

**North District
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Chair: Rex Neidlinger**

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus
4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136
April 8, 2015

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Vice Chair – Joseph Tate
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Florida Open Beaches – Bobby Taylor
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Main Street Farms Civic Association - Tom Byrnes
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter

Excused:

Charter Member - David Spruill
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Highlands- Jack Stuart
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
San Mateo – Roland Biederer
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Absent: Pending Removal

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
Mayor's Representative – David DeCamp
Florida Department of Transportation – Jim Green
Parks and Recreation – La'dora Taylor
Planning & Development, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Planning & Development, Planning – Marvin Echols
Regulatory Compliance, Municipal Code Compliance – Timothy Myers

Guests:

Matt Stone- Marshwinds
Donald Drake
Vincent Sams – FSCJ
Cheryl Riddick – JTA

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Rex Neidlinger called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the March summary was made by Dick Berry and seconded by Tommy Ruffin. The vote: All were in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – No report
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director Mike Sweat reported:
 - Copies of the UF/IFAs Extension Duval County 2014 Annual Report were provided. The Extension Office is a joint partnership with 35% funding provided by COJ, and other funding by University of Florida, and State and Federal grants serving 350 kids, and 62,000 residents. The Extension Office operated with 425 volunteers, or 32,000 hours at a savings of over \$710,000 in 2014.
 - The Extension Connection monthly newsletters are forwarded to CPAC members:
 - April 11 and April 25 – Master Gardeners' Plant Clinics in various locations
 - April 13 - Growing for Profit
 - April 18 Gardening in the Heat – learn which vegetables are heat tolerant
 - April 16 – Annual Fundraiser Dinner to benefit 4-H Foundation - \$25 per person. Tickets available in advance or at the door
 - Canning classes and canning services for individuals or non-profit groups
 - Commercial Urban Gardening Program – the only program of its kind in Florida
 - Registration is open for 4-H summer programs and camps
 - A brief discussion was held about food preservation classes, parenting classes and pre-marital classes. Classes on these topics are offered at the Extension Office.
 - For more information, please call 255-7450
- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp reported:
 - The One Spark festival is April 7- 12 – fun, events, foods, exhibits and a fun atmosphere downtown.
 - Clerk of Court amnesty day is April 18, offering discounts on tickets and fines.
 - Economic Development Project is creating a grant program based on employment, jobs and training.
 - Council Member Crescimbeni is looking to modernize COJ investment incentive programs and job programs.
 - Mayor Brown will meet with the CPAC Chairs this month to discuss a public awareness campaign.
 - A brief discussion was held about a letter from the CPAC to Mayor Brown regarding the need for an ordinance to regulate the use of portable basketball hoops in or near the public right of way.
- **Planning & Development**
 - **Planning** – Marvin Echols was present. He had no report.
 - Please contact Mr. Echols at 255-7823 or MEchols@coj.net.
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - May 28 - The SW CPAC and other organizations are hosting a bus tour of the Cecil Airport, Cecil Recreation Center and Alliance Florida at Cecil Commerce Center (Westside) is open to all residents. \$20 includes the tour, breakfast and lunch.
- **Regulatory Compliance - Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Tim Myers reported:
 - Zone 6 officers completed 1645 inspections this month. City wide, officers conducted 9019 inspections. Officers were involved in 4 special projects
 - Systematic Inspections: Highlands 200 new cases/319 violations; Turtle Creek 30 new cases/38 violations
 - A concern was expressed about 24 hour lighting at 1200 block of Baisden Road, across from and affecting a residential area.
 - A concern was expressed about Illegal signage in residential area/in public right of way on Tiki Lane.
 - Municipal Code Compliance was commended for their work in Blue Grass/Northwood.

- Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report and track CARE concerns.
- **Parks, Recreation and Community Services** - La'dora Taylor reported:
 - Rec and Roll was expanded and will be offered beginning June 15 at Ray Green Park.
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:
 - Chris Hagen was selected as the new director and will begin by July, 2015.
 - National Park Week is April 18-26. Events include:
 - April 17 - cannon fire salute at the Jacksonville Suns Game.
 - Planter's House Tours
 - Yoga in the Park
 - Living history demonstrations
 - April 25 – International Migratory Bird Day at Little Talbot Island State Park. Activities are free with paid park admission.
 - Find Your Park Public Awareness Campaign which invites the public to see that a national park is more than just a place -- it can be a feeling, a state of mind, or a sense of American pride <http://www.nationalparks.org/connect/npf-news/national-park-service-and-national-park-foundation-launch-findyourpark-encouraging>
 - Web Ranger Program for kids of all ages: <http://www.nps.gov/webrangers/>
 - Junior Ranger Program <http://www.nps.gov/kids/jrRangers.cfm>
 - 2016 is the 100th anniversary of National Park Service. Jacksonville is a model Urban city for National Parks Initiative. Mayor Brown serves on the National Parks Commission and is an Urban Parks Mayor.
 - A brief discussion was held about a lifetime senior pass: <http://www.nps.gov/lavo/planyourvisit/upload/-Final-OMB-Approved-Senior-Pass-App80-pdf.pdf>
 - For information about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – no report. For JEA information, please visit the JEA website <https://www.jea.com>.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green reported:
 - FDOT is celebrating its 100 year anniversary.
 - A maintenance crew was sent to Main Street and Pecan Park Road. CSX was contacted for needed rail crossing repairs.
 - A resident commended contactors for their work on Busch Drive. Residents expressed appreciation for the sidewalks and bike lanes.
 - Regional traffic information: www.northfloridaroads.com
 - 511 websites: www.jax511.com and www.fl511.com

- 4. Presentation:** The Honorable John Crescimbeni was introduced and welcomed. Council Member Crescimbeni thanked residents for their support in the election. He enjoys public service. He reported:
- Concerns were expressed about dredging, effects on nearby properties (erosion), environmental issues and economic impact. The City Council does not have much information at this time. A report is expected from the Port Task Force. Funding remains an issue.
 - The Pension Task force completed an excellent report. The 2015 Fire and Police Pension fund cost is approximately \$153 million, which has resulted in budget cuts to libraries and roads. It is an unsustainable expense – with no solution, it will result in layoffs, library closures and other cuts. Pension negotiations are now up to the Mayor's Office. A discussion was held about pension board membership selection process.
 - He volunteered at the 2015 Tire and Sign Buy Back. Over 22,000 used tires were purchased from residents. The purpose of the Tire and Sign Buy Back Program is to reduce neighborhood blight.
 - A question was raised about the work of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee. Council Member Crescimbeni explained that it is a special committee which is looking into capital improvement projects, purchases and long term assets. The Better Jacksonville Plan added to the current budget problems. The estimates were unrealistic, and not all projects were completed, due to lack of funding.
 - A question was raised about status of a project to identify city-owned real estate. David DeCamp explained the PAMO report has been completed. http://apps2.coj.net/City_Council_Public_Notices_Repository/20150305PAMOBlightCommitteePrest..pdf

- A concern was expressed that a COJ contractor came into the privately-owned Heckscher Drive Community Club, next door to the city-owned Heckscher Drive Community Center, to spray insecticide. The person was redirected or this resource would have been wasted on privately owned property. A safety concern was expressed regarding shipping cargo containers stacked too high for safety. Containers recently collapsed onto nearby parked cars. A maximum height and other safety regulations need to be established. Council Member Crescimbeni said he will research and report on the existing ordinances.
- A safety concern was expressed about portable basketball goals and kids playing basketball in or near the public right of way. Council Member Crescimbeni said he will research and report on the existing ordinances.
- Chair Neidlinger thanked Council Member Crescimbeni for his interesting report. He was invited to attend CPAC often.

5. Chair's Report – Chair Rex Neidlinger reported:

- Concern that although all CPAC volunteers want a voice in government, members feel their recommendations do not receive attention. CPACs experience problems in receiving timely information from the Planning and Development Department. The CPAC Chairs have been meeting. They will request a meeting with Mayor Brown and will ask to have a CPAC member serve on the Planning Commission. Each CPAC Chair will ask 25 members for letters of support for a seat on the Planning Commission.
- David DeCamp reported Mayor Brown welcomes input from the CPAC. The Mayor has no authority to act in the Planning and Development Department's quasi-judicial process. The Mayor's Office often finds out after City Council acts on Planning and Development Department issues. He suggested the CPACs ask for Mayor Brown's support to serve on the Planning Commission.
- David DeCamp suggested the CPAC work with City Council Legislative Services to obtain information as soon as it is filed. He offered to assist with that process.
- Charter Member Dot Mathias expressed concern that the CPAC was created as an advisory board to the Mayor – it was not intended to have members serve as ad hoc committee members.
- Member Bobby Taylor expressed his concern that a CPAC member on the Planning commission will create a conflict of interest when the CPACs make recommendations.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- **Governmental Affairs** – Joseph Tate and Tommy Ruffin co-chaired the Governmental Affairs portion of the meeting. The following items were discussed or voted upon:

E-15-06	Discussion. No action.	An establishment or facility which includes the retail sale of beer or wine for on premise consumption in conjunction with a restaurant. Address – 12233 Sago Avenue W. (located in a shopping center). Current Zoning is CN and FLUM NC.
E-15-11	Discussion. No action.	An establishment or facility which includes the retail sale of beer or wine for on premise consumption in conjunction with a restaurant. Address – 731 Duval Station; Current Zoning PUD; FLUM LDR. Two restaurants in area already serve beer/wine with food.
2015-0037	Approve	The resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement ("Agreement") between the City of Jacksonville ("City") and Parkview Plaza Partners, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company ("company"); it authorizes the City to grant the company a Revenue Enhanced Value (REV) GRANT for 75% of the "Annual Project Revenues" (as defined in the Agreement) for a twenty (20) year period, not to exceed the amount of \$3,700,000.00, to support the construction of an approximately 150-room hotel at the corner of Forest Avenue and Magnolia Street (the "project"); it approves and authorizes the execution of documents and approves technical amendments by the Executive Director of the DIA; the ordinance waives the project's compliance with the Public Investment Policy adopted by Resolution 2006-119-A, as amended by Ordinance 2012-213-E.
2015-0054	Discussion. No action.	The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 121 – Police and Firefighters Pension Fund – to reflect a pension reform counter-proposal by the PFPF board to the plan adopted by City Council in Ordinance 2014-386 and transmitted to the board for their consideration.
2015-0150	Discussion. No action.	The bill authorizes the execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and the JEA which provides for the JEA to contribute a one-time cash transfer of \$120 million to the City in return for: 1) changes to the JEA annual contribution formula to reflect a contribution based on actual sales only; 2) modification of the JEA's Charter allow the JEA to expand its operations to other utilities beyond electric and water and sewer service; 3) provisions for greater JEA participation in City economic development efforts; 4) authorization for the JEA to create a stand-alone pension system for its employees separate from the General Employees' Pension Plan; and 5) authorization to hire in-house legal counsel and procure outside counsel as needed, within the scope of the General Counsel's power to issue legal opinions binding on the utility. The Finance Department is designated as the City's oversight agency for the agreement

2015-0175	Approve	The ordinance approves, in accordance with Section 122.421(b), <i>Ordinance Code</i> , the conveyance to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) of Parcel 106, a fee parcel, Parcel 803, a perpetual easement, and Parcel 804, a perpetual easement, all in Council District 11, for the widening from four lanes to eight lanes of a portion of I-295 from the Dames Point Bridge to north of Pulaski Road and for additional drainage infrastructure to I-295; the ordinance authorizes the Mayor and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, for an on behalf of the City, (1) a City deed to convey Parcel 106 to FDOT, (2) a Perpetual Easement necessary to convey Parcel 803 to FDOT, and (3) a Perpetual Easement to convey Parcel 804 to FDOT.
2015 – 0193	Discussion. Request CM Boyer as May speaker	The bill appropriates \$18,064,668.26 of Better Jacksonville Plan budgetary authority from completed BJP projects to a designated Council contingency fund and declares "closed-out" an attached list of completed BJP projects. The bill amends the 2014-19 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to reflect the completion and de-authorization of the listed projects and makes a finding of necessity to make a mid-year CIP amendment in order to clean up the BJP project listing prior to the implementation of a new citywide financial management/accounting computer system so as not to expend needless time and effort entering completed projects into the new database. The bill acknowledges that no waiver is needed to Section 8.2 of the FY14-15 budget ordinance (2014-466-E) which requires that district council members must approve the close-out by the Public Works Director of projects in their district because the projects are being closed out by action of the Council, not the Public Works Director.
2015-0194	Discussion. Request CM Boyer as May speaker	The bill declares as "closed-out" an attached list of completed BJP council district projects and returns \$257,716.92 in excess project funds to their accounts of origin. The bill amends the 2014-19 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to reflect the completion of the listed projects and makes a finding of necessity to make a mid-year CIP amendment in order to return the remaining unused project funds to their council district fund of origin in a timely manner for potential re-use
2015-0195	Discussion. Request CM Boyer as May speaker	The bill declares as "closed-out" an attached list of completed BJP council district projects with no residual funding and acknowledges that no waiver is needed to Section 8.2 of the FY14-15 budget ordinance (2014-466-E) which requires that district council members must approve the close-out by the Public Works Director of projects in their district because the projects are being closed out by action of the Council, not the Public Works Director.
2015-0196	Discussion. Request CM Boyer as May speaker	An ordinance appropriating \$4,339,878 from stormwater services – capital projects to special council reserve - stormwater to be appropriated in subsequent legislation; authorizing the Public Works Department and the Finance Department to close certain projects; amending the 2015-2019 five-year capital improvement program approved by ordinance 2014-467-e to decrease the budget authorization for the designated stormwater services – capital projects; amending the 2014-15 banking fund ordinance 2014-468-e to de-authorize \$1,918,865 from banking fund borrowing for stormwater capital projects and thereby reducing the banking fund borrowing; authorizing the Public Works Department and the Finance Department to close certain projects; amending the 2015-2019 five-year capital improvement program approved by ordinance 2014-467-e to decrease the budget authorization for the designated stormwater services – capital projects; appropriating \$2,589,648 from stormwater services – operating and capital funds to drainage system rehabilitation project; amending the 2015-2019 five-year capital improvement program approved by ordinance 2014-467-e to authorize the designated stormwater services – capital projects.
2015-0197	Discussion. Request CM Boyer as May speaker	An ordinance appropriating \$4,339,878 from special council reserve - stormwater to storm water services – capital projects in order to use pay-go instead of borrowing from banking fund; amending the 2015-2019 five-year Capital Improvement Program approved by ordinance 2014-467-e to substitute pay-go for banking funding sources for the budgets for stormwater services – capital projects; amending the 2014-15 banking fund ordinance 2014-468-e to de-authorize \$4,339,878 from banking fund borrowing and thereby reducing the banking fund borrowing; amending the 2015-2019 five-year Capital Improvement Program approved by ordinance 2014-467-e to substitute pay-go for banking funding sources for the budgets for stormwater services – capital projects; authorizing, acknowledging and approving banking fund cash reclassification.
2015-0198	Discussion. Request CM Boyer as May speaker	An ordinance appropriating \$2,630,514 (\$1,000,000 from stormwater master plan/TMDL and \$1,630,514 from BMAP credit trading with JEA) to fund stormwater utilities projects as follows: \$1,100,000 for NOROAD/lambing drainage project, \$350,000 for mandarin drainage (orange pickers area phase 1), \$990,000 for Crystal Springs area drainage, \$110,000 for Bulls Bay drainage improvements, and \$80,514 for stormwater utility funding contingency; amending the 2015-2019 five-year Capital Improvement Program approved by ordinance 2014-467-e to increase the budgets for stormwater services – capital projects.
2015-0199	Discussion. Request CM Boyer as May speaker	An ordinance appropriating \$1,501,550 from drainage system rehabilitation - storm water services – capital projects to fund various storm water services capital project funds (\$286,550 to establish a judgment and settlement line item within the drainage system rehabilitation project; \$300,000 to fund Haldumar Terrace Road drainage improvements; \$140,000 to Leonid road drainage improvements; \$220,000 to Margate drive drainage improvement; and \$555,000 to Pennsylvania avenue drainage improvement;) amending the 2015-2019 five-year Capital Improvement Program to include the projects listed herein.
2015-0200	Approve	The bill appropriates \$85,000 from General Fund balance to cover the cost of a forensic audit of the Police and Fire Pension Fund. It authorizes the Mayor to execute an engagement letter with Benchmark Financial Services, Inc. and the Office of General Counsel to prepare a contract for the audit. It designates the Council Auditor's office as the oversight agency for the contract and invokes the exemption in Sec. 126.17(g) of the Procurement Code permitting the City Council to procure

		professional services without a competitive solicitation process if the Council specifically designates the contract recipient in the appropriation ordinance.
2015-0202	Discussion. No Action	An ordinance amending Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), <i>ordinance code</i> ; amending Section 111.465 (Zoning Code Enforcement Special Revenue fund), <i>ordinance code</i> , to transfer the zoning code enforcement revolving fund from the Planning and Development Department to the Regulatory Compliance Department; directions to the Finance Department
2015-0204	Approve	An ordinance appropriating \$160,125 from fund balance to increase funding for 2015 summer camps and create an additional 427 seats for needy children across the city, as initiated by b.t. 15-051.
2015-0205	Approve	An ordinance appropriating \$59,736 (a \$44,136 Library Services and Technology Act Grant (14-Ista-b-03) and \$15,600 from the reserve for Federal Grants Account) for the literacy works @ JPL project, a project which will provide funding for over 900 literacy/English as a second language classes for low income people in Duval County, as initiated by b.t. 15-053; approving part-time hours, as initiated by R.C. 15-114.
2015-0206	Discussion. No Action.	An ordinance appropriating \$124,673.94 from the Facilities Capital Maintenance – Government Account to provide the final settlement amount from Turner Construction for the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena 2012 exterior and structural repair project, as initiated by b.t. 15-054; providing a carryover of funds to fiscal year 2015-2016; amending the 2015-2019 five-year Capital Improvement Program approved by ordinance 2014-467-e to increase funding for the project entitled "Facilities Capital Maintenance – Government providing for city oversight by the Department of Public Works.
2015-0212	Approve	An ordinance creating a new section 111.550 (sidewalk construction special revenue fund), part 5 (Public Works, Utilities and Infrastructure), Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), <i>ordinance code</i> , to establish a special revenue fund for all payments in lieu of construction approved pursuant to the land development procedures manual or donations, including gifts and grants received by the city for use in furthering the goals of the fund, as well as all funds as may be appropriated from time to time by council, for the general purpose of capital costs for construction of sidewalks within the City as described in Chapter 654, Part 1, <i>Ordinance Code</i> ; appropriating \$133,735.00 (\$21,075.00 from Public Works S & D Capital Projects) and (\$112,660.00 from the general fund) to the Sidewalk Construction Special Revenue Fund for capital costs related to the construction of sidewalks; providing the purpose for said transfer; amending section 654.133 (required improvements: streets; curbs and gutters; sidewalks; and bikeway requirements, <i>ordinance code</i> , to provide reference to the Sidewalk Construction Revenue Fund; providing for amendment to the land development procedures manual consistent with these changes
2015-0214	Approve	An ordinance amending Section 685.104 (prohibited activities for sexual offenders and sexual predators; exceptions), chapter 685 (sexual offender and sexual predator regulation), <i>ordinance code</i> , to more clearly define for law enforcement the types of events, decorations and costumes that sexual predators and sexual offenders are prohibited from using.
No #	Discussion. Denial.	Write a letter to the City Council and the Planning Department expressing the N CPAC's disappointment in not receiving complete information regarding Exceptions until after the fact.

The next Governmental Affairs meeting is May 7, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, C-136.

- **Membership** – Pastor Bivins and Sharon Bivins reported:
 - They are working on membership to build a better Jacksonville. Five people were invited to the CPAC meeting, but no one attended.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported:
 - FDOT reports are forwarded as they are received.
 - Lane closures Saturday and Sunday on Dunn Avenue to Biscayne
 - Lane closures – nights – Heckscher Drive at Sister Creek
 - Lane closures – daytime Saturday – New Berlin Road
- **TRUE** – Danny Ferreira reported:
 - Sheriff Rutherford visited and reported on budget surplus. After 20 years of service, JSO officers may elect to go into the DROP program and retire after 25 years.
 - Council Member Boyer and the CIP committee are working and finding funding for capital improvement projects.
 - TRUE has recommendations on the pension funding.
 - Chair Neidlinger thanked Mr. Ferreira for his work on TRUE and for his report.

7. Unfinished Business: none.

8. New Business: none.

9. Public Comments:

- Cheryl Riddick, JTA, offered a full presentation about JTA. Mobility Works is a program designed to

complete projects funded by the extension of the Local Option Gas Tax. reviewing transit, pedestrian and bicycling movements within each mobility corridor. Community involvement and feedback will help determine what projects will be most beneficial to the neighborhood now and in the future. <http://www.jtamobilityworks.com/Pages/Main.aspx>. JTA will partner with the Zoo during Annual Earth Day & Ecology Fair, April 18.

- Research exists to document skin cancer is caused compact fluorescent bulbs (curly) bulbs.
- Sea turtle season begins April 23. Residents were asked not to disturb nest sites.
- Northside Civic Association will host a presentation by LNG on April 27, 7 p.m. at the Highlands Middle School
- FSCJ North Campus President Robinson wants to improve the campus for the entire community. Please provide ideas to Vincent Sams at 713-6004 or vincent.sams@fscj.edu

10. Motion to Adjourn – Dick Berry made a motion to adjourn. Tommy Ruffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The North CPAC will meet on May 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. –
FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee will meet on May 7, 5:30 p.m.
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No recording is available for this meeting, due to technical difficulties.

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