



## MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 FSCJ North Campus  
 Building "C" Conference room C-136  
 4501 Capper Rd.  
 Aug. 10, 2011 4 – 6 p.m.

<b>ORGANIZATIONS – REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
<b>in Attendance</b>	
Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	<b>ABSENT</b>
Charter Member – Dick Berry	Creekside Bend – Marlon Perry
Charter Member – Dot Mathias	Northlake – Mattie Nunn
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	Northside Business Leaders – Paul Forte
Betz Realty – William Baker	Woodmont – Arleatha Mungin
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	<b>VISITORS</b>
Duval Council of PTAs/PTA – Vicki Drake	Bryan Knowles, North Shore HOA
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club- Gerie Leigh	Jill Knowles, North Shore HOA
Highlands – Jack Stuart	Paula Scott, Angel Lakes HOA
National Park Service - Shauna Allen	Josephine Fiveash-Porter, Northlake HOA
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	*Visitors sign in sheet is missing
San Mateo – Roland Biederer	
Turtle Creek Village – Art Sullivan	<b>STAFF and OFFICIALS</b>
	City Council Members – Ray Holt
	City Council Members – Donna Barrow, Assistant to Robin Lumb
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Florida Dept. Transportation – Thomas Hill
Vice Chair – Nancy Landau	Housing and Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman
Charter Member – David Spruill	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Shawn McCormick
Amelia View – Nancy Burnett	Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey
BRC Florida Holdings – Hiron Peck	Planning & Development – Shakeeb Shariff
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	Recreation and Community – Brian Burket
FL Open Beaches, Bobby Taylor	
Johnson Comm. Civic – James Shronce	
Lydia Estates – Robert Lee	<b>STAFF EXCUSED</b>
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed	Mayor's Liaison/Duval Extension Office – Mike Sweat
ShAdCo Q – Jennelle Bray	
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 4:03 p.m. by Chair Mike Getchell.
2. **A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
3. **Presentation** – Joel McEachin, City Planner Manager, Planning and Development Dep't., provided an overview of Jacksonville's historic preservation project. The project began in about 1988 with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. Comprehensive surveys were completed in Duval County to become part of the Florida Master Site File. In Duval County, over 20,000 buildings, bridges and other man-made structures exist that are over 50 years old. An ordinance established the Jacksonville Historical

Commission which designates landmarks and historical district in the city. Three historic districts have been established: Riverside/Avondale, Springfield and Old Arlington. Arlington applied for and received a Comcast grant to purchase historical markers in Old Arlington. Durkeeville also erected historical markers. A draft is in progress for historical markers in the Oceanway area. The Jacksonville historical marker program is independent of the State program. A discussion period followed. Questions were asked about the Old Arlington project. To learn more about the Old Arlington historical marker project, please visit <http://www.olderarlington.org/> or [http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2010-02-13/story/historic\\_markers\\_will\\_remind\\_visitors\\_of\\_old\\_arlington\\_charm](http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2010-02-13/story/historic_markers_will_remind_visitors_of_old_arlington_charm). Dick Berry announced he had invited Mr. McEachin to work with him on the Oceanway project. He asked members to form an historical group to identify areas with historic value then proceed through the process to obtain historical markers. If you are interested in becoming part of an historical group, please provide your name and contact number to Mr. Berry at 751-3723 or Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net). Mr. McEachin offered to meet with groups interested in learning more about historical preservation. To arrange a presentation, please contact Mr. McEachin at 255-7835 or [mceachin@coj.net](mailto:mceachin@coj.net).

**3. Special Guest Speaker:** Florida Representative Lake Ray apologized for not attending last month – he thinks about and is concerned about the CPAC and what it does. He said he appreciates the good work members do for the community.

- The State budget was about \$69.7 billion. The focus and number one priority in Tallahassee is jobs and the economy.
- Last year the General Revenue budget was cut about 12 percent across the board. This year more cuts are needed.
- In the next election cycle, an amendment will be on the ballot to place a cap on property tax increases. This amendment will have more of an affect on South Florida, where property taxes have been repeatedly raised to compensate the tax revenue for lower property values.
- House Bill 7095 was recently passed to stop “pill mills” or pain management clinics. Daily, 5-7 people are dying in Florida because of prescription drug abuse. A system has now been put in place to stop the sale/dispensation of prescription drugs at such clinics.
- Last year the Rule-Making Committee evaluated the Florida Statutes and found 43 percent were non-compliant with the intent of the statutes, which overtime, had been added to and ultimately had altered the statutes.
- They are looking at ways to improve the economy by streamlining the government’s process and by providing more jobs. The objective is to put in guidelines.
- The Florida economy is based on agriculture, tourism, and development. He is focused on broadening those drivers to improve the economy. For example, transportation dollars can be moved to fix problems the State has, House Bill 399 was passed regarding logistics and infrastructure investment, requiring FDOT look at roads and development.
- State reapportionment is a big issue. Public meetings are being held across the state.
- He is working on a strategic plan for ports. Funding (\$170 million) will be derived from FDOT. JAXPORT will fit into the strategic plan.
- A question and answer session followed. A concern was expressed related to logistics and port development. The port started expansion before the roads were ready. Traffic is grid-locked and roads are being destroyed by large trucks. Trucks have already created huge craters at roadway edges.

- A town hall meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Oceanway Community Center.
  - For more information, please contact Rep. Lake Ray at 850) 488-4388 or [lake.ray@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:lake.ray@myfloridahouse.gov).
4. **Summary** of the previous meeting was approved.
5. **Unfinished Business** – none.
6. **Chair’s Report:** Chair Getchell:
- Welcomed visitors Bryan Knowles and Jill Knowles from North Shore HOA, Paula Scott from Angel Lakes HOA and Josephine Fiveash-Porter from Northlake HOA.
7. **Staff Reports**
- A. JSO** – Lt. Shawn McCormick reported:
- An arrest is about to be made for a suspect in a local kidnapping case. The victim was released with no physical harm.
  - Aggravated batteries – 4 of 6 were cleared by arrest
  - Burglaries to residences increased.
  - Arrests were made in the “Best Buy Bandit” case.
  - The number of reported auto thefts increased.
  - An internet unit has been added to investigate on-line economic crimes.
  - Crime View is active. Residents can look up current crimes in their neighborhoods and set alerts to be notified of criminal activity in your area. He may schedule a demonstration in September. Please visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office/Crime-Statistics-Information-Acceptance.aspx>.
  - Concerns were expressed:
    - Increased crime in San Mateo.
    - JSO Officers who are called to a crime scene (example property destruction on two neighborhood entrance signs) but do not write incident reports.
  - 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’s absence was excused. Mr. Sweat may be reached at 387-8850.
- C. City Council Member’s Reports** –
- Council Member Ray Holt reported:
    - Pine Island: an agreement was reached – the road can only be closed if the property will only be used for salt water mitigation. It will be returned to its historic nature as a salt water marsh.
    - Sheffield Park: the Phase One bid was completed. It will move into the contract phase within 1 -1 ½ months. The goal is to get the park ready for the 2012 football season.
    - Ordinance 2011-535 is being passed regarding change orders, which allow for increased construction costs. The bill requires change order requests that exceed 10% of the award amount in the aggregate must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate award committee. The intent is ensure that changes are only approved for valid reasons and that contractors are held accountable for the terms of their bid packages and are not intentionally under-bidding to obtain contracts with the expectation that later change orders will increase the overall contract to a more realistic figure.
    - He is chairing a committee on privatization. Fifteen departments are being considered for privatization.

- Mayor Brown passed a budget that did not require a millage increase. Instead, he made cuts. The City Council budget committee meetings begin Aug. 11.
- The redistricting plan passed through the subcommittee. District 11 will become District 2. Approximately half is in the North District and half is in the Ft. Caroline area.
- The extension of the National Cemetery Road to Main Street is a priority. The goal is to find funding for the one-mile loop
- A question and answer period followed.
  - Harry Wagner expressed concern about former Fire Station 35, 202 Oceanway Ave.. The property was deeded to the COJ with the conditions that the buildings be demolished and a pocket park be built and named "Oceanway Volunteer Firefighters Park" . No progress has been made. Per deed conditions, on Oct. 6, 2011, the property reverts to the original owners. Council Member Holt explained there is no money in the budget for a park. Mr. Wagner asked that the COJ demolish the buildings and wait until budget improves to build a park.
  - Mr. Wagner expressed a concern that Oceanway Volunteer Firefighters have received no recognition for volunteerism.
- Donna Barrows, assistant to Council Member Robin Lumb, announced she will attend the North CPAC on a regular basis. Chair Getchell welcomed her.

**D. Duval County School Board** – No representative. No report.

**E. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Thomas Hill reported:

- Sister's Creek Bridge construction is scheduled for completion in Fall, 2011.
- The ITS System (Intelligent Transportation System) will be installed along I-95 from Blanding to I-95 North. The system sensors will pick up signals from Blue Tooth devices to retrieve and store data fro travel demand forecasting to plan ahead to relieve congestion. Construction is scheduled to begin October 3 and is scheduled for completion in Fall.
- One lane closures are scheduled for I-95 over the Nassau County Bridge for routine maintenance.
- One lane closures are ongoing on the Dames Point Bridge. Closures are scheduled between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.
- The Clapboard Creek Bridge on Heckscher Drive will begin construction in November, 2011 and the project should be completed by the Fall of 2013. Closures will be at night.
- A question and answer period followed. A concern was expressed that the recently installed median guardrails on I-295 are not installed straight.

**F. Municipal Code Compliance** – Bruce Chauncey reported:

- The SWAT Team was called to a location in Riverview. The house was bulldozed on Aug. 9.
- Next month a Systematic Inspection is planned for Oceanway.
- A concern expressed was expressed about abandoned houses are causing blight in neighborhoods. The notification process takes months between the time the CARE report is called in and the yard is actually mowed. Officer Chauncey asked residents to be patient because there are so many abandoned homes in the city and summer is the department's busiest

- Please report suspected code violations to 630-CITY (630-2489).
- G. Planning and Development – Shakeeb Shariff announced:**
- He sent information about the waste facility to the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair.
  - He has been looking at exceptions and variance applications for the North District.
  - He will check on the Mobility Plan fee and report back to the CPAC.
- H. Recreation and Community – Brian Burket reported:**
- Last month a resident expressed a concern that signage was needed at Betz Tiger Point Preserve and Pumpkin Hill because both parks are difficult to find with the existing signs. Signs have been ordered and should be installed soon. He appreciated the comment.
  - Huguenot Park – the overflow parking lot was completed and opened last weekend. More signage is needed.
  - Huguenot Park – Zones 11 and 14 closed to vehicular traffic. When there are no more flightless chicks, a portion may reopen. The zones are open to pedestrian traffic.
  - The pump-out station was completed at Jim King Park/Sisters Creek. They are waiting for a final walk-through inspection.
  - The construction project at Joe Carlucci is waiting for a change-order (increased funding). Fourteen new parking places will be added.
  - It is status quo at the Palms Fish Camp. The contractor and COJ are in negotiations.
  - For information about park activities or aquatics programs, visit [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com) or call 630-3690.
- I. Housing and Neighborhoods – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:**
- The department participated in National Night Out. Coordinators visited several locations and the director visited 4 neighborhoods in the North District.
  - Residents may remember the Neighborhoods Magazine, which was discontinued due to a budget cut. A departmental on-line quarterly newsletter is in the works. The first issue is planned for October, 2011.
  - A resident inquired earlier about abandoned homes. The Vacant Property Registry was established by city ordinance and requires lenders register homes where a lis pendens (notice of foreclosure) has been sent. The Property Registry is designed to improve the physical attributes of a neighborhood by compelling the owner of record to act responsibly in the maintenance of the property. Registered homes have contact information posted in the homes' windows. For more information, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing-and-Neighborhoods/Vacant-Property-Registration.aspx>.
  - Ms. Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net).
- 8. Subcommittee Reports:**
- A. Governmental Affairs:** The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair, Nancy Landau, had an excused absence. Subcommittee Member Tommy Ruffin led this portion of the CPAC meeting. The CPAC discussed and/or voted on the following:

Cert of Public Convenience/ Necessity (CON)	Approve	Motion to recommend review of new Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CON) ordinance and renewals with material changes to the activities performed under the CON.
2011-0458	Approve	ORD Granting Appl of International Waste Control, Inc for Renewal & Modification of its Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CON) to Operate a Biomedical Waste & Regulated Garbage Sterilizer Facility; Provide for Conditions. (McCain) (Introduced by Council President Pursuant to Chapt 380, Ord Code) TEU PH Pursuant to Chapter 380, Ord Code - 9/6/11 Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/13
CON International Waste Control	defer	Defer vote for one cycle. Bill renews CON originally granted and modifies it to add a biomedical waste facility.

The next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled for Sept. 1, at 4 p.m., Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.

**B. Membership:** Harry Wagner welcomed visitors and suggested they see Mary Beth Ridderman for a CPAC nomination form.

**C. Transportation:** Dick Berry announced he had no report.

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

**E. North Vision Plan:** Bobby Taylor's absence was excused. The North Vision Plan Committee will meet next month at the Northside Lions Club, 545 Eastport Rd. No meeting date has been set.

**9. New Business:**

- Dick Berry announced the City Council Reapportionment (Redistricting) Subcommittee has approved plans for Council districts and At Large districts. Currently elected Council Members will not be affected. The proposed redistricting plan map shows the new district is split by the river. Concerns were expressed that the North District may not have good representation because the Council Member for the North District lives in the Southside of Jacksonville. The maps may be seen at <http://www.coj.net/City-Council/Council-Committees,-Boards---Commissions/Redistricting-Committee.aspx>. Public hearings will be held in the following locations:

North Campus 4501 Capper Road Aug 24 6pm Auditorium, Rm C126	Kent Campus 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. Aug 25 6pm Main Aud., Rm F128	Wilson Center for the Arts South Campus Aug 29 6pm Lakeside Conf Ctr	Deerwood Center 9911 Old Baymeadows Road Sept 1 6pm Rm B1204
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**10. Public Comments:**

- The Jaguars party will be held on Aug. 18, 7p.m. at the Aloft Hotel. Everyone is invited for free food, games and prizes.
- Dot Mathias attended the grand opening of Tasti D-Lite, at 1024 Park Street (Five Points area). The café, owned by CPAC Member Nancy Burnett, offers a line of low calorie frozen treats.

**11. Adjourn:** A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is 4 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 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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