

MEETING SUMMARY

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

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Vice Chair – Joseph Tate
Charter Member – Richard Berry
Charter Member - David Spruill
Council Appointee - Tommy Ruffin
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
Lydia Estates – Michael Wozniak
Lydia Estates – Shelley Wozniak
Marshwinds – Matt Stone
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Excused:

Amelia View – Gay Septon
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Duval County PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
Florida Open Beaches – Bobby Taylor
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Gerie Leigh
Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
Main Street Farms Civic Association - Tom Byrnes
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner

Absent:

Betz Realty – T Baker
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell
Highlands- Jack Stuart

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 present

Staff:

Mayor's Representative – E. Denise Lee
Duval Extension Office – Stephanie Toelle
Florida Department of Transportation – Jim Green
JSO – Assistant Chief Greg Burton
JTA – Cheryl Riddick
Parks and Recreation – Joshua Rhodes
Planning & Development, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
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Regulatory Compliance, Municipal Code Compliance – Timothy Myers

Staff Excused:

Planning & Development, Planning - Marvin Echols

Guests:

Paul Fenning - Wingate Estates

Robert Porter - Northlake HOA

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Rex Neidlinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He welcomed all members and guests and announced a bad traffic accident on I-295 may affect attendance. Mary Beth Ridderman verified a quorum.

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

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

3. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – JSO Assistant Chief Greg Burton reported:

- The biggest problem is auto burglaries – most vehicles were unlocked.
- Citywide, 14 residential robberies occurred. Zone 6 officers caught the suspects.
- A traffic fatality occurred today on I-295. Interstate traffic was stopped in both directions.
- Traffic fatalities have increased in Zone 6. Motorists seem to be inattentive to driving, instead they are speeding and texting.
- Overall, with the exception of traffic fatalities, Zone 6 statistics have improved.
- A question was raised about traffic cameras. Chief Burton reported the traffic fatalities occur on the interstate on long stretches of roadway. Traffic cameras are installed at intersections with histories of high traffic-crashes. The Sheriff is currently reviewing the traffic camera policy.
- Chair Neidlinger announced Council Member Crescimbeni is working with the North CPAC to address the issue of portable basketball hoops in the right-of-way.
- A concern was expressed about traffic congestion/street-light timing on Dunn Avenue and Regency Drive. Ms. Ridderman will enter a CARE issue (2016-16023).

4. Elected Officials: None in attendance

5. Staff Reports

- Duval Extension Office Stephanie Toelle reported for Director Mike Sweat:
 - Oct. 17 9 a.m. – noon. Cranberry Apple Walnut Relish classes: \$20 per person, pre-registration & pre-payment required. Call Jeannie 255-7450 to register.
 - Upcoming events include Child Care Training, Fresh Start – Get Checking, Parenting Classes and Cottage Food Law. For more information, or to register, please call 255-7450.
 - Each month, Mary Beth Ridderman forwards the Extension Connection newsletter.
 - Chair Neidlinger thanked Ms. Toelle for her informative report.
- **Mayor's Representative** – E. Denise Lee. Ms. Lee introduced herself and discussed the Blight Initiative. "Jax Can" is the Blight Initiatives mascot. A public awareness campaign is coming soon. She asked residents to download the Fight Blight App and encouraged residents to use the CARE system (630-CITY). A Blight flier was provided.
- **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 reported:
 - The new Planning & Development Director is Bill Killingsworth.
 - The Housing and Community Development Division Interim Chief and Interim Supervisor is Laura Stagner.
 - Ms. Ridderman has served 8 years with the North CPAC and 10.5 years with the COJ.
 - Ms. Ridderman was assigned the lead to follow-up on five CPAC special projects:
 1. The CPAC brochure has been updated. She showed the new brochure, which has not yet been printed for distribution due to funding issues.
 2. The Mayor's Office was contacted about scheduling meetings with CPAC Chairs and the Mayor. Jessica Laird reported the first meeting will be scheduled in January, 2016. Ms. Ridderman has calendared to follow-up in late December.
 3. The CPAC Executive Order and By-Laws have been updated and are being reviewed by the Office of General Counsel.
 4. Mayor's Office involvement with CPACs. The Mayor's Office advised E. Denise Lee will be the Mayor's Representative to all six CPACs.

5. The request for CPAC Public Service Announcements was submitted to the Mayor's Office, Public Affairs. The Tax Collector's Office offered to provide free PSAs – approval is needed. Additional follow-up is needed.
- FSCJ confirmed 2016 North CPAC meeting space for the CPAC and Governmental Affairs meetings, based upon previously voted-upon dates and times.
 - With Chair Neidlinger's permission, Ms. Ridderman scheduled Council Member Crescimbeni and Council Member Ferraro for 2016 speakers. She invited the Duval County School Superintendent or his designee, but a response has not yet been received.
 - She updated the North CPAC website.
 - At the request of the Office of General Counsel (OGC), Ms. Ridderman provided information about 1993-2014 CPAC Executive Orders.
 - Neighborhood Coordinators and the Housing and Community Development Division Interim Chief met with the Mayor's Representative, E. Denise Lee, to discuss CPAC functions and staff support. A second meeting will be scheduled in early November.
- **Parks, Recreation and Community Services** – Joshua Rhodes reported:
 - Maintenance crews are improving parks and landscaping.
 - Art in the Park event at Klutho Park – Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 - **Action Item:** A topic of concern was raised, after discussion at the August and September meetings: benches at Bert Maxwell Park were removed 3 years ago. Benches and bike racks are needed. A request was made for an update on the status of bench purchase and installation. Mr. Rhodes said he will follow-up via e-mail. *Mr. Rhodes reported via email: Public works has a bulkhead replacement project planned to begin in early 2016. The construction will disturb that area. New benches will be added after the project has been completed.*
 - **Regulatory Compliance - Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Tim Myers reported:
 - Zone 6 officers completed 2453 inspections in the past month. City wide, officers conducted 14,234 inspections.
 - Ordinance 2014-0427 allows Municipal Code Compliance to condemn homes which (1.) Are boarded up (2.) Vacant (3.) No active power or water for 2 years or longer (4.) Have unpaid code enforcement/nuisance liens.
 - Residents commended Municipal Code Compliance Officer Maria Powers for her hard work and assistance in cleaning up the Bluegrass-Northwood area.
 - Residents thanked Municipal Code Compliance and the Blight Initiative for the removal of an unsightly clothing donation box. The MCC supervisor explained the box's owner voluntarily moved the box.
 - Assistant Chief Burton mentioned the new Blight flier and the MyJAX App.
 - A concern was expressed about 11048 Inez Drive, a former meth lab, where the home was cited in May, 2015. It was scheduled for a pre-demolition inspection on September 30, 2015.
 - The process for demolition was briefly discussed.
 - A request was made for the number of buildings demolished in Zone 6. Mr. Myers will provide the information at the next CPAC meeting. *Mr. Myers followed up with the following information: from Oct. 1, 2014 – Sept. 30, 2015, 11 buildings were demolished in Zone 6. Citywide, 51 buildings were demolished.*
 - Please call 630-CITY (630-2489) to report and track CARE concerns.
 - **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen introduced Park Superintendent Chris Hayden.
 - Bark for Life, October 17, 9 a.m. – noon. Canine participants will be issued badges for the Dog Ranger program.
 - Events are scheduled for the Centennial Celebration.
 - For information about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
 - **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green reported:
 - Heckscher and I-295 project scheduled for completion Summer 2016.
 - JIA North Access construction continues. It is scheduled to complete in Winter 2017.
 - Timucuan Trail improvements are in the clean-up and final inspection phase.
 - A concern was expressed that the bike path on Heckscher Drive near Ft. George Road is being used as a secondary lane for motorists. JSO will be contacted (10/21/15).
 - A concern was expressed about Dunn Avenue, which has not been mowed recently. A request was made for the mowing schedule. *Jim Green followed up by providing the following information: The Florida Department of Transportation contracts with private vendors for what*

we call "Asset Management" to maintain the State Roads. For non-Interstate roadways, like Dunn Avenue, the contractor is required to mow the roadsides a minimum of eight (8) times each year (Interstates must be mowed a minimum of five times a year.) The contract does not specify "when" this must be done, but does include performance standards that include the maximum height for vegetation, and other factors. According to information from our Asset Management contractor, they should have been on Dunn Avenue last week. In addition to mowing the grass within the right-of-way, the Asset Management contractor must also pick up litter (before mowing). For edging and tree or shrub trimming, there are standards in the contract that must be met as to how low tree limbs are over the roadway or sidewalk, or how much vegetation can encroach on a curb or sidewalk. The Department conducts periodic inspections to make sure they are complying with their contract. If you have specific concerns about roadside maintenance, please call our Maintenance Office at 904-360-5200.

- o Regional traffic information: www.northfloridaroads.com
- o 511 websites: www.jax511.com and www.fl511.com
- **Public Works – Action Item.** Public Works Staff members visit the North CPAC quarterly. A representative visited in September and will visit again in March 2016. Public Works was inadvertently left on the October agenda - a concern was expressed about noxious odors near a sewage treatment plant at 1025 Bluehill Dr. N. A brief discussion was held about contacting Public Works to ask for a representative at the next meeting. Charter Member Berry suggested CPAC meeting protocol is for a member, guest or staff member to talk with the Chair before inviting speakers or requesting information - often the agenda is planned in advance. Chair Neidlinger made this an Action Item for follow-up at the next meeting. Ms. Ridderman entered CARE issue 2016-16473. The Environmental Quality Division (EQD) called Ms. Ridderman to obtain a resident's contact information. EQD reported they left several phone messages for the resident, with no response. EQD did not visit the site on the day it was entered into CARE because the odor was not occurring at that time. EQD has a four-hour response time. EQD requested residents immediately report odors.
- **JTA – Cheryl Riddick reported:**
 - o Stadium Shuttles are available for the Florida vs. Georgia game. A shuttle pass is \$7. Parking is complimentary for shuttle customers. Shuttles are wheelchair accessible.
 - o The JTA Mobility Works projects are ongoing.
 - o The First Coast Flyer Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a limited stop service featuring direct, high-frequency service, complimentary Wi-Fi, Park-n-Ride lots and real time bus arrival information. "Get Hooked on the First Coast Flyer". New compressed natural gas buses were unveiled recently and will provide quieter, more fuel-efficient rides.
 - o Sharon Bivins thanked JTA for assistance with the list of bus stop concerns which had been forwarded by Ms. Ridderman following the September CPAC meeting.

6. Presentation: None

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

- o A speaker is scheduled for November to discuss the St. Johns River and its tributaries.
- o A brief discussion was held regarding CPAC meeting times and room availability. No action was taken.

8. Subcommittee Reports

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

none	Approve	Members voted to accept Pastor Bivins as a member of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee. The Chair appointed him.
2015-0626	Deny	An ordinance approving a proposed large scale revision to the Future Land Use map series of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use designation from rural residential to low density residential on approximately 16.12+ acres of land located in Council District 2 at 12289 Rouen Cove Dr. between Holstein Dr. and Black Walnut Court. Concerns: several concerns from community have not been addressed. The CPAC does not agree with 50' lots.
2015-0661	Approve	The bill amends the development agreement between the City and Dunn Village, LLC for the Rolling River Estates mixed use development to extend the agreement for an additional 5 years and reserve concurrency capacity for the project, subject to a performance schedule and payment of an annual renewal fee.
2015-0603	Discussed/No Action	<i>This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of J. C. "Jay" Demetree, Jr. as a member of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, Replacing Edward Booth, Jr. for an unexpired term ending</i>

		<i>September 30, 2015, followed by a first full four-year term ending September 30, 2019.</i>
2015-0671	Deny	This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Donald Marshall Adkison as a member of the Planning Commission, replacing S. Lisa King as the Planning District #6 representative, for a term ending September 30, 2017. Concerns: sets precedent of asking volunteers to resign for reasons other than non-performance of their duties.
2015-0663	Approve	The bill amends Ordinance 2012-438-E to permit the carry-over of \$25,000 in funding from the Environmental Protection Board to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens for a "living shoreline" protection project for 2 additional years through September 2017
2015-0683	Discussion/No Action	The bill amends City Charter Article 22 – Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Board of Trustees – to add a new Section 22.12 - Retirement for board members.

- Concerns were expressed about safety issues related to 2015-0626.
 - Cedar Point Drive and New Berlin Road - a crosswalk is needed for school children to cross the road to New Berlin Elementary School.
 - Cedar Point and New Berlin Road - a turn lane is needed into Timucuan Preserve.
- Development of subdivisions with 40' or 50' lots does not fit residents' vision for the North District.
- A discussion was held regarding 2015-0671. A volunteer should not be asked to resign unless she is not performing her duties. Volunteerism will be discouraged by asking they resign in each administration. Sets a precedent that does not bode well for the future.
- The next Governmental Affairs meeting is Nov. 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, C-136.
- **Membership** – Mark and Sharon Bivins were present, but another commitment made it necessary for them to leave before their report time.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry reported Jim Green, with FDOT, fully covered the subject.
- **Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE)** – Danny Ferreira asked Mary Beth Ridderman to electronically transmit the TRUE report prior to the meeting. Chair Neidlinger thanked Mr. Ferreira for his service to the North CPAC as the TRUE Commission representative.
- **Nomination Subcommittee:** A lengthy discussion was held about CPAC leadership. The nomination subcommittee did not meet – no slate of officers was listed. The nomination subcommittee is Matt Stone, Mark Bivins and Dot Mathias. Ms. Ridderman will provide the members will contact information to discuss potential meeting dates/times. Please let Ms. Ridderman know the meeting information, so a meeting notice may be created and posted. The election will be held on November 18. Nominations will be received from the floor.
- **Social Subcommittee:** A discussion was held about adding a December meeting date – no action was taken. Chair Neidlinger announced the annual social will be held on November 18. Ms. Ridderman will distribute a list – please let her know what foods will be shared.

9. Unfinished Business: none.

- Charter Member Berry announced Ms. Ridderman had forwarded a flier about community meetings with the Superintendent of Schools, "Chats with the Supe!" He expressed his concern that no chats were scheduled in the North CPAC. A brief discussion was held regarding the lack of Duval Public Schools' representation at CPAC meetings. Chair Neidlinger asked Ms. Ridderman to invite the Superintendent of Schools and/or the School Board Member.

10. New Business:

11. Public Comments:

- Danny Ferreira commented the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee should be prepared to discuss at the next meeting Ordinance 2015- 690, a waiver of minimum road frontage on Island Drive.

12. Motion to Adjourn – Richard Berry made a motion to adjourn. Danny Ferreira seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting is November 18 at 5:30 p.m. – FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136.

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

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