



MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 FSCJ North Campus
 Building "C" Conference room C-136
 4501 Capper Rd.
 May 11, 2011 4 – 6 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONS – REPRESENTATIVES	
in Attendance	
Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	ABSENT
Vice Chair – Nancy Landau	Creekside Bend – Marlon Perry
Charter Member – Dick Berry	Northlake – Mattie Nunn
Charter Member – David Spruill	Northside Business Leaders – Paul Forte
Amelia View – Nancy Burnett	VISITORS
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	Rev. Joseph Tate, Copper Creek HOA
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	Danny Ferreira
Duval Council of PTAs/PTA – Vicki Drake	Angela Barrera
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Gerie Leigh	Milton Locklear, N Fl Transportation Planning Org.
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 District 11 - Ray Holt
San Mateo – Roland Biederer	STAFF and OFFICIALS
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	Mayor’s Liaison/Duval Extension Office – Mike Sweat
	Florida Dept. Transportation – Thomas Hill
ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE	Housing and Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Fran Beach	Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis
EXCUSED	Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey
Betz Realty – William Baker	Planning & Development – Amy Hays Holliman
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	Recreation and Community – Brian Burket
BRC Florida Holdings – Hiron Peck	
Charter Member – Dot Mathias	
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	
FL Open Beaches, Bobby Taylor	
Garden City – James Breland	
Highlands – Jack Stuart	
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed	
ShAdCo Q – Jennelle Bray	

- The meeting was called to order** at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Mike Getchell. Chair Getchell reminded everyone to sign in and place cell phones in silent mode.
- A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
- Presentation** – Transportation Improvement Plan, by Milton Locklear, N. FL Transportation Planning Organization. The N. FL Transportation Planning Organization

(TPO) is the regional transportation planning agency for Duval and most of Clay, Nassau and St. Johns Counties, covering over 1000 square miles and 1.2 million residents. Their mission to provide a regional forum for developing an effective transportation system that moves people and goods safely, economically, and efficiently maintaining a high quality of life in Northeast Florida. They provide transportation planning, technical analysis, communications and finance. Funding is from federal and state grants, member municipalities and transportation agencies. The Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is a 5 year, \$2billion plan for all 3 counties. Projects in the North District include: Resurfacing Dunn Avenue from US 1 to I-295; Resurfacing Busch Drive from I-95 to US 17; Preliminary engineering study for painting Sisters Creek Bridge; Ongoing maintenance to Clapboard Creek Bridge and others. For a complete list of projects, or for more information on plans, programs and opportunities, please call 904-306-7500 or visit www.northfloridatpo.com.

4. **Summary** of the previous meeting was approved.

5. **Old Business** – none.

6. **Chair's Report:**

- Council Member Webb asked the Jacksonville Waterways Commission for input on the issue of salt water mitigation at Piney Island. Council Member Crescimbeni asked to defer the issue until the committee receives more information. A discussion followed.

7. **Staff Reports**

A. **JSO** – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis reported:

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- Every Wednesday from 9 -12 all Zone Commanders and Commanders of Detective Units meet to discuss crime.
- Two unusual crimes occurred: one involving two suspects at the Mirage Show Bar – a different zone – in possession of an AK47/SKS weapon. Both suspects were caught and confessed to two armed robberies. A second crime involved a smash and grab business burglary. Later in the same evening an officer in another zone stopped someone for speeding and found the suspects were still wearing camouflage clothing, fake hair, masks were in possession of the cash register taken from the business. The suspects confessed to crimes in Nassau and St. Johns counties and were charged with over 30 felonies.
- He is proud of Zone 6 JSO Officers. Today a JSO Officer observed and stopped a pick up truck carrying a large air conditioning unit. The driver was recently released from prison after serving time for armed robbery and attempted murder. The driver provided JSO with the names of a ring of people stealing air conditioners.
- Officers took a case with no leads involving incidents along I-295 in Zones 2 and 4 (Normandy Blvd).The same suspects were involved in Arlington, Northside and the Westside. JSO successfully cleared the case.
- Crime is down by 6.79 percent. Murder and traffic homicide are down. The goal is down by 3 percent.
- A discussion followed. If you see suspicious activities, please call 630-0500 or send an e-mail to Thurman.davis@jaxsheriff.org.
- For more information about JSO, please contact 696-4335. For non-emergencies, please dial 630-0500.

B. **Mayor's Representative** – Mike Sweat announced:

- The Mayor's Office is working on the budget.
- The State budget passed.

- The State made cuts to State colleges, private colleges and the school system.
 - He spent the morning with a State Representative and encouraged the CPAC to invite a State Representative to provide a report.
 - The Extension Office hosted a visioning session. Other offices across the state participated in the visioning.
 - He asked residents to search Google for the Extension Office website (<http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/>) and participate in the survey.
 - Mr. Sweat may be reached at 387-8850.
- C. City Council Member's Reports** – No representative. No report.
- D. Duval County School Board** – No representative. No report.
- E. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Thomas Hill reported:
- On Thursday, May 12, the Sister's Creek Bridge will close for a project final inspection.
 - The shear locks are being replaced on the Dames Point Bridge. To meet signage requirements, lanes will be closed down beyond the bridge. Barrels are transgressing into thru lanes from construction lanes.
 - On June 2, 4:30 at the Hampton Inn, a public meeting will be held to discuss the use of discretionary funding to facilitate access to the National Cemetery. Public Comments begin at 6:30 p.m.
 - An issue was raised at a previous CPAC meeting regarding barriers blocking driver's vision at the 9-A southbound exit ramp to Heckscher Drive. FDOT is aware of the problem but they cannot do anything about it, since the barrier protects the bridge.
 - Dunn Avenue and I-95 Eastbound lanes will be improved with striping.
 - The Sister's Creek Bridge project is being completed.
 - The Dames Point Bridge project is under construction
 - The Clapboard Creek Bridge project is beginning soon to repair the substructure. The project is estimated to be completed within 240 days.
 - FDOT determined the intersection at Palm Bluff and Heckscher Drive does not offer sufficient conflict to warrant a sign warning motorists about an upcoming intersection. Gerie Leigh expressed concern about the danger of people turning left when other drivers attempt to pass. FDOT said it is a traffic enforcement issue.
 - A discussion followed regarding the Dames Point Bridge. A concern was expressed about insufficient notice/signage/barrels to indicate lane closures at the bridge. Mr. Hill said he will contact the contractor.
- F. Municipal Code Compliance** – Bruce Chauncey reported:
- The Old Flower Shop at 6305 Pearl Street is now a vacant lot.
 - A systematic inspection was completed at Riverview.
 - Please report suspected code violations to 630-CITY (630-2489).
- G. Planning and Development** – Amy Hays reported:
- State and local funding is being cut.
 - Her own job, along with 7 others were eliminated. Twelve other employees were demoted. Her department was one of the first to announce Reduction in Force, but other departments will announce staff cuts. In 2012, residents can expect even more cuts to COJ staff due to the budget deficits. She was unsure which staff person will attend the CPAC meetings. Chair Getchell said he was sorry to hear that Amy's job had been cut because she has been a benefit to the CPAC.
 - Amy may be contacted at 255-7853 or ahays@coj.net

- H. Recreation and Community** – Brian Burket reported:
- He provided copies of the new Summer Activities Guide.
 - The Jazzfest is Memorial Day Weekend. Please visit the website.
 - The Palms Fish Camp –the previous management group is working with COJ on possibly completing the work.
 - Sheffield Park – all bids were rejected. The bid process will begin again.
 - First Coast Pool – bids are being graded. The work will be awarded on Thursday.
 - Sisters Creek – a boat pump out station will be added
 - Carlucci – the boat ramp will remain open
 - Huguenot Park – the overflow parking lot is under construction. Two board walks will be added to the family beach with ADA access.
 - Harry Wagner raised the issue of the property donated for a pocket park by the Oceanway Volunteer Fire Department. Nothing has been done to the property. The group is looking into possible reversion rights. Brian said he will look into it.
 - For information about park activities or aquatics programs, visit www.jaxparks.com or call 630-3690.
- I. Housing and Neighborhoods** – Mary Beth Ridderman announced:
- Fifty six people are registered for the training “How to Run Effective Meetings/Roberts Rules of Order” offered on May 26 at 6 p.m. , at 214 North Hogan Street, Room 110. To register, please call 255-8260.
 - Please vote on May 17.
 - Ms. Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or marybeth@coj.net.

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:

Opposed	2011-0237	ORD Etab Temp Moratorium of Dev Agreemt Annual Fees & Fair Share Contract Assessmt Pymts per Chapt 655, Ord Code (Concurrency Mgmt Syst), Part 2 (Jax Dev Agreemt Regs) & Part 3 (Fair Share Assessmt Procedures).
Opposed	2011-0239	ORD Closing & Abandoning Heritage River Rd at Req of Riverfront Associates, LLC, upon Dedication by Plat to City of a 2-Lane Access Rd bet Heckscher Dr & Sisters Creek Joe Carlucci Boat Ramp & Park; Waive Sec 122.422
Approved	2011-0242	ORD Apv Proposed Semi-Annual Revision to FLUM Series - Appl# 2011B-001 - Propty on Heckscher Dr bet Heckscher Dr & St Johns River Approx ½ Mile E of Ft George Rd (12.96± Acres) - AGR(iv) to CSV
Approved	2011-0244	ORD Apv Proposed Semi-Annual Revision to FLUM Series - Appl# 2011B-004 - Propty on Cedar Point Rd bet Berlin & Boney Rds (25.58± Acres) - RR to CSV
Approved	2011-0245	ORD Apv Proposed Semi-Annual Revision to FLUM Series - Appl# 2011B-005 - Propty on Main St bet I-95 & Nassau River (262.49± Acres) - AGR(ii) & AGR(iv) to CSV
Discussed	2011-0236	ORD Repealing 2010-872-E Ord Approving & Authorizing Agreement with Dinsmore Civic Association for Purchase of Furniture & Equipment for Dinsmore Museum;
Discussed	2011-0276	ORD-MC Amend Chapt 116 (Personnel Regulations), Ord Code, Sec 116.910 (Residence within City Required; Exception), to Require that All City Employees, Including its Constitutional Officers, Reside in Duval County; Make Ord Applicable to Employees Hired or Apptd after 9/30/11; Amend Chapt 50 (Organization of Boards & Commissions), Sec 50.102(b) (Members of Boards & Commissions) to Require Appointees of City's Boards & Commissions to be Residents of Duval County.

The next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled for June 2, at 4 p.m., Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.

B. Membership: Harry Wagner announced membership at meetings is scrutinized. With three unexcused, consecutive missed meetings, organizations are removed. He reminded members to sign in at the meetings or call the Chair or Mary Beth Ridderman if you will be absent.

C. Transportation: Dick Berry announced:

- Mary Beth Ridderman sends the FDOT traffic reports.
- He brought copies of the TPO newsletter. Please visit their website.

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

E. North Vision Plan: Bobby Taylor's absence was excused. Gerie Leigh reported:

- At the last meeting, the group focused on education and infrastructure.
- The next meeting is June 7, 6 p.m. at the Northside Lions Club.

F. New Business:

- Dick Berry announced Council Member E. Denise Lee is the chair of the redistricting/Rules Committee. According to the 2010 Census, Duval County's total population is 864,263 (62000 persons per district). The voting age population total is 660,749 (47000 per district). Planning District 6 increased by 55 percent. The SE CPAC requested Council Member Lee present a preview of the redistricting plan. Mr. Berry made a motion to write a letter to Council Member Lee and explain the CPAC is interested in seeing a preview of the plan and would like to be included in any meetings with other CPACs. The motion was seconded by Harry Wagner and a discussion followed. The motion was amended by Gerie Leigh to ask Council Member E. Denise Lee to present a preview of redistricting. A second on the amendment was made by Rex Neidlinger. A discussion was held on the amended motion. The vote: 8 in favor, 3 opposed.
- Harry Wagner announced several dangerous traffic problems exist in the North District. He discussed the need for a letter to Public Works.
 - There is no traffic light at the intersection of Gillespie Road and Airport Center Drive and it is dangerous. Several accidents have already occurred. A traffic study needs to be requested for a light.
 - Safety issue at Starratt Road and Dunns Creek Road where 5 lanes merge.. This is a dangerous intersection and visibility is a problem. The AT& T box needs to be moved to improve safety .

9. Public Comments:

- Tony Bates announced he is a past member of the SW CPAC. He is a member of Concerned Taxpayers. He asked for support for the list of candidates on their website. He said he will provide handouts after the meeting and he announced the information will be printed in the Times Union.

10. Adjourn: A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is 4 p.m., Thursday, June 2, 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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