



MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 FSCJ North Campus
 Building "C" Conference room C-136
 4501 Capper Rd.
 June 8, 2011 4 – 6 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONS – REPRESENTATIVES	
in Attendance	
Vice Chair – Nancy Landau	ABSENT
Charter Member – Dick Berry	Creekside Bend – Marlon Perry
Charter Member – Dot Mathias	Northlake – Mattie Nunn
Charter Member – David Spruill	Northside Business Leaders – Paul Forte
Amelia View – Nancy Burnett	Woodmont – Arleatha Mungin
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	
Betz Realty – William Baker	VISITORS
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	Rev. Joseph Tate, Copper Creek HOA
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	Bill Biggert, San Mateo
FL Open Beaches, Bobby Taylor	Flo Biggert, San Mateo
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Gerie Leigh	Louise Adkins, Angel Lakes
Highlands – Jack Stuart	James McLean
Johnson Comm. Civic – James Shronce	
Lydia Estates – Robert Lee	STAFF and OFFICIALS
National Park Service - Shawna Allen	Mayor’s Liaison/Duval Extension Office – Mike Sweat
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	Council Member At Large – John Crescimbeni
San Mateo – Roland Biederer	
	STAFF and OFFICIALS
ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE	Mayor’s Liaison/Duval Extension Office – Mike Sweat
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Fran Beach	Florida Dept. Transportation – Thomas Hill
	Housing and Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman
EXCUSED	Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – Lt. Shawn McCormick
Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	JTA – Fred Haley
BRC Florida Holdings – Hiron Peck	Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	Planning & Development – Amy Hays Holliman
Duval Council of PTAs/PTA – Vicki Drake	Recreation and Community – Brian Burket
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed	
ShAdCo Q – Jennelle Bray	Membership Voluntarily Withdrawn
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	Garden City – James Breland

- The meeting was called to order** at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chair/Acting Chair Nancy Landau. Chair Mike Getchell’s absence was excused.
- A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
- Guest Speaker** – Council Member John Crescimbeni provided information about redistricting. He discussed the population shifts from the 2000 Census and the 2010 Census. Currently, the committee is working on proposals for new districts based on

total population and a proposal for new districts based on voting age population. They have discussed the creation of a Beaches district which would include Mayport. Council Member Crescimbeni said he would like to see districts with natural boundaries and a minimum of bridge/river crossings.

4. **Presentation** – Water Conservation by Cheryl Bell Abbott, St. Johns River Water Management District. Florida has the largest concentration of fresh water springs in the world. A clay layer, the “Hawthorne Formation”, protects our drinking water and can be up to 300 feet thick. The largest recharge area is in Keystone Heights. The Earth is comprised of ¼ land and ¾ water. Only 3 percent of water is fresh water and only about 1 percent is available for use from the aquifer. In the aquifer is a limestone layer, where ancient sea water is trapped in deposits in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama. If the fresh water in the aquifer is over-used, the ancient sea water will leach into the fresh water. It is important that residents conserve water by installing water-saving devices such as low-flow shower heads, water efficient toilets and appliances, follow water restrictions, and install water-wise landscaping with the right plant in the right place. A list of water-wise plants is available at <http://floridaswater.com> . Ms. Bell-Abbott announced she is available for presentations at neighborhood meetings or meetings involving other groups. Please call 1-800-451-7106 for more information or to arrange a speaker.
5. **Summary** of the previous meeting was approved.
6. **Unfinished Business** – none.
7. **Chair’s Report:** Chair Getchell’s absence was excused.
8. **Staff Reports**
 - A. **JSO** – Lt. Shawn McCormick reported:
 - JSO has an excellent group of officers in Zone 6.
 - In the past 30 days, burglaries to residences were down 41 percent, auto theft was down 34 percent and burglaries to autos were down 51 percent.
 - JSO’s website will have additional information on statistics (<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office>).
 - One concern is that school will be out. JSO is visiting middle and high schools to prevent problems at school. JSO will be enforcing a curfew. Sunday – Thursday, the curfew is 11 pm. Friday and Saturdays, the curfew is midnight. If you see kids under the age of 18 out after those hours, please call JSO. JSO will contact the child and the parent. Parents can be fined \$100 or they have an option of attending a parenting class.
 - Gerie Leigh discussed her concerns for drivers’ safety on Heckscher Drive at Little Marsh Island and Palm Bluff Road. Drivers are blind to upcoming intersection. FDOT Operations concluded there is not enough traffic conflict to warrant signage and said it is an enforcement issue.
 - For more information, please call the Zone 6 office at 696-4335 or the non-emergency number, 630-0500.
 - B. **Mayor’s Representative** – Mike Sweat announced:
 - Thank you to Mary Beth Ridderman for sending out the Extension Office websites. The websites have a lot of useful information.
 - The Duval Extension newsletter is called Captive Audience.
 - A make and take rain barrel workshop is scheduled for June 17. The cost is \$5 for the class and \$40 for a barrel.
 - Camp Florida Friendly, for adults only, begins June 15. Day-campers learn about bees, landscape design, irrigation tune-ups, rain barrels and more. The cost is \$5 per class.
 - Master Gardener training begins August 3. Classes are 9:30 – 3:30 on Wednesdays.

- Many other classes and activities are planned.
 - For more information about classes, please call 387-8855 or visit <http://ifas.ufl.edu>
 - Mr. Sweat may be reached at 387-8850.
- C. City Council Member's Reports** – Council Member Crescimbeni was the invited guest speaker.
- D. Duval County School Board** – No representative. No report.
- E. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Thomas Hill reported:
- As a follow-up to questions at the May meeting:
 - Alta Drive is a widening project. Lanes will be expanded from 2 to 4 lanes from I-295 to the current 4-lane section at New Berlin.
 - The Dames Point Bridge is being repaired with a strong back installation system. FDOT is contracting with a group to measure how well the system is doing and its effect on cruise ships.
 - Residents had expressed concern that signage was inadequate when approaching the Dames Point Bridge where lanes are reduced from 2 lanes to a single lane. He spoke with the project manager and the signage will be changed. He reminded residents to look at the signs and be careful in the area.
 - FDOT will host a workshop regarding widening SR 243 from Airport Road North to Pecan Park Road. Open house begins at 4:30 p.m., formal presentations at 6:30 p.m. on June 30 at Hampton Inn and Suites on Airport Road.
 - Resident Gerie Leigh expressed concerns:
 - The Alimacani River has shoaled up under the Heckscher Drive bridge making it impassable to boats. Residents believe it was caused by equipment parked under the bridge.
 - Signage on Heckscher Drive indicates the entire road will be closed on June 20. It is the hurricane season and Heckscher Drive is the evacuation route and resident has an event planned for June 20.
- F. Municipal Code Compliance** – Bruce Chauncey reported:
- Development has begun on Alta Lakes warehouse project which has access on New Berlin road but also had a former access point on Alta Drive. His department received a complaint that Alta Drive is being used by large trucks. The contractors have been warned not to use the former Alta Road access road. Please call 630-CITY (2489) or 255-7035 if the problem continues.
 - Please report suspected code violations to 630-CITY (630-2489).
- G. Planning and Development** – Amy Hays reported:
- This is her last meeting as a CPAC representative from the Planning and Development Department. Due to budgetary issues, her job was cut. A total of 7 jobs were cut and others were affected by position downgrades. She is one of two people who found COJ employment. She will be working as the manager of Metropolitan Park. At this time, the Planning and Development Dep't. has not identified the employee who will attend future CPAC meetings.
- H. Recreation and Community** – Brian Burket reported:
- He provided copies of the Master Plan for Sheffield Park. Phase I is beginning.
 - The Palms Fish Camp- – the previous management group is in negotiations with the COJ Office of General Counsel.
 - Sisters Creek – a boat pump out station should be completed by the end of July, 2011. Construction will not interrupt the Kingfish Tournament.

- Carlucci Park – the parking area is being redesigned to improve traffic flow. A concrete slab and deteriorated playground equipment were removed. The Chair requested an update for the next meeting.
- Huguenot Park – chicks are hatching. Zone 11 and half of Zone 12 are closed to vehicular traffic due to the presence of flightless shorebird chicks. Seven sea turtles have nested but none have hatched yet.
- The department is aware of reversion rights of the property donated for a pocket park by the Oceanway Volunteer Fire Department. By October 5, 2011, if no construction begins, the property will revert to the previous owner.
- Dick Berry commended the department on the beautiful improvements at Betz –Tiger Point Preserve.
- For information about park activities or aquatics programs, visit www.jaxparks.com or call 630-3690.

I. Housing and Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:

- Seventy seven residents from 77 different organizations completed training “How to Run Effective Meetings/Roberts Rules of Order” on May 26.
- Council Member Crescibeni requested that neighborhood coordinators place CPAC archival summaries on the website. The project has been completed for the North CPAC.
- The Extension Office is offering a class in jam-making in June 18 for a cost of \$20. She is registered for the class and she thanked the Extension Office for offering Saturday classes.
- Ms. Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

J. JTA – Fred Haley reported:

- A new service, the Community Shuttle Service, is available on Dinsmore Road and at the River City Marketplace. The shuttle service uses smaller buses. Residents may call ahead and request the bus go off of the regular route to pick up and drop off passengers. The fee is \$1 one way plus 50 cents to go off route.
- On June 16 a focus group will meet at 9 a.m. at the Oceanway Community Center. If residents are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Haley at 904-683-1203 or FJHaley@jtafla.com.

8. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Governmental Affairs: The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair, Nancy Landau, led this portion of the CPAC meeting. The CPAC discussed and/or voted on the following:

Approve	2011-0351	ORD-MC Amend Chapt 122 (Public Buildings), Sec 122.102 (Naming of Public Facilities Regulated), Ord Code to Prohibit Use of Names of Consolidated Government Officers or Employees to Identify Public Bldgs or Offices of Consolidated Government; Recognizing Exercise of County Powers.
Oppose until the COJ’s fiscal position has improved and a balanced budget has been achieved	2011-0324	ORD re Duval County Courthouse Facilities Proj; Approp \$629,000 from Art in Public Places Acct to Provide Art for Courthouse; Providing Funds Carryover from Yr to Yr until Disbursed for Purchase & Installation of Artwork for Courthouse in Accordance with City’s Procedures Set Forth in Pt 9 (Art in Public Places), Chapt 126 (Procurement Code), Ord Code

The next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled for July 7, at 4 p.m., Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.

B. Membership: Harry Wagner introduced guests, Mr. Troutman and Lou'se Adkins, from Angel Lakes and said they are interested in becoming members of CPAC.

C. Transportation: Dick Berry announced:

- Construction on the Dames Point Bridge should be finished in late 2011.
- Dunn Avenue near Braddock and Dinsmore Dairy Roads - single lanes will be closed in both directions on Saturday, June 11 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for paving operations.
- Mary Beth Ridderman forwards the FDOT reports – please see the reports.
- He provided copies of the Transportation Planning Organization's newsletter.
- A serious problem exists with the existing North Florida Freight Logistics Plan. Currently the plan shows the train tracks crossing I-95, Pulaski and other main intersections.

D. Taxation Revenue Expenditures (TRUE) Commission: Hiron Peck's absence was excused.

E. North Vision Plan: Bobby Taylor reported:

- The revision plan is in progress.
- The next meeting is July 12, 6 p.m. at the Northside Lions Club.

10. New Business: none.

9. Public Comments:

- Bobby Taylor invited members to attend his birthday party at the Heckscher Drive Community Club on Saturday, June 11 at 4 p.m. Covered dish.
- Dick Berry announced the Eden Group agreed to maintain the Ocean Way Town Center landscaping. The Town Center is near the site of the Old Red Maple Store. The Arlington area has historical markers and he is interested in forming an historical group to address markers in the North District. If anyone is interested in joining a group or if anyone knows of knowledgeable residents with pertinent historical information, please contact Mr. Berry. He talked with the COJ Historian, Joel McEachin and Jerry Spinks.
- The Northside Civic Association meeting is Monday, Sept 26, 7 p.m. at the Highlands Middle School. Dot Mathias said everyone is invited to the NCA Sept. 26 meeting.
- Robert Lee introduced James McLean, who will be the new representative for Lydia Estates.
- Kathy Myers announced that Council Member Ray Holt at his recent town hall meeting said he would have three priorities: Phase I of Sheffield Park, the connection of Pecan Park to Lannie Road and widening Alta Road.

10. Adjourn: A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is 4 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 2011 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136.

The following provision is required by Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes:

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the North Citizens Planning Advisory Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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