

North District Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Chair: Bobby Taylor

Vice Chair: Rex Neidlinger

MEETING SUMMARY

Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus
4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136
October 8, 2014

Attendance:

Members:

Chair – Bobby Taylor
Vice Chair – Rex Neidlinger
Charter Member – Dot Mathias
Blue Grass Northwood – Sharon Bivins
Council Appointee District 11 – Tommy Ruffin
Copper Hill – Joseph Tate
Copper Hill - Bessie Williams
Edwards Creek – Danny Ferreira
Heckscher Drive Community Club – Fran Beach
National Park Service – Shauna Allen
Northlake Homeowners Association – Josephine Fiveash Porter
Northside Business Leaders – Patrick Bennett

Excused:

Charter Member – Richard Berry
Charter Member - David Spruill
Amelia View – Gay Septon
Ashford Wood - Evelyn "Kathy" Myers
Betz Realty, Inc. - William Baker
Black Hammock Island Civic Association - Mary Thompson
Blue Grass Northwood – Pastor Mark Bivins
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
ShAdCo Q – Jenny Bray
Tasti D'Lite – Nancy Burnett
The Cape Association – Delores Spruill

Absent:

Johnson Community Civic Association – James Shronce
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:

Florida Department of Transportation – Jim Green
Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Joshua Rhodes
Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Ladora Taylor
Planning & Development, Planning – Marvin Echols
Planning & Development, Community Planning- Gary Kresel, Chief
Planning & Development, Housing & Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Public Libraries – Ann Fridl
Regulatory Compliance, Municipal Code Compliance – Timothy Myers

Staff Excused:

Mayor's Liaison – Mike Sweat
Mayor's Representative – David DeCamp

Guests:

Robert E. Porter – Northlake HOA Ana Brosche – City Council At Large Candidate Matt Stone – Marsh Winds
Robert Phillips Eliphaz M. Holzendorf, Jr. – Urban Core CPAC Debbie Johnson – Southeast CPAC

1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum

Chair Bobby Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded everyone to silence electronic devices and sign in. Chair Taylor announced that during Public Comments political candidates may introduce themselves and stated the name of the office sought (only).

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the September summary was made by Fran Beach and seconded by Danny Ferriera. The vote: All in favor.

3. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – no representative.
 - Rex Neidlinger expressed a concern that vacant homes are being burglarized – stripped of appliances and furnishings. Call 630-0500 if suspicious activity is observed.
- **Mayor's Liaison** – Agriculture Extension Office Director Mike Sweat's absence was excused. Chair Taylor commented that the CPAC misses his reports.
- **Mayor's Representative** – David De Camp's absence was excused.
- **Planning & Development**
 - **Planning** – Marvin Echols met with the Governmental Affairs subcommittee. He was available to answer questions. Please contact Mr. Echols at 255-7823 or MEchols@coj.net.
 - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported:
 - Fifty three residents completed the September 23 HOA, Townhome and Condo training.
 - The Housing and Community Development Division is getting settled into their new home on the 3rd floor of the Ed Ball Building.
 - **Regulatory Compliance - Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Tim Myers reported:
 - Since last month's CPAC meeting, Zone 6 officers completed 1649 inspections. City wide, officers conducted 8335 inspections.
 - Please call 630-CITY (2489) to report and track CARE concerns.
- **Parks & Recreation** – Parks, Recreation and Community Services representative, Joshua Rhodes, reported:
 - Bert Maxwell Park benches are being considered for 2015.
 - Bert Maxwell Park site plan was transmitted electronically.
 - The following concerns were expressed:
 1. Bert Maxwell Park: litter throughout the park, including broken glass.
 2. The Huguenot Park entrance kiosk was briefly operational, but tickets were not supplied and traffic backed up, creating a safety hazard.
 - A brief discussion was held regarding alcoholic beverage permits in city parks.
 - Mr. Rhodes may be contacted at RhodesJ@coj.net.
 - For information about the city's parks, please visit www.jaxparks.com.
- **National Park Service** – Shauna Allen announced:
 - Harvest Celebration was held last week with approximately 800 people in attendance.
 - For information about National Parks, visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/fl/index.htm?program=all>
- **Jacksonville Electric Authority** – Ms. Kendrick's absence was excused.
 - 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' absence was excused.
 - 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: Hurricane Evacuation Maps and Flood Zone Maps by Gary Kresel, Planning and Development Department, Community Planning Division Chief

- The Duval County Evacuation Zone Map was displayed and explained. Evacuation zones are based on a lettering system (A, B, C, D, E, and F Zones). In addition to storm category, other factors such as winds, precipitation, wave action and areas prone to flooding, affect the definition of evacuation zones. Handouts were provided. For more information, please visit: <http://www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue/emergency-preparedness/get-prepared/evacuation-zones.aspx>. To identify a specific evacuation zone, please visit this site and

input your home address: <http://maps.coj.net/WEBSITE/myhood/viewer.htm>. For a free JAX Ready App, please visit the App Store. For more information, please visit <http://www.coj.net/mobile-apps/mobile-apps-list/jaxready.aspx>.

- The Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) flood map was displayed and explained. The 100 year flood hazard zones are not necessarily related to hurricanes. Flooding may be caused by other factors: high tides, full moon phase or heavy rains. The flood zones affect flood insurance premiums and bank rates. Homeowners' insurance does **not** cover flooding in any zone. For additional FEMA information, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-flood-hazard-mapping> or contact Mark Pate, 255-8576 or mpate@coj.net.
 - The following concerns were raised:
 - The Zone VE (Special Flood Hazard Area) boundary line was changed without notifying residents who are affected. Increased flood insurance premiums have created financial hardships. Existing homes can no longer be replaced if destroyed by fire or storms.
 - Infrastructure is needed to prevent wetlands damage from storm/flood-damaged septic systems.
- Chair Taylor thanked Mr. Kresel for his informative and timely presentation.
- Mr. Kresel may be reached at 255-7833 or gkresel@coj.net.

5. Chair's Report – Chair Bobby Taylor reported:

- Rain negatively impacted the International Coastal Clean-up. Huguenot Park had 3 volunteers.
- The Huguenot entrance kiosk is operational.
- A meeting will be held on October 9 to discuss plans for the Heckscher Drive Town Center roundabout.
- The CPAC Annual Social is November 12 following the CPAC meeting. The CPAC will not meet in December. The social subcommittee members are Bessie Williams, Sharon Bivins and Fran Beach. Chair Taylor thanked them for their service to the CPAC and mentioned Mary Thompson's many past years of service as subcommittee chair. The CPAC misses her and will be glad when she returns.

6. Subcommittee Reports

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

2014-0653	Approve	Resolution of the City Council of Jacksonville urging the Mayor and the Office of General Council to continue the litigation versus city of Jacksonville, et al, case no. 3:13-CV-121-j-34MCR.
14-48	Deny	Application for an Administration Deviation was submitted for 1622 Leonid Rd.

The next Governmental Affairs meeting is Nov. 6, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at FSCJ North Campus, C-136.

- **Membership** – Sharon Bivins reported she and Reverend Bivins attended the HOA training and recruited two potential CPAC members. She was disappointed they did not show up for the CPAC meeting.
- **Transportation** – Richard Berry's absence was excused.
- **TRUE** – Danny Ferriera reported the commission:
 - Recommended City Council approve Ordinance 2014-560, approving expenditure of \$2.6 million from the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) Downtown Economic Development Fund and adopting the DIA Business Investment and Development Plan.
 - Recommended City Council approve Ordinance 2014-526, transferring \$1.25 million from existing riverfront bulkhead accounts to the Liberty Street bridge repair project and the Bert Maxwell Park bulkhead repair project. Recommended an amendment to require that if the City should recoup funds from ongoing litigation over the Liberty Street bridge collapse, the funds should be deposited into the source accounts.
 - Recommended City Council approve Ordinance 2014-580, appropriating \$5.5 million from Southbank CRA tax increment district revenues to the installation of "context sensitive" roadway and sidewalk improvements on Riverplace Drive.
 - Recommended City Council approve Ordinance 2014-585 authorizing a second amendment to the ground lease between the City and Edward Waters College for the Community Resource Center.
 - Recommended City Council continue to defer action on 2014-306 until TRUE can gather further information and take a position.

- o Accepted Audit #751 EMS Billing and Inventory Control Audit.
- o City Council will host a workshop on the Downtown Investment Authority on Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m. Included will be a presentation for the Downtown Economic Development Advisory Group. Channel 99 will provide a live feed for the meeting.
- o The next TRUE meeting is October 22, 2014, 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers
- o Chair Taylor thanked Mr. Ferriera for his commitment to CPAC and the TRUE Commission.
- **Nomination** – Tommy Ruffin and Fran Beach announced the slate of officers: Rex Neidlinger, Chair and Joseph Tate, Vice Chair. They asked for nominations from the floor. No other nominations were received. Nominations from the floor will be received at the November 12 North CPAC meeting. Chair Taylor thanked Mr. Neidlinger and Reverend Tate for their willingness to serve the CPAC in leadership roles.

7. **Unfinished Business:** none.

8. **New Business:** none

9. **Public Comments:**

- Robert Philips, Supervisor of Elections Chief of Elections Assistant, announced a polling change for the November 4 election: the Heckscher Drive Holiday Inn is no longer a polling place. The new polling place is Victory Celebration Church at 3220 New Berlin Road. A ramp will be installed to address existing Americans with Disability Act (ADA) issues.
 - o A question was raised about absentee ballots. They have already been mailed to voters.
- Patrick Bennett announced he is a candidate for the Duval County Soil & Water Conservation District Group 1.
- Anna Brosche announced she is a candidate for the Jacksonville City Council at Large Group 1.
- Robert Phillips announced he is a candidate for the Jacksonville City Council District 2.
- Bobby Taylor announced he is a candidate for the Jacksonville City Council District 2.

10. **Motion to Adjourn** – Tommy Ruffin made a motion to adjourn. Shauna Allen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The North CPAC will meet on November 12, 5:30 p.m. – Election of Officers
FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Building C-136.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee will meet on November 6, 5:30 p.m.
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