

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
September 10, 2014

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Bobby Taylor
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Copper Hill – Joseph Tate
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter
Northside Business Leaders – Patrick Bennett
Tasti D'Lite – Nancy Burnett

Excused:

Vice Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Charter Member - David Spruill
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Highlands- Jack Stuart
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
San Mateo – Roland Biederer
ShAdCo Q – Jenny Bray
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Absent:

Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
Turtle Creek Village – Arthur Sullivan
*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: none

Staff:

Mayor's Liaison – Mike Sweat
Animal Care and Protective Services – Nicole Harris
Florida Department of Transportation – Jim Green
Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Joshua Rhodes
Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Ladora Taylor
Planning & Development, Planning – Marvin Echols
Planning & Development, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Regulatory Compliance, Municipal Code Compliance – Timothy Myers

Staff Excused:

Mayor's Representative – David DeCamp
Jacksonville Electric Authority – Wanyonyi Kendrick
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis
Public Libraries – Ann Fridl

Guests:

Tom Ingram - Akerman LLP
Robert E. Porter – Northlake HOA
Evelyn Kimbrough – Angel Lakes Estates

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bobby Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. He commented that he was pleased to see the number of attendees, particularly with the new meeting time and the rainy weather. Chair Taylor said he noticed some members were present that have been unable to attend because of conflicting work and CPAC schedules. 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 Dick Berry and seconded by Shauna Allen. The vote: All in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – no representative.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director, Mike Sweat reported:
 - Eliminating Air Potatoes Workshop- Sept. 16, 10 a.m. 1010 McDuff Ave. Free. The class was filled within two days.
 - Livestock Update – Sept. 16, 6 p. m. Call Becky at 255-7450 to register.
 - Fall Gardening Tips/Planting Vegetable Workshop – Sept. 25, 6 p.m. To register, call Becky at 255-7450.
 - Pressure Canning Green Beans – Sept. 29, 9 a.m. \$20 per person. To register, call Jeanne at 255-7450.
 - Master Gardeners are in training for a Vine Demonstration Project. Tree Demonstration, Vine Demonstration, Florida Friendly Landscaping Demonstration Projects and a Florida Friendly Yard Recognition Program are offered by the Duval Extension Office.
 - For information about Extension Office classes, please call the Extension Office at 255-7450.
- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp's absence was excused.
- **Planning & Development**
 - **Planning** – Marvin Echols was available to answer questions. Please contact Mr. Echols at 255-7823 or MEchols@coj.net.
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - She recently completed over 570 repairs to links damaged during the web transfer to Planning and Development.
 - HOA and Townhome training is planned for September 23, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at 214 North Hogan Street, Room 110. To register, please provide name, address, phone number, email address and organization name to marybeth@coj.net.
 - Condo training is planned for September 23, 2014, 1:00 p.m. at 214 North Hogan Street, Room 110. To register, please provide name, address, phone number, email address and organization name to marybeth@coj.net
 - The Housing and Community Development Division is moving from the 8th to the 3rd floor of the Ed Ball Building.
 - **Regulatory Compliance - Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Tim Myers reported:
 - Since last month's CPAC meeting, Zone 6 officers completed 1649 inspections. City wide, officers conducted 8335 inspections.
 - Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report and track CARE concerns.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Parks, Recreation and Community Services representative, Joshua Rhodes, introduced himself as the new Parks District Manager and he requested to provide his report early. Mr. Rhodes report was made after opening comments and recorded in the order printed on the agenda.
 - Bert Maxwell Park ADA compliance issues are being addressed.
 - The following concerns were raised regarding Bert Maxwell Park:
 1. Benches are needed. Damaged benches have been removed but not replaced. The park has only one bench for residents' use.
 2. Bike racks are needed.
 3. A site plan is needed. Last month Chair Taylor requested that a site plan be emailed to Ms. Ridderman to be shared with the North CPAC.
 - The Huguenot Park entrance kiosk has been installed but still needs programming.

- Chair Taylor expressed a concern that the Huguenot Park kiosk is not yet operational and it is negatively affecting residents' park access. He requested detailed information about the date the kiosk will be fully operational and the payment method - will the kiosk accept cash, credit cards and/or debit cards?
 - Mr. Rhodes may be contacted at RhodesJ@coj.net.
 - For information about the city's parks, please visit www.jaxparks.com.
 - **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen was available to answer questions.
 - For information about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
 - **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – Ms. Kendrick's absence was excused.
 - 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)** – Jim Green reported:
 - A public meeting regarding the I-95 and I-10 interchange was held last month. Interchange construction is scheduled to begin in 2015.
 - A series of public meetings is planned regarding the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.
 - Sept. 16, Main Library, 5 p. m.
 - Sept. 23, Jacksonville Beach City Hall, 5 p. m.
 - A concern was expressed about lane striping on the Sister's Creek Bridge. The striping causes motorists to be in the wrong lane and this creates a serious safety hazard. Mr. Green said he will check with the contractor.
 - A question was raised and a brief discussion held regarding the I-295/Heckscher Drive Interchange. The scheduled completion date is early 2017. Mr. Green said he would follow up and report back on a question regarding the contractor's suggested modifications.
 - A question was raised regarding the hours for the Dunn Avenue resurfacing project. Mr. Green said he would follow up and report back.
 - 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
 - **Public Works**- no representative.
- 4. **Presentation:** Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) by Nicole Harris, Division Chief start here
 - Services include adoption, animal cruelty investigations, vaccinations, and micro-chip identification.
 - Budget cuts created a reduction in staffing, from 65 to currently 44 staff members. First Coast No More Homeless Pets (NMHP) pays for 4 positions, but the grant is no longer available and those positions will be lost.
 - ACPS works in cooperation with NMHP, the Jacksonville Humane Society and small rescue groups.
 - The Jacksonville Humane Society is a No Kill Shelter – they only accept adoptable, healthy pets.
 - ACPS accepts dogs and cats in any condition: sick or well/adoptable or not-adoptable. ACPS reached No Kill Shelter status this year (90% of all shelter animals were saved). ACPS euthanized 2000 animals in 2014. In 2008, 18,000 were euthanized.
 - Rabies vaccines and microchips are available 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The cost is \$10 each.
 - September adoption special - all cats and dogs \$20. The price includes vaccination, spay/neuter and microchip.
 - Volunteers are needed.
 - Donations are needed: peanut butter, honey, Kong toys, dryer sheets, peroxide, alcohol and any brand of unopened pet food.
 - The following concerns were expressed:
 - Individuals sell puppies and kittens at flea markets and roadsides. (ACPS cites sellers when they catch them. Call 630-2489.)
 - Feral cats are nuisances for neighborhoods when the cats are spayed/neutered/ear-tipped and returned by No More Homeless Pets. (The Feral Freedom program reduces the numbers of cats in shelters and reduces the number of euthanized cats each year and reduces the impact on landfills – it reduces taxpayers' costs.)
 - Some Cat colony feeders overfeed cats - this attracts Resident Canada Geese, which create a nuisance for property owners.

- Stricter control of the leash law is needed for residents' safety.
- Pit Bull dogs run loose in some neighborhoods and create safety hazards for residents.
- Communication with Animal Care and Protective Services is a concern. All calls currently are routed through CARE. Better communication and more staff support are needed for neighborhoods.
 - To report animal-related issues, including stray animals, please call 630-CITY (2489).
 - To report animal-related emergencies, call JSO at 630-0500. JSO Communications officers have ACPS' on call numbers.
 - For concerns regarding Animal Care and Protective Services' operations or staff, please contact Nikki Harris at nikkih@coj.net or 255-7391.

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

- The CPAC will have no December meeting. The Nomination Subcommittee will submit a slate of officers in October. The election will be held at the November meeting, followed by the annual CPAC social. Tommy Ruffin and Fran Beach were appointed to the Nomination Subcommittee. Please let them know if you are interested in serving as a CPAC officer.
- Friends of Huguenot Park will host an International Coastal Cleanup on September 20. Other locations will also host the event.
- CPAC Chairs met with Mayor Brown today. They discussed: a CPAC party in February, 2015. The next meeting is September 17. Chair Taylor asked for topics for discussion at the next meeting.
- Chair Taylor expressed his appreciation for members' and guests' CPAC involvement.
- Volunteers are needed on the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- **Governmental Affairs – Vice Chair Neidlinger's absence was excused. Charter Member Richard Berry Chaired the Governmental Affairs meeting. The following items were discussed or voted upon:**

Discussion	2014-0472	An ordinance relating to miscellaneous business regulations: amending chapter 250 ordinance code
Discussion	2014-0523	The Jacksonville Children's Commission amending chapter 51, part 1 (general), sections 51.103 (membership; terms), 51.104 (powers and duties), 51.107 (Executive Director), and 51.108 (reserved).
Approve with stipulation*	2014-0526	Transferring \$750,000 in funds from the Northbank Riverwalk Bulkhead Improvements Project to the Liberty Street Bridge repair project and transferring \$500,000 in funds from the St. Johns River Bulkhead Project to the Bert Maxwell Bulkhead Improvement Project in order to place a new steel sheetpile wall in front of the existing and failing Bert Maxwell bulkhead. *Approve with stipulation that litigation continue and funds received not be placed into the general fund.
Approve	2014-0530	An ordinance adopting a large-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map series of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use designation from Agriculture-II, Agriculture-III, Agriculture-IV, and Public Buildings and Facilities to Low Density Residential on approximately 392± acres of land located in Council District 11 at 2591 Arnold Rd and 2595 Arnold Rd.
Approve	2014-0531	An ordinance rezoning approximately 1311.05± acres of land located in Council District 11 at 2591 Arnold Rd. and 2595 Arnold Rd. from PUD, AGR, and PBF-M to PUD.
Approve	2014-0541	An ordinance concerning sign waiver application SW-14-03 for a sign located in Council District 11 at 601 Airport Center Drive East
Approve	2014-0552	An ordinance amending Section 656.401 (e) to prohibit child care facilities established after October 1, 2014 from locating within 2,500 feet of a registered sexual predator residence
Approve	2014-0553	The Ad Hoc Committee on Blight seeks to increase the fines for snipe sign violations.
Approve	2014-0555	An ordinance appropriating \$13,436,410 from the special Council Contingency – Capital Projects Account to the Shipyard Project –Environmental Cleanup Account to provide immediate funding for the environmental cleanup related to the shipyards property to allow for a sale of the property to a developer.
Deny	2014-0561	An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver an amended and restated naming rights agreement among EverBank, Jacksonville Jaguars LLC and the City of Jacksonville.
Approve	2014-0565	The bill urges the Mayor and administration to explore any available Federal or State funding sources that may be available to assist the City in constructing and offering to its citizens a public ultra-high speed fiber optic Internet service.
Approve	2014-0583	An ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement with the Office of the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit relating to the establishment of an office of inspector general for the city of Jacksonville: requesting one cycle emergency approval
Approve	2014-0591	An ordinance adopting a small-scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map Series of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use designation from Agriculture-III to Agriculture-IV on approximately 5.10± acres of land located in Council District 11 at 0 Sawpit Road between Cedar Point Road and Hurlbert Road.
Approve	2014-0594	An ordinance rezoning approximately 101.59± acres located in Council District 8 at 0 Angel Lake Drive from Planned Unit Development to Residential Rural-Acre.
Approve	2014-0595	An ordinance rezoning approximately 18.90± acres located in Council District 11 at 12375 Dunn Creek Road between Dunn Creek Road and New Berlin Road from Residential Rural-Acre to Residential Low Density-60
Discuss	2014-0419	(Enacted) Text Amend to Future Land Use Element by Updating Map I-9 & Conservation/Coastal Mgmt. Element C-18, CHHA & Hurricane Evacuation Zones Map in Accordance with Regional Evacuation Study, NE Fla Region 2013lood Zone Map and Evacuation Plan.
Discuss	2014-0420	(Enacted) Text Amend to Future Land Use Element of 2030 Comp Plan by Updating Map L-4, 100 Year Flood Hazard Area, Flood Zones Map in Accordance with FEMA Maps Effective 6/3/2013.
Discuss		Input on waterways, floodplains and wetlands vs. the right to access waterways.

The next Governmental Affairs meeting is Oct. 2, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, Room C-136.

- **Membership** – Reverend and Mrs. Bivins attended the meeting, but a work conflict caused them to leave before providing their report.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry stated he had nothing to add to FDOT’s earlier transportation report.
- **TRUE** – Danny Ferriera reported:
 - He was appointed to the TRUE Commission by City Council.
 - TRUE reviewed the following ordinances:
 - Ordinance 2014- 306 – Amends Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), Creating the Jacksonville Procurement Awards Committee (JPAC); reducing 3 Awards Committees to 1 Committee and clarifying language throughout the chapter (addressing equal employment opportunities).
 - Ordinance 2014- 560 – \$2.6 million expenditures from the Downtown Investment Authority.
 - Ordinance 526 - \$1.25 million transfer from Northbank Riverwalk Bulkhead Project to the Liberty Street Bridge Repair Project to repair damage from a crane & transfer \$500,000 from St. Johns River Bulkhead Assess/Restore Project to the Bert Maxwell Bulkhead Improvements for an extended bulkhead.
 - Ordinance 546 – Authorizing City to self-insure its Group Health Plans in 2015; authorizing amendment to City's contract with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida.
 - Ordinance 549 – New Landing parking garage development agreement – this item was tabled for further inquiry.
 - Ordinance 580 - \$5.5 million for Southbank River Place Drive, pending funding.
 - Chair Taylor thanked Mr. Ferriera for his commitment to CPAC and the TRUE Commission.

7. **Unfinished Business:** none.

8. **New Business:** none

9. **Public Comments:** none

10. **Motion to Adjourn** – Tommy Ruffin made a motion to adjourn. Shauna Allen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The North CPAC will meet on October 8, 5:30 p.m. – Election of Officers
FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee will meet on October 2, 5:30 p.m.
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