

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

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus
4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136
January 14, 2015

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Vice Chair – Joseph Tate
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter

Excused:

Charter Member - David Spruill
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Ashford Wood - Evelyn “Kathy” Myers
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Highlands- Jack Stuart
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
San Mateo – Roland Biederer
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

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
Mayor’s Representative – David DeCamp
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:

Guests:

O.J. Roman – Northcreek
D.S. Roman - Northcreek
Laura Lane – JCCI
Robert Porter – North Lake
Sirretta Williams - Candidate for City Council District 7

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

The North CPAC did not meet in December. A motion to approve the November summary was made by Shauna Allen and seconded by Tommy Ruffin. The vote: All were in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Victor Pacheco reported:
 - Assistant Chief T.C. Davis is recovering from surgery. He plans to retire in March, 2015. IN behalf of the North CPAC, Bill Baker thanked Chief Davis for his years of service.
 - Violent crime is down 21%, citywide.
 - Property crime is down 21% citywide.
 - A recent trend is occurring throughout Jacksonville: appliances are being stolen from new construction sites. Please call 630-0500 if suspicious activity is observed.
 - In 2014, 126 law enforcement officers were killed nationwide. Fifty were gun-related. Other causes of death including death in traffic accidents or while in pursuit of a felony crime, health reasons and stress-related reasons while on duty. Fifteen officers were ambushed. The number of deaths has increased 26% since 2013.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director Mike Sweat reported:
 - January classes and workshops include:
 - Preparing for Spring Gardening, Jan. 22, 6 p.m. Highlands Library.
 - Eating Smart and Being Active, Jan. 29-Mar. 5. Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.r
 - He provided copies of the University of Florida Extension Connection Newsletter which advertises upcoming training and workshop opportunities.
<http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/extensionconnectionFebruary2014.pdf>
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- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp reported:
 - Mayor Brown met with the CPAC Chairs on January 15.
 - Jacksonville will soon launch a new, free App: MYJAX. One portion of the App, "Fight Blight" is designed to easily report concerns such as blight, potholes, missed garbage collections, animals and other issues, pinpoint the issue location using GPS, attach photos, and receive automatic status updates from a smart device.
 - The City of Jacksonville will revise and upgrade its website in 2015.
- **Planning & Development**
 - **Planning** – Marvin Echols reported:
 - Feb. 5 – a hearing to review:
 - Set-back reduction on Yellow Bluff Road.
 - Gator City Storage – a PUD
 - Edwards Creek Preserve PUD
 - North Creek change of access
 - Chair Neidlinger asked Mr. Echols to forward new information to the North CPAC Governmental Affairs Subcommittee members before the GA meeting, so they may prepare for the meeting.
 - Please contact Mr. Echols at 255-7823 or MEchols@coj.net .
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - FSCJ is in the process of reviewing its facilities use agreement. FSCJ may no longer host the CPAC meetings at no charge. The review is expected to be completed on December 31, 2014. A brief discussion was held regarding alternate meeting space.
 - Tommy Ruffin asked Ms. Ridderman to contact Debbie Presnove, JSO, and provide a list of CPAC meeting dates.
 - **Regulatory Compliance - Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Tim Myers reported:
 - Since last month's CPAC meeting, Zone 6 officers completed 2474 inspections. City wide, officers conducted 18539 inspections.
 - The Urban Blight project is starting up again. Officers will work at 45th and Moncrief today.
 - The division has three full time inspectors and two in training in Zone 6.
 - A concern was expressed about semi-trucks parked at Dunn Avenue at the former

- Blockbuster store. Officer Myers said it is commercial property, but he will look into it.
- A concern was expressed about the overall appearance of the CVS store. A complaint was filed with 630-CITY today.
- Appreciation was expressed to the City for cleaning area ditches in the area.
- A concern was expressed about hundreds of old tires stacked beside the road. The resident was asked to report to 630-CITY.
- Municipal Code Compliance Officer Maria Powers, a new hire, was commended by residents for being helpful, hard-working and conscientious. Her supervisor also commended Officer Powers for being smart and for quickly and accurately absorbing training information.
- Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report and track CARE concerns.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Parks, Recreation and Community Services representative, La’dora Taylor reported:
 - ADA Compliance has been completed at Bethesda.
 - Parks is gearing up for summer camps.
 - Rec & Roll is now a year-round program. Activities will include Easter Egg hunts, and photos with Santa.
 - Summer Night Lights is being planned.
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen announced:
 - The superintendent retired on January 3, 2015. The management team is sharing her responsibilities. The position closes on January 21, 2015.
 - January 23, 2015 is the 2015 Timucuan Science and History Symposium.
 - A 500 year old book is on loan to the park and will be displayed at the Symposium.
 - Kingsley Heritage Celebration is February 21 and 28, 2015. Events are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit http://www.nps.gov/timu/planyourvisit/kingsley_heritage_celebration.htm
 - 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/> or contact Ms. Kendrick at kendwj@jea.com or 665-7217.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green reported:
 - Construction of two lanes began on the Jacksonville International Airport North Access Road. Owens Road will be closed during construction, which is scheduled to be completed in Winter, 2017. The access road is designed for 4 lanes when funding becomes available.
 - 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:** Group Discussion and Planning – CPAC 2015.

5. **Chair’s Report** – Chair Rex Neidlinger reported:

- Introduced FSCJ North President Barbara Darby. President Darby who announced she is leaving soon and introduced President-Elect Sandy Robinson. In behalf of the North CPAC, Tommy Ruffin thanked President Darby for her gracious accommodation of CPAC meetings at FSCJ’s North Campus. Mr. Ruffin welcomed President-Elect Robinson and said the CPAC looks forward to working with her.

6. **Subcommittee Reports**

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

2014-0653	Approve	A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE URGING THE MAYOR AND THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO CONTINUE THE LITIGATION STYLED RANDALL WYSE, ET AL, VS. CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, ET AL, CASE NO. 3:13-CV-121-J-34MCR TO COMPLETION TO DETERMINE THE LEGAL VALIDITY OF THE “THIRTY YEAR AGREEMENT” BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE JACKSONVILLE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY TO NEGOTIATE FOR POLICE AND FIRE PENSION BENEFITS OF TH EPOLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND
2014-0721	Discussed	AN ORDINANCE INVOKING THR CITY OF JACKSONVILLE’S RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE RESTATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE JACKSONVILLE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DATED MARCH 5TH ,2001 AS AMENDED, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE RESTATED AGREEMENT IS ILLEGAL AND UNENFORCEABLE, AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE, REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE
2014-0730	Discussed	AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ART IN PUBLIC PLACES; AMENDING SECTIONS 126.901 (DEFINITION) AND 126.906 (ART

		SELECTION PANELS), PART 9 (ART IN PUBLIC PLACES), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE), ORDINANCE CODE, TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC FACILITY AND TO DEFINE URBAN ART AND STREETSCAPING AREAS; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE ART SELECTION PANEL
2014-0750	Approve	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 120 (GENERAL EMPLOYEES AND CORRECTIONS OFFICERS RETIREMENT PLANS), SECTIONS 120.202 AND 120.502, TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTED EMPLOYEES HIRED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 14, 2014, WITHIN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, PURSUANT TO S602.303(W), ORDINANCE CODE, WHO CHOOSE TO JOIN A CITY-SPONSORED RETIREMENT PROGRAM SHALL ONLY BE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; PROVIDING THAT CHANGES TO CHAPTER 120 ARE LIMITED TO THOSE ONLY IN MANAGERIAL ROLES HIRED UNDER S602.303 (W), ORDINANCE CODE, AND CURRENT PLAN PARTICIPANTS, WHO ARE HIRED UNDER S602.303 (W), SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAN
2014-0779	Approve	THE PREAMBLE OF THE BILLS STATES THAT THE PHRASE "IN GOD WE TRUST" WAS ADOPTED AS THE NATIONAL MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES ON JULY 30 1956 AFTER HAVING APPEARED ON U.S. CURRENCY SINCE THE 1860s.THE BILL EXPRESSES THE COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO DISPLAY THE MOTEL AS A WAY TO SOLEMNIZE PUBLIC OCCASIONS AND EXPREE CONFIDENCE IN OUR SOCIETY

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

- **Membership** – Pastor Bivins talked with Kenneth Hobbs at London Estates.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry's absence was excused.
- **TRUE** – Danny Ferreira:
 - Read a letter into the record in opposition to Ordinance 386.
 - Explained that the pension agreement violates the collective bargaining agreement.
 - The Duval Delegation was invited to discuss pension issues.
 - Chair Neidlinger thanked Mr. Ferreira for his report.

7. **Unfinished Business:** none.

8. **New Business:** none.

9. **Public Comments:**

- Laura Lane, JCCI, announced: every year JCCI reviews one issue. This year is : "Re-Think Aging' or aging in place. Residents are encouraged to participate: <http://tinyurl.com/rethinkage>.

10. **Motion to Adjourn** –Tommy Ruffin made a motion to adjourn. Fran Beach seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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

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