

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus
4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136
June 10, 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
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
Main Street Farms Civic Association - Tom Byrnes
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Excused:

Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Florida Open Beaches – Bobby Taylor
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

***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: Council Member E. Denise Lee

Staff:

Mayor's Liaison – Mike Sweat
Florida Department of Transportation – Jim Green
JSO – Lt. Victor Pacheco
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Planning & Development, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Regulatory Compliance, Municipal Code Compliance – Timothy Myers

Staff Excused:

Mayor's Representative – David DeCamp
Planning & Development, Planning – Marvin Echols
Parks and Recreation – Joshua Rhodes

Guests:

John Pittman – NW CPAC
Alison Good – Urban Core CPAC
Valerie Feinberg – WalkWise Florida, FDOT
Mari Kemp – JTA
Genora Crain-Orth – River City Chicks
Matt Stone – Marshwinds (Membership pending)
Shanda Suggs – JTA

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Rex Neidlinger called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5:29 p.m. He announced a get well card is being passed around to send to CPAC Member and former CPAC Chair, Bill Baker. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the May summary was made by Shauna Allen and seconded Vicki Drake. The vote: All were in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Lt. Pacheco reported:
 - The new Zone 6 Commander is Assistant Chief Scott Dingee. Assistant Chief Dingee sent his apologies – he cannot attend this month due to a prior commitment. He plans to attend the August North CPAC meeting and looks forward to meeting everyone.
 - Crime Analysis via Intelligence Led Policing collected data by zone, by sector and subsector. Evidence is gathered daily in neighborhoods, information is input daily and decisions are made to direct officers where services are needed. The hardest to predict is property crimes. Compounding the problem is that residents often fail to report property crimes. Crimes are separated by type, for example, violent crimes or property crimes.
 - In Zone 6, the past year, there were no abductions, 13 sexual batteries and 29 robberies to individuals. There were no homicides in 2014 with one year-to-date in 2015.
 - Zone 6 does not have violent crime issues.
 - Operation Cease Fire is an initiative in response to violent crimes, especially shootings in Zone 5. Resources from across the city were assigned.
 - Phase I: identify hotspots, assign categories, conduct Knock and Talks and identify suspects and time frames for crimes to occur.
 - Phase II: Enforcement phase is going on now.
 - Phase III: Maintenance Phase.
 - Lock vehicle doors and leave nothing in plain view.
 - Chair Neidlinger thanked Lt. Pacheco for his report.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director Mike Sweat reported:
 - Chair Neidlinger volunteered at the canning center this week.
 - Summer is the busy season for the Extension Office.
 - Several youth programs are offered: summer day camps, 4-H Cuisine Camps, Underwater Robotics, Cherry Lake Residential Camp (82 kids) 4-H Legislature Program..
 - Community Garden Open House June 19, 8 – a.m.
 - Specialty Crops classroom – Aug. 15.
 - Bee Keepers Association open house July 25.
 - The electronic Extension Connection monthly newsletters are forwarded to CPAC members.
 - For more information, please call 255-7450
 - Chair Neidlinger thanked the Duval Extension Office for their excellent programs.
- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp's absence was excused.
- **Planning & Development**
 - **Planning** – Marvin Echols' absence was excused.
 - Mr. Echols may be contacted at 255-7823 or MEchols@coj.net .
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman frequently shares information electronically. She had no report.
- **Parks, Recreation and Community Services** - Joshua Rhodes' absence was excused.
- **Regulatory Compliance - Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Tim Myers reported:
 - Summer is the busiest time of year.
 - Zone 6 officers completed 2,333 inspections this month. City wide, officers conducted 12,900 inspections.
 - Zone 6 has a good crew of officers with one new officer and two officers still in training.
 - The Urban Blight initiative resulted in 300 inspections with 600 violations. In Brentwood, 8 officers cited 400 new violations in 4 days.
 - A concern was noted regarding the condition of a vacant mobile home in the Peggy Sue Mobile Home Park. A tree crashed into the mobile home and the power lines remain down.

- The CPAC member said she will look for the correct address and report it to CARE (630-2489).
- A brief discussion was held on CARE issues involving overgrown grass and shrubs. There is no ordinance to require trimming of green/living hedges or trees.
- Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report and track CARE concerns.
- Chair Neidlinger thanked Officer Myers for his report. He congratulated Zone 6 officers for their hard work and the number of completed inspections. Nice work!

- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen reported:

- July 11 is Citizen Science Day, part of the national program, with 40 parks participating to identify areas with mercury contamination, based on information obtained from dragon fly studies. The site is the Spanish Pond, July 11 from 10 a.m. – noon. She will forward an electronic flier to Ms. Ridderman for distribution.
- A media event will announce Jacksonville is a model city for urban parks.
- Jacksonville is one of 50 cities, working on a Work, Play, Learn and Serve Initiative to increase volunteerism, increase involvement from kids, and increase involvement from 18-35 year old adults.
- Nathan Souder was named the Urban Fellow for a period of 2 years. His office will be location in the National park Service Office.
- For information about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>

- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green reported:

- The Dunn Avenue contractors are completing a punch list.
- The Main Street railroad crossing is scheduled to be closed Monday – Friday. The detour route is Eastport Road, Pulaski Road and I-295.
- The Myrtle Creek Bridge and Simpson Creek Bridge replacement projects are in the design phase.
- The following concern was expressed: vegetation under power lines near I-95 and Pecan Park Road appears to have been ineffectively sprayed. Part of the vegetation is brown but part of the vegetation is still growing.
- Regional traffic information: www.northfloridaroads.com
- 511 websites: www.jax511.com and www.fl511.com

- **JTA – Cheryl Riddick reported:**

- JTA has two interns, Shanda Suggs and Amari Kemp. She introduced them to the CPAC and acknowledged them for their help at the office.
- Outreach teams are visiting senior centers to provide education on bus ridership. To obtain more information, please call customer service at 630-3100.
- The community shuttle combined routes 305 and 306. The route will now be called “305 Shuttle”.
- Fliers will be forwarded to Ms. Ridderman to be electronically distributed.

4. Elected Officials: The Honorable E. Denise Lee responded to a special invitation from Charter Member . Berry and the CPAC to report on the Urban Blight initiative’s accomplishments.

- Blight is a concern in every Jacksonville zip code. In 2013 Council Member Gulliford created an ad hoc Blight Committee. In 2014, Council Members Lee, Crescimbeni, Love, Anderson and Jones were appointed to explore the city’s responsibilities regarding property and human blight (crime). A Mowing and Landscaping Division was created. The Blight Committee works closely with Municipal Code Compliance. The Blight Committee initiated the annual Tire and Sign Buyback. In 2014 24,000 junk tires were purchased along with two dumpsters filled with illegal signs, for a total of \$41,000 paid out. In 2015 \$41,298 was paid out for tires and illegal signs. The committee is proposing legislation to raise the fines for snipe signs. In response to the Blight Committee, JSO purchased several cameras to monitor illegal dumping, resulting in arrests and fines. The Blight Committee developed a publicity campaign to increase awareness of the MYJAX app. JTA wrapped a bus with the Fight Blight ad which promotes the mascot “Jax Can”. Ms. Lee discussed the Vacant Property Registry: Ordinance 2015-340 creates of registry of foreclosed homes and prohibits lending institutions from allowing foreclosed properties to create blight in neighborhoods. A second ordinance was discussed: Ordinance 2015-327 prohibits the placement of clothing donation bins, which create blight in communities.
- Copies of the legislation related to Fight Blight will be provided to Mr. Berry.

- The city needs to organize more neighborhoods. The JSO provided a report showing the worst crime occurs where there are no established neighborhood groups.
- The Times Union was commended for taking up the issue of Blight and following the progress of the Blight Committee.
- Council Member Lee encouraged everyone to get involved in the Blight Committee and in the community.
- Council Member Lee was recently appointed to the Transition Team by Mayor-Elect Curry. She was appointed to Chair the subcommittee Blight, Revealing the Beauty of Jacksonville. The subcommittee's charge is to evaluate the effectiveness of Fight Blight, its' focus and tools. The subcommittee is to establish a matrix to clearly measure success, identify resources and identify private partners. The subcommittee meets at Jacksonville University and everyone is welcome to attend. The meetings will be held at 11 a.m. on June 18, 23, 25, 30 and July 2.
- A concern about blight was expressed: stacked cargo shipping containers create community safety issues and visual blight. Council Member Lee said she will look into the matter.

5. Presentations:

- WalkWise Florida, presented by Valerie Feinberg. WalkWise Florida is a pedestrian safety program funded by FDOT. FDOT is committed to enforcing the "3 E's": Engineering, Enforcement and Education for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. The interactive presentation is available to neighborhood associations and schools. Free backpacks, tee shirts and other promotional items are provided at the presentations. Ms. Feinberg distributed fliers and business cards.
- Ordinance 2015-337 was presented by Genora Crain-Orth. Ms. Crain-Orth is a member of River City Chicks, who advocate for the passage of 2015-337. The 2013 pilot program provided for 300 persons to apply for permits to have flocks of 5 chickens in their back yards. Applicants were required to complete a two hour class and sign a waiver to allow Municipal Code Compliance to inspect their backyards. 880 people attended the classes. 300 permits were issued. Mayor Elect Curry is a permit holder and has flock of chickens. No complaints have been received from any flocks, city wide. The Urban Core CPAC voted unanimously to support the ordinance. Ms. Crain-Orth asked the North CPAC for a letter of support. A brief discussion was held. The CPAC members will review the issue.

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

- The North CPAC will not meet in July.
- Chair Neidlinger, Charter Member Berry and the CPAC commended Mary Beth Ridderman for her work with the North CPAC and presented her with a dish garden, corsage and greeting cards.

7. Subcommittee Reports

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

2015-0309	Approve	The bill approves a 5 th amendment to the fair share agreement between the City and Signature Land, Inc. (assigned to Signature Parkway, LLP) for credits for developer construction of a portion of Duval Road. It provides that JIA CRA tax increment funds deposited into the Mobility Zone 4 account shall, after required payments are first made to the North Access Road project, be allocated to Signature for the payment of \$1.2 million in fair share credit in reimbursement for the cost of constructing the road.
2015-0334	Approve	The bill authorizes an agreement between the City and Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC for the firm to serve as the City's independent auditor for the next 3 years and approves the professional services fees for each of those years. The Council President and Finance Committee Chair are authorized to execute the agreement.
2015-0340	Disapprove	The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 179 – Mortgage Foreclosure Registration – to amend several definitions and add new definitions of terms.
2015-0378:	Approve	An ordinance amending Chapter 656 (Zoning Code), ordinance code, part 1 (general provisions), subpart C (procedures for rezoning and amendments to the Zoning Code), Section 656.124 (notice of public hearing by Council Committee), and subpart d (zoning exceptions, variances and waivers, amendments to final order, appeals of written interpretations of the Director and appeals of final orders of the Commission) Section 656.137 (notice of public hearings) to amend titles and to require notice to be mailed 14 days in advance of the Planning Commission meeting at which an application for rezoning will be heard; amending rules of the Council of the City of Jacksonville, Chapter 3 (Legislation), part 6 (public hearings), rule 3.601 (public hearings: Council), Council rules, regarding notice of rezoning; providing an effective date
2015-0380	Disapprove	An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida (the "City") approving the

		issuance of healthcare facilities revenue bonds (UF Health Jacksonville project) (the "bonds") by the City in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, for the purposes of financing, refinancing or reimbursing Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc. ("SJMC") and one or more of its affiliates for the cost of certain capital improvements to their health care facilities and paying related financing costs; authorizing a delegated negotiated sale and private placement of such bonds; providing for certain terms and details of such bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of a financing agreement among the City, SJMC and Compass Mortgage Corporation, and other ancillary and related documents in connection with the issuance of the bonds; making certain covenants, agreements and findings in connection with the issuance of the bonds; providing for other matters and further authorizations in connection with the foregoing.
2015-0396	Disapprove	An ordinance pertaining to the Jacksonville International Airport Community Redevelopment Area (JIA-CRA) established by ordinance 93-159-57, finding that slum and blighted conditions exist and a necessity exists for the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment of areas known as the Thomas Creek parcel within the City; adding the Thomas Creek parcel consisting of approximately 1,108 acres into the LIA-CRA; providing redevelopment goals; directing community redevelopment agency actions
2015-0275	Approve	The bill re-appropriates \$1,450,000 back to the Downtown Historic Preservation and Revitalization Trust Fund from two abandoned projects and allocates \$2,321,350 in investment pool earnings on trust fund assets into the trust fund.
2015-0276	Approve	The bill closes out 206 completed council district capital projects and returns \$8,513,614.56 in cash and budgetary authorization to the respective accounts of origin. It amends the 2015-19 CIP to reflect the project closures and the reallocation of remaining cash and budgetary authorization to the source accounts. The bill acknowledges that no waiver is required of the Ordinance Code section that requires council member approval before any council district bond project is declared closed out by the Public Works Director since these projects are being closed out by the Council.
2015-0303	Approve	The bill transfers \$1,729,565.59 in residual funding and budgetary authority for 9 completed or abandoned downtown projects to the Downtown Investment Authority's budget to transfer budgetary authority for 6 area-specific projects (totaling \$983,685.86) to the DIA and to reallocate \$745,879.73 of JEDC funding from 3 accounts to the DIA's Downtown Economic Development Fund for future use.
2015-0305	Approve	The bill amends the City's 5-Year Road Program to close out 2 completed projects and reallocate a total of \$4,442,312 from lower to higher priority projects within the overall program for FY14-15.

- A concern was expressed that the CPAC reviews financial and administrative items. The subject was tabled for the Governmental Affairs meeting. The next Governmental Affairs meeting is August 6, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, C-136.
- **Membership** – Pastor Bivins and Sharon Bivins were present but had no report this month.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported *FDOT reports are forwarded as they are received.*
- **TRUE** – Danny Ferreira reported:
 - He was available to answer questions about the Volkswagen contract, the container contract and the incentive package.
 - Opposed passage of Ordinance 2015-380, a \$20 million revenue bond, because of recent media reports and reports from Shands CEO about Shands' uncertain financial future. TRUE expressed concerns about the effect on the City's credit rating.
 - Discussed motion to oppose ordinance 1015-395 (economic development incentives for Metal Container Corp.).
 - Opposed Ordinance 2015-304 – pension reform.
 - Supported Ordinance 2015-258 as a reasonable first step toward controlling pension costs.
 - Chair Neidlinger announced the TRUE Commission is becoming more and more important to the City and residents. Serving on the commission is a huge commitment of time and he thanked Mr. Ferreira for his service as the CPAC's TRUE Commission representative.

8. Unfinished Business: none.

9. New Business: none.

10. Public Comments:

- Charter Member Dot Mathias announced she retired from the Duval County Schools yesterday. Members congratulated her and thanked her for her service to children.

11. Motion to Adjourn – Joseph Tate made a motion to adjourn. Shauna Allen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The North CPAC will not meet in July.
The next meeting is August 12 at 5:30 p.m. – FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136.
The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee will meet on August 6, 5:30 p.m.
FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136.

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