

North District Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Bobby Taylor

Vice Chair: Rex Neidlinger

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus

4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136

August 13, 2014

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Bobby Taylor
Vice Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Copper Hill – Joseph Tate
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northside Business Leaders – Patrick Bennett

Excused:

Charter Member - David Spruill
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Highlands- Jack Stuart
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
San Mateo – Roland Biederer
ShAdCo Q – Jenny Bray
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Absent:

Tasti D'Lite – Nancy Burnett

Three consecutive unexcused absences will result in removal from CPAC membership.

Please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net if members will be absent.

Elected Officials:

Staff:

Mayor's Liaison – Mike Sweat
Mayor's Representative – David DeCamp
Florida Department of Transportation – Jim Green
Jacksonville Electric Authority – Tanya Nuddleton
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Sgt. Brain Healy
Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Amy Ver Beek Brown
Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Ladora Taylor
Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Eleanor Robertson
Planning & Development, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Regulatory Compliance, Municipal Code Compliance – Timothy Myers

Staff Excused:

Planning & Development, Planning – Marvin Echols
Public Libraries – Ann Fridl

Guests:

Cecily Pontiflet – National Park Service

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bobby Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. He commented that attendance seems to be low – perhaps the stormy weather is to blame. A quorum was verified by Neighborhood Coordinator Mary Beth Ridderman. Chair Taylor reminded everyone to silence cell phones and sign-in.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the June summary was made by Vicki Drake and seconded by Fran Beach. The vote: All in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Sgt. Brian Healy reported:
 - Violent crime is down 20%.
 - Reported incidents are down of robberies to individuals, residential burglary, business burglary, auto theft and auto burglary.
 - No change occurred in reports of sexual battery, home invasion, arson and robbery to business.
 - One incident occurred of car-jacking.
 - A discussion was held regarding teen curfew. Teens must be at home or in the care of a responsible adult by 11 p.m. on Sunday – Thursday nights. The curfew is midnight for Friday and Saturday nights.
 - A concern was expressed about shootings around the city. Sgt. Healy said JSO is conducting investigations. More community involvement/reporting is needed.
 - A concern was expressed about vandalism at Sheffield Park. Sgt. Healy explained that there is no security guard on duty at the park. JSO patrols frequently. The biggest concerns are weekend camping and riding 4-wheelers in the park. A brief discussion was held regarding signage.
 - Call 911 to report emergency situations.
 - Call 630-0500, the non-emergency line, for other concerns.
 - Chair Taylor thanked Sgt. Healy for attending the CPAC and for his report.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat reported:
 - For information about Extension Office classes, please call the Extension Office at 255-7450.
- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp reported
- **Duval County Public Schools** – no representative.
- **Planning & Development (formerly Neighborhoods)**
 - **Planning** – Marvin Echols's absence was excused. Please contact Mr. Echols at 255-7823 or MEchols@coj.net.
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - Neighborhood coordinators were assigned to a new supervisor, Darrell Griffin. Kenny Logsdon was assigned to other duties.
 - The Northwest and Urban Core CPAC Neighborhood Coordinator's position was filled. Ms. Ridderman and Rosemary Wesolowski are providing training for the new employee.
 - She spent July working on the CPAC and Directory of Neighborhood websites. She repaired 3 of 6 CPAC website links which were damaged during the web transfer to Planning. She is continuing with that project and updating six Directory of Neighborhood websites. She asked residents to provide updated Directory of Neighborhood forms. A question was raised that a city employee had previously reported to the CPAC that she was working on the Directory. Ms. Ridderman reported that Ms. Colbert is working with Mr. Logsdon on a Directory database. Ms. Ridderman is working on the website. It is a group effort.
 - By July, she usually has the next year's meeting space secured. This year, a delay occurred, due to waiting for the CPAC's vote on a possible meeting time change. FSCJ reported it is reviewing its citywide rental policy and may charge for space. The new policy will not be available until after December 31, 2014. She discussed a need for an alternate plan for the January 2015 meeting and a brief discussion was held. David DeCamp offered to talk with Ms. Ridderman and follow up with FSCJ.
- **Regulatory Compliance**
 - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Tim Myers reported:
 - He is the new Zone 6 supervisor. Bruce Chauncey was reassigned.
 - Since June 11, Zone 6 officers made 3236 inspections. Citywide, there were 21,708

- inspections.
 - The division is in the process of hiring more officers. One is currently in training. One officer is retiring. Two part-time officers work solely with snipe signs.
 - Operation Urban Blight has no projects at this time.
 - Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report and track CARE concerns.
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Eleanor Robertson reported:
 - Six weeks of summer camp and 8 weeks of Summer Night Lights finished. Rec and Roll is nearing completion.
 - Three locations offer after school programs. Other locations are open after school.
 - Preparations are being made for Pop Warner football.
 - Garden City Elementary and Ray Greene – tennis courts are being resurfaced.
 - A new playground is being built at Sheffield Park.
 - A NFL grant was received for development of fields at Ray Greene.
 - Bert Maxwell - new picnic tables, ADA compliance, grills, parking and a pavilion were completed.
 - A concern was expressed that six benches have been removed, but none have been replaced. Benches as well as bike racks are needed at this park.
 - Chair Pittman asked Ms. Robertson to email the site plans to Ms. Ridderman, who will distribute them to members.
 - Oceanway – major landscaping improvements, painting, tennis courts and other improvements were completed.
 - For information about the city's parks, please visit www.jaxparks.com.
 - **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen and Cicely Pontiflet reported:
 - Timucuan Preserve began a new program- Yards to Parks.
 - Invasive species have debilitating effects on the environment.
 - National Parks has created a partnership with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS).
 - Presentations on invasive species are available for neighborhood groups.
 - A sign-up sheet was passed around. To schedule a presentation, please contact Shauna Allen at Shauna.Allen@nps.gov.
 - To learn more about invasive species, please visit <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/>
 - Report invasive plants and animals in Florida: www.IVEGOT1.org or 1-888-lve-Got1.
 - Brochures and handouts were provided.
 - For information about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
 - **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – Tanya Nuddleton was available for questions.
 - For JEA information, please visit the JEA website <https://www.jea.com/> or contact Ms. Kendrick at kendwj@jea.com or 665-7217.
 - **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – FDOT Jim Green reported:
 - Public meeting regarding the I-95 and I-10 interchange - at the Cummer Museum, 829 Riverside Avenue. August 28. Open House 4 – 6:30 p.m., presentation and public comments at 6:30.
 - A brief discussion was held regarding the new interchanges at I-95 and I-10 and at I-10 and Marietta.
 - A concern was expressed – a traffic light is needed at Main Street and Yellow Bluff Road.
 - Accident and related Florida Highway Patrol information: www.fhp.state.fl.us
 - Regional traffic information: www.northfloridaroads.com
 - 511 websites: www.jax511.com and www.fl511.com
4. **Presentation:** JAXPORT Update by Brian Taylor, JAXPORT CEO
- Mr. Taylor presented a PowerPoint which included the following information:
 - The Asian container business is increasing, servicing Rooms To Go, Disney, Badcock, BSF, Costco, Coca-Cola, Bedrosian, Bacardi and others. Products include frozen poultry, limestone, granite and automobiles.
 - The Jacksonville harbor is not deep enough to accommodate fully loaded ships. Information was provided regarding the proposed harbor deepening project and funding.
 - A concern was expressed regarding the physical impact of channel deepening on waterfront properties, docks and bridges.
 - For more information, contact Brian Taylor at brian.taylor@jaxport.com

5. **Chair's Report** – Chair Bobby Taylor reported:

- Charter Member Dick Berry's absence is excused.
- Friends of Huguenot Park will host an International Coastal Cleanup on September 20. Other locations are also hosting the event.
- The meeting time change will be discussed during new business. He encourages the move to 5:30.
- The Executive Order 2014-03 requires the CPAC to meet 8 times each year. The City Council takes breaks. Other CPACs do not meet in July and December. In an effort to increase membership and interest, Chair Taylor proposes not meeting in July or December. A brief discussion was held. The nomination subcommittee will be appointed in September and the slate of officers presented in October. The November meeting will have the election and annual social.
- Chair Taylor expressed his appreciation for the members' and guests' involvement in CPAC.
- Volunteers are needed on the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.
- Duval Public Schools and Elected Officials Reports are always welcome at the North CPAC. A discussion was held. In the interest of time, these items will be removed from the agenda. When Duval Schools personnel or elected officials attend, they will be acknowledged by the Chair and their reports welcomed by the members and guests.

6. **Elected Officials Reports** – none.

7. **Subcommittee Reports**

- **Governmental Affairs** –

The following items were discussed or voted upon:

2014-422	Approve	An Ordinance rezoning approximately 1.20+ acres located In Council District 8 at 1290 Dunn Avenue between Haverford Road and Wake Forest Avenue, from Residential Low Density-60 (RLD-60), Commercial Community/General-1 (CCG-1) and Commercial Office (CO) Districts To PUD (Planned Unit Development) District.
2014-426	Approve	ORD authorize CEO of DIA to execute a dev. agreement with Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Assn, Inc. (JHNSA) for relocation of Retired Naval Vessel USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) to the former Jacksonville Shipyard site on the North Bank as a Floating Museum
2014-427	Approve	ORD-MC amend Sec 518.111 (Definitions) to add New Subsection (M) to add as an Unsafe Structure those Non-Historic Buildings that have been boarded up, have no active water or electric service for a period exceeding 24 Months; Amend Sec 518.205 (Boarding of Vacant Buildings or Dwellings) to require that such buildings exceeding the 24 month period shall be abated by the City in accordance with Demo Procedures of Chapt 518, Part 3.
2014-453	Approve	The City Council of Jacksonville, Florida seeks to enhance the public welfare by declaring that the protection against relationship violence is a fundamental human right
2014-489	Approve	An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to (1) execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, (A) an agreement with Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc., and (B) a letter of agreement with the State Of Florida through its agency For Health Care Administration, both concerning payment and distribution of t the City's Indigent Health Care Funds For Fiscal Year 2014-2015
2014-494	Deny	A Resolution concerning the appeal filed by Ayman Safar, D/B/A Safar's Liquor Group, Inc. for property owned by S & K 4, LLC of Final Order Issued by The Planning Commission denying Zoning Exception Application E-14-26 For The Retail Sale And Service Of All Alcoholic Beverages Including Liquor, Beer Or Wine for Off-Premises Consumption on property located At 1902 Lane Avenue (Re No. 011534-0100), pursuant To Section 656.141, Ordinance Code; adopting findings and conclusions of the Land Use And Zoning Committee. (In support of the SW CPAC)

The next Governmental Affairs meeting is Sept. 4, 5:30 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, Room C-136.

- **Membership** – Reverend Bivins reported:
 - o He supports the discussion to change the time to 5:30. He feels it will help in recruiting new members.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry's absence was excused.

8. **Unfinished Business:** none.

9. **New Business:**

- Chair Taylor opened the floor for discussion regarding changing the CPAC meeting time to 5:30. Ms. Ridderman researched the questions raised at the last CPAC meeting. City and FDOT staff members who support the North CPAC were contacted and every person responded they will be available at 5:30. The room is available at 5:30. A lengthy discussion was held. A motion was made by Danny Ferriera. Mark Bivens and others seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting time will change to 5:30 beginning on September 10, 2014. Ms. Ridderman will notify

- members by email or phone call.
- The North CPAC will no longer meet in July or December.

10. Public Comments: none

11. Motion to Adjourn – Tommy Ruffin made a motion to adjourn. Danny Ferreira seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

The North CPAC will meet on September 10, 5:30 p.m.
at FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee will meet on September 4, 5:30 p.m.
at FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136.

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