

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

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus
4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136
February 11, 2015

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Vice Chair – Joseph Tate
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Charter Member - David Spruill
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Excused:

Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
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

Absent:

Northside Business Leaders – Patrick Bennett
Tasti D'Lite – Nancy Burnett
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

Florida Department of Transportation – Jim Green
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Lt. V. M. Pacheco
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

Staff Excused:

Mayor's Representative – David DeCamp

Guests:

Tom Byrnes – Katherine Road
Jill Mc Carver – Stop Boney Development
Shane Williams - Stop Boney Development
Samuel Hope - Stop Boney Development
Patricia Cooper – Easy Street
Bud Para – JEA (Guest Speaker)

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.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the January summary was made by Richard Berry and seconded by Joseph Tate. The vote: All were in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Victor Pacheco reported:
 - Zone 6 is one of the fastest growing zones in the city. Commercial and residential construction is up in the zone.
 - Property crime and violent crime are down 20%.
 - JSO has been working with scrap yards regarding copper purchases, resulting in a decrease of copper thefts.
 - Please call 630-0500 if suspicious activity is observed.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director Mike Sweat reported:
 - February classes and workshops include:
 - Food Preservation 101, Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - A Day of Gardening, Feb. 28, 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. Registration \$15, includes lunch.
- 4-H has 15 summer day camps planned in Jacksonville
- He provided copies of the University of Florida Extension Connection Newsletter <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/extensionconnectionFeb2015.pdf>
 - Other newsletters published by the Extension Office include Growers Gazette, Commercial Clippings, Duval County Clover Patch, Pasture Passages, and New Leaf <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/nleafJanFeb.15Mail.pdf>
- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp's absence was excused.
- **Planning & Development**
 - **Planning** – Marvin Echols reported he sent emails regarding Feb. 19 public hearings:
 - 2015-0065 Rezoning application sponsored by JTA, for an existing building on Lem Turner to be converted for a Park & Ride location coffee shop and minor repair facility.
 - 2015- 003 Exception at 10896 Lem Turner for a school K-12 in an existing PUD.
 - Please contact Mr. Echols at 255-7823 or MEchols@coj.net .
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported she:
 - Staffed a table for the division during Community Development Day at Eureka Gardens.
 - Worked with FSCJ and COJ to obtain contract and certificate of insurance for the North CPAC – hosted candidate forums.
 - **Regulatory Compliance - Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Tim Myers reported:
 - Since last month's CPAC meeting, Zone 6 officers completed 1257 inspections. City wide, officers conducted 8335 inspections.
 - Inspections at Lake Forest resulted in 100 new cases with 150 violations.
 - Inspectors worked along both sides of the Lem Turner Corridor from I-295 to I-95, resulting in 60 new cases with 105 violations.
 - Inspectors worked in the Garden City area from Duval Road to I-295 and Dunn Avenue to I-95. This resulted in about 30 cases with 41 violations
 - A concern was expressed that landscape contractors on Airport Center Road discarded pine needles and other waste into street drains. This issue will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
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 - Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report and track CARE concerns.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Parks, Recreation and Community Services representative, La' dora Taylor was available to answer questions.
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen announced:
 - The Kingsley Heritage Celebration is Feb. 21 and 28, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. A flier was distributed. For more information, please visit http://www.nps.gov/timu/planyourvisit/kingsley_heritage_celebration.htm.
 - Ft. Caroline National Memorial activities include guided tours at 1 p.m. and nature walks at 1 p.m. January – April.

- o National Parks is celebrating 100 years of National Park Service. Some parks were established before the National Park Service.
- o Barbara Goodman retired but she is serving on the Friends Board. The position was closed on January 27. A list of qualified applicants has been submitted.
- o For information about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
- o **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – JEA Bud Para was the guest speaker. For JEA information, please visit the JEA website <https://www.jea.com>.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green reported:
 - o A public hearing on the proposed ramp to Airport Road - Monday, Feb. 16 at Hilton Garden Inn. Open House at 4:30. Official comments begin at 6:30.
 - o Regional traffic information: www.northfloridaroads.com
 - o 511 websites: www.jax511.com and www.fl511.com

4. Presentation: Clean Air Act and EPA Regulations by Bud Para

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed rules to regulate power plant carbon dioxide emissions. JEA's #1 risk is carbon dioxide and other emissions. It is likely the EPA will regular carbon dioxide emissions and that will have a big impact on JEA's ability to provide customer service and lower customer service costs. A discussion was held regarding alternative power sources such as solar, wind, diesel and nuclear.

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

- Erosion on Raymond Drive is causing property owners to lose 10-15 feet of yard. It is believed to be due to dredging. The COJ has not been involved with the Army Corps of Engineers. A motion was made by Richard Berry and seconded by Dot Mathias to send letters to the Mayor and City Council President to request investigation into the matter.
- The CPAC co-hosted a candidate forum on February 9 and hosted one Mayoral candidate, 2 Sheriff's candidates and 2 Supervisor of Elections candidates. He thanked Dot Mathias for her hard work on this event. The next forums are Feb. 19 and March 9. Both are at 7 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, the main auditorium.

6. Subcommittee Reports

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

		Letters to Mayor and City Council to request ordinance to prevent use of portable basketball goals in or on City Right of Way, to stop adults and children playing basketball in the City streets and to focus on public safety.
2015-0015	Deny	An ordinance appropriating \$58,220 from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (NWJEDF) to provide a grant to HDW PARTNERS II, INC. To fund the required off-site infrastructure necessary for the development and construction of a new 1,850 square foot CHURCH'S CHICKEN RESTAURANT to be located at 1855 DUNN AVENUE. (THE PROJECT), as initiated by B.T. 15-028; providing a carryover of funds into fiscal year 2015-2016; approving and authorizing the mayor, or his designee, and the corporation secretary to execute and deliver the redevelopment agreement between CITY OF JACKSONVILLE and HDW PARTNERS II; waiving certain NWJEDF project criteria approved and adopted by ordinance 2007-281-E; providing an effective date. <i>Reasons for denial: The grant would give unfair competition- other small businesses in the area do not have the benefit of this grant. Churches is a national chain; the business is already open and running; vacant properties nearby could benefit from the grant.</i>
2015-0021	Deny	An ordinance adopting a small scale amendment to THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP SERIES 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN by changing THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM LDR (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO CGC (COMMUNITY/GENERAL COMMERCIAL) on approximately 3.68+ acres of land located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 11 at 117 KATHERINE ROAD and 109 KATHERINE ROAD between ELIZABETH LANE and OCEANWAY AVENUE, owned by GRADY E. BRADDOCK, SR and DEBORAH M. HOWELL, as more particularly described herein, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 2014C-017; providing a disclaimer that the amendment granted herein shall not be construed as an exemption from any other applicable laws; providing an effective date. <i>Reasons for denial: In hearing from adjacent neighborhood, clarification of use is needed. The community has concerns – the developer needs to speak to the community to resolve the difference. The CPAC's tradition is to deny when neighborhoods have unresolved concerns.</i>
2015-0022	Deny	An ordinance rezoning approximately 8.18+ acres located in COUNCIL DISTRICT II on 109 and 117 KATHERINE ROAD and 12953 NORTH MAIN STREET between MAIN STREET and GILLESPIE AVENUE (R.E.NO (S) . 107598-0000,AND 107605-0000). As described herein, owned by GRADY E. BRADDOCK, SR. and DEBORAH M. HOWELL, from COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY/GENERAL-2 (CCG-2) and RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY-60 (RLD-60) DIRTRICTS TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT, as defined and classified under the zoning code, to permit storage of RVS, BOATS and TRAILERS, as described in the approved written description and site plan for THE GATOR CITY STORAGE, LLC PUD, pursuant to FUTURE LAND USE MAP SERIES (FLUMS) small –scale amendment application number 2014C-017; providing a disclaimer that the rezoning granted herein shall NOT be construed as an exemption from any other applicable laws; providing an effective date.

		<i>Reasons for denial: In hearing from adjacent neighborhood, clarification of use is needed. The community has concerns – the developer needs to speak to the community to resolve the difference. The CPAC’s tradition is to deny when neighborhoods have unresolved concerns.</i>
2015-0023	Deny	An ordinance rezoning approximately 395+ acres located in COUNCIL DISTRICT II at 14250 BONEY ROAD between GROVER ROAD and SPRING HAMMOCK ROAD (R.E NO (S) a portion of 159735-0000 and 159733-0030), as described herein owned by CITY NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA, TRUSTEE, from RESIDENTIAL RURAL-ACRE (RR-ACRE) DISTRICT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT, as defined and classified under the zoning code, to permit the cluster development of a single family community as described in the approved written description and site plan for the EDWARDS CREEK PRESERVE PUD; providing a disclaimer that the rezoning granted herein shall NOT be construed as an exemption from any other applicable laws; providing an effective date. <i>Reasons for denial: Environmental issues- bordered on 3 sides by water - septic tanks and wells adjacent to wetlands and waterways; traffic and safety issues on already congested roads, school capacity/children are already attending in portable classrooms - middle school is above capacity. Interior lots are 50’ – lots need to be larger.</i>
2015-0053	Approve	An ordinance AMENDING CHAPTER III (SPECIAL REVENUE AND TRUST ACCOUNTS), ORDINANCE CODE; creating a new SECTION III.870 (LIBRARY FINES SPECIAL REVENUE TRUST FUND), ordinance code , to create a trust fund to allow the revenue generated from the JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY from the collection of fines to be retained by the library; providing an effective date.
2015-0065	Approve	An ordinance rezoning approximately 10.10+ acres located in COUNCIL DISTRICT II at 3191 ARMSDALE ROAD between INTERSTATE 295 and ARMSDALE ROAD (R.E. NO(S). 019463-0100) as described herein, owned by JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY from COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY/GENERAL-1 (CCG-1), PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) and RESIDENTIAL RURAL-ACRE (RR-ACRE) DISTRICTS TO PUBLIC BUILDING FACILITY-1 (PBF-1) DISTRICT as defined and classified under the zoning code, providing a disclaimer that the rezoning granted herein shall NOT be construed as an exemption from any other applicable laws; providing an effective date.
2015-0070	Approve	An ordinance making findings; granting the application of JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT (“JIA”) for the initial certificate of PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CON) for operation of JIA’S REGULATED GARBAGE INCINERATOR FACILITY at JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, providing for conditions of said certificate; incorporating exhibits; providing an effective date.
2015-0076	Approve	An ordinance releasing THE CITY’S MINERAL RESERVATIONS on THREE PARCELS A,B AND C and releasing THE UTILITY EASEMENT ON PARCEL A, said parcels being former RIGHT –OF-WAY in DISTRICT II making up the traffic circle where TRADEPORT CIRCLE EAST met TRADEPORT DRIVE, which parcels were abandoned by THE CITY ORDINANCE 2014-760-E, at the request of the developer, THE HASKEW COMPANY (“APPLICANT”) for the construction of improvements to the surface estate and the creation of jobs attendant thereto; declaring THE MINERAL ESTATE and THE UTILITY EASEMENT to be surplus to the needs of the city; waiving section 122.423, ordinance code, to authorize THE MAYOR AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY to disclaim THE MINERAL ESTATES to the surface owners and quitclaim THE UTILITY EASEMENT for no additional consideration; providing an effective date.

The following concerns were expressed during the Governmental Affairs portion of the meeting:

- o A Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund grant to Church’s an established national chain already doing business at the site, gives unfair competition to the small business owners in the area. Nearby vacant properties could benefit from the grant.
- o Neighbors near (2015-0023) the proposed Boney Road development will lose their Greenbelt status. If the development is approved, JFRD will no longer allow controlled burns in planted adjacent pine forests because of proximity of fires to homes.
- o Over 200 residents, 85% from zip code 32226, met at the Oceanway Community Center and opposed 2015-0023, the proposed Boney Road development. Concerns include change in lifestyle, increased traffic and increased pressure on existing schools. Infrastructure and schools are needed before development is approved.

To improve communications, the Governmental Affairs minutes will be distributed with the CPAC summary The next Governmental Affairs meeting is March 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, C-136.

- **Membership** – Pastor Bivins and Sharon Bivins reported:
 - o Concerns about public safety and portable basketball hoops being used in or near the public right of way by adults and children. Pastor Bivins said he spoke with Council Member Gaffney, who suggested letters be sent to the Mayor and City Council requesting an ordinance. A motion was made by Tommy Ruffin and a second was made by Joseph Tate to send letters to the Mayor and City Council requesting an ordinance to focus on public safety and prevent portable basketball hoops in or near the right of way. All were in favor.
 - o The following individuals were contacted regarding CPAC membership: Terrence Rembert, Kevin Troutman, Kenneth Hobbs and Chernice Benjamin.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry:
 - o Thanked Jim Green, FDOT, for his outstanding report.
 - o Be cautious when travelling A-I-A between I-95 and Yulee. The road is under construction.
- **TRUE** – Danny Ferreira:
 - On January 8, Joe Andrews addressed opposition to the proposed pension fund.

- The next TRUE meeting is Feb. 5.

7. **Unfinished Business:** none.

8. **New Business:** none.

9. **Public Comments:**

- Tommy Ruffin the CPAC business needs to be conducted in a more business-like and professional manner. He encouraged members to be prepared for the meeting by reading the Governmental Affairs Minutes and conducting independent research on-line prior to the meeting.
- Richard Berry announced the next candidate forums are Feb. 19 and March 9 at 7 p.m., FSCJ North, in the main auditorium, Building C.

10. **Motion to Adjourn** –Tommy Ruffin made a motion to adjourn. Shauna Allen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

The North CPAC will meet on March 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. –
FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136.

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