<b>in Attendance</b>	
Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	<b>ABSENT</b>
Charter Member – Dick Berry	
Charter Member – David Spruill	
Amelia View – Nancy Burnett	<b>PENDING REMOVAL – non-attendance</b>
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	Woodmont
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	Lydia Estates
	Northlake
BRC Florida Holdings – Hiron Peck	New Berlin Enclave
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	<b>VISITORS</b>
FL Open Beaches, Bobby Taylor	Rev. Joseph Tate – Copper Hill IV HOA
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club- Gerie Leigh	Angelo Barrera
Highlands – Jack Stuart	Howard Miller - Northlake
National Park Service - Shauna Allen	Danny Ferreira
Northside Business Leaders – Michael Fisher	
San Mateo – Roland Biederer	<b>STAFF and OFFICIALS</b>
ShAdCo Q – Jennelle Bray	Mayor’s Liaison/Duval Extension Office – Mike Sweat
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	Duval School Board – Selinda Keyes
Turtle Creek Village – Art Sullivan	Florida Dept. Transportation – Richard Prindville
	Housing and Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman
<b>ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club - Fran Beach	Planning & Development – Shakeeb Shariff
	Recreation and Community – Brian Burket
<b>EXCUSED</b>	
Vice Chair – Nancy Landau	<b>STAFF EXCUSED</b>
Charter Member – Dot Mathias	City Council Member Ray Holt
Betz Realty – William Baker	Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – Chief T.C. Davis
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	
Duval Council of PTAs/PTA – Vicki Drake	
Johnson Comm. Civic – James Shronce	
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	

- The meeting was called to order** at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Mike Getchell.
- A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
- Presentation** – Robert Phillips, Executive Assistant to Supervisor of Elections, presented information about the reapportionment plan approved by City Council.

The final map is called the Denise Lee map because, after reviewing several versions, Council Members approved the version proposed by Council Member Lee. Voting places and precincts will change. Upon request, an electronic version of the map will be sent via e-mail. Mr. Phillips may be reached at 630-8018 or [Phillips@coj.net](mailto:Phillips@coj.net).

4. **Summary** of the previous meeting was approved.
5. **Unfinished Business** – none.
6. **Chair's Report:** Chair Getchell announced the Right Whale Festival is Nov. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jacksonville Beach Sea Walk Pavilion. More information is available at [rightwhalefestival.org](http://rightwhalefestival.org)
7. **Staff Reports**
  - A. **JSO** – Chief T.C. Davis's absence was excused. For information, please call the Zone 6 office at 696-4335 or the non-emergency number, 630-0500.
  - B. **Mayor's Representative** – Mike Sweat reported:
    - The Greater Jacksonville Fair is Nov. 2- 13, downtown. The extension office has a Country Store with jams, pickles and preserves for sale. These items are used to fund activities in the canning center. The fair will also offer the Plant Doctor, 4-H Activities, 70 exhibit animals and more show animals. The Brahmin and Santa Gertrudis cattle will be shown on Friday and Saturday.
    - Charter Member Richard Berry asked the status of the proposed move of the Greater Jacksonville Fair. Mr. Sweat explained the project is being reviewed. A brief discussion followed and the following concerns were expressed:
      - Taxpayer costs of moving the Greater Jacksonville Fair to the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.
      - Environmental concerns for wetlands and trees regarding the proposed move of the Greater Jacksonville Fair to the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.
      - Quality of life and access issues regarding the proposed move of the Greater Jacksonville Fair to the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.
      - Will the fair increase funding for the Jacksonville Equestrian Center?
      - Transparency of the proposed move of the Greater Jacksonville Fair.
    - Mr. Sweat may be reached at 387-8850.
  - C. **City Council Member's Reports** – No representative. No Report.
  - D. **Duval County School Board** – Selinda Keyes, Executive Director of Duval Public Schools was welcomed to the North CPAC. She announced:
    - Winter sports are back in place due to private and public partnerships. It is a concern that the private partnerships will not continue year after year. It may be necessary for children to pay for play.
    - Next year Duval schools will have another \$60 million cut. They are looking at what to keep.
    - A question was raised and Ms. Keyes answered that all Duval County School Board members declined the raise. Residents commended Duval County School Board Members for refusing proposed raises.
    - Following a question, a brief discussion was held regarding schools and magnet programs.
    - More information is available at <http://www.duvalschools.org/>.
  - E. **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Richard Prindeville reported:
    - At the last meeting, a question was raised about bridge structural safety. No bridges on the St. Johns River or major county roads are deficient. A list of bridges is available at the National Bridge Inventory Database <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/nbi.htm>.

- The rehabilitation of the I-95 Nassau River Bridge will begin on Dec. 6 and finish in 340 days.
- A resident thanked the persons responsible for repairing the shoulder of the road and installing no trespassing signs to prevent trucks from parking on Eastport near Heckscher Drive.
- The following concerns were raised:
  - Strong currents during ebb tides limit the number of hours ships have access to the port at Mile Point. A discussion was held about the proposed project to armor the South bank to open and diffuse the current. Shakeeb Shariff said information about the project is available at the Army Corps of Engineers website:  
[http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Planning/Branches/Environmental/DocsNotices\\_OnLine\\_DuvalCo.htm](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Planning/Branches/Environmental/DocsNotices_OnLine_DuvalCo.htm)
  - Excessive litter on the Dames Point Bridge. Some of the litter is large enough to cause a safety hazards to motorists.

**F. Municipal Code Compliance** – Bruce Chauncey reported:

- Their office moved to the Florida Theatre Building.
- A question was raised about systematic inspections. Mr. Chauncey explained that the Zone 6 staff has been reduced to three people from the original five people. He said systematic inspections will take longer because of a staff shortage. A resident raised a concern that staff reductions in Code Enforcement will affect the number of systematic inspections and officer's work load/response time.
- Please report suspected code violations to 630-CITY (630-2489).

**G. Planning and Development** – Shakeeb Shariff reported:

- Six small scale land use amendments have been filed. He will provide the information to Nancy Landau for review by the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.
- A concern was raised that the Planning Department's Annual Statistical package is not available to residents. Mr. Shariff said he will look into that.

**H. Recreation and Community** – Brian Burket reported:

- The Marsh Fest at Dutton Island Preserve is Nov. 19. It is a celebration of the marsh with music, tours, hikes and kayak tours of the marsh.
- Hannah Park, Sunday, Nov. 13, Bike with Donna Deegan to raise funds for to fight breast cancer.
- Joe Carlucci Park is working on the curbing.
- Thomas Creek Park – the new parking lot and ramp are open. The restroom opening is delayed waiting for the installation of an ADA handrail.
- Palms Fish Camp – status quo.
- Huguenot Park - non-native, invasive vegetation was removed. They are meeting with biologists to look for an acceptable herbicide to keep the growth down.
- Sheffield Park – the contractor is staging, moving in equipment and fencing. Phase I is scheduled to open in Spring, 2013.
- For information about park activities or aquatics programs, visit [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com) or call 630-3690.
- **Housing and Neighborhoods** – Mary Beth Ridderman provided written report. Ms. Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).

**I. National Park Service:** Shauna Allen reported:

- Save the Date – Jan. 20, 2012. Timucuan Science Symposium. There will be a citizen component to identify areas that will help research and monitoring.

More information is available at  
<http://www.nps.gov/timu/naturescience/park-science-symposium.htm>.

**8. Subcommittee Reports:**

**A. Governmental Affairs:** The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair's absence was excused. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee did not meet in November because there were no applications to review.

- The next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled for Dec. 1 at 4 p.m., Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.
- Tomorrow a major announcement will be made about Kingsley Plantation. Kingsley Plantation is open on Veterans Day. There will be special tours on Saturday, Nov. 12. Be sure to watch the news for the announcement.

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

**C. Transportation:** Dick Berry announced;

- Mary Beth Ridderman forwards information from FDOT.
- The Dames Point Bridge is now scheduled to finish in Spring, 2012.
- The Duval/Nassau Bridge has flagmen out. Be careful.

**D. Taxation Revenue Expenditures (TRUE) Commission:** Hiron Peck announced:

- The TRUE Commission is working closely with COJ and finances.
- The TRUE Commission is pressuring COJ to provide better communications with City Council.
- CFO Belton spoke about the Banking Fund. The information was about the pension fund, which is in arrears.
- TRUE plans to organize CPAC members to meet with City Council to help project budget improvements as necessary.

**E. Nominations:** Tommy Ruffin announced they have one candidate for Chair – Mike Getchell. Nancy Landau cannot accept a nomination as vice chair due to her job duties which have recently increased. The subcommittee has no candidate for Vice Chair. Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman, Tommy Ruffin, Mary Thompson or Jennelle Bray if you are interested in serving. The election is Dec. 14. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. There was a discussion about the importance of continuing the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee, which is chaired by the Vice Chair. Jenny Bray said Nancy did an excellent job on Governmental Affairs – she was always prepared.

**9. New Business:**

- Mike Getchell announced he has invited Steve Ross to present information about the Mile Point project. They are trying to determine a date that Mr. Ross is available.
- Dick Berry announced the National Cemetery is having the grand opening and ribbon cutting on Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. Over 5000 people have been buried there already.
- The food list for the Dec. 14 annual social is being passed around. Chair Getchell thanked Mary Thompson for coordinating the event.

**10. Public Comments:** none

**11. Adjourn:** A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is 4 p.m., Thursday, December 8, 2011 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.

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