



**North District 6**  
**Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Bobby Taylor – Chairman**  
**Mike Getchell – Vice Chairman**

## MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 FCCJ North Campus  
 Building "C" Conference room C-136  
 4501 Capper Rd.  
 November 10, 2010 4 – 6 p.m.

<b>ORGANIZATIONS – REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
<b>in Attendance</b>	
Vice Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	<b>ABSENT</b>
Charter Member – Dick Berry	
Charter Member - Dot Mathias	<b>VISITORS</b>
Charter Member – David Spruill	Jim Myers
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	Michelle Mitchell
Betz Realty – William Baker	Tom Patton
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	<b>STAFF and OFFICIALS</b>
Duval Council of PTAs/PTA – Vicki Drake	City Council Member – Ray Holt
Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau	Mayor's Liaison/Duval Extension Office – Mike Sweat
Garden City – James Breland	Housing and Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Eric Smith	Florida Dept. Transportation – Jim Green
Highlands – Jack Stuart	Florida Dept. Transportation – Jim Green
Johnson Comm. Civic – James Shronce	Municipal Code Enforcement – Bruce Chauncey
Lydia Estates – Robert Lee	Planning & Development – Amy Hays Holliman
National Park Service - Shawna Allen	
Northside Business Leaders – Nancy Burnett	<b>STAFF EXCUSED</b>
San Mateo – Roland Biederer	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Assistant Chief T.C. Davis
ShAdCo Q – Jennelle Bray	Recreation and Community – Brian Burket
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	
<b>ALTERNATES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE</b>	
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Gerie Leigh	
<b>EXCUSED</b>	
Chair – Bobby Taylor, FL Open Beaches	
BRC Florida Holdings – Hiron Peck	
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	
Creekside Bend – Marlon Perry	
Marshwinds – Vonda Miller	
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed	
Northlake – Mattie Nunn	
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	
Turtle Creek Village – Arthur Sullivan	
Woodmont – Esther Sumpter	

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Mike Getchell. Chair Bobby Taylor was excused due to a job assignment.
  2. **A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
  3. **Presentation** – Ray Holt, Family Support Services Community Relations Specialist, presented "The End of Foster Care as We Know It", with information about Florida foster care and adoptions. One member commented on his personal experience in the previous foster care system. Other members commented on the success of the program and thanked Mr. Holt for his work with Family Support Services.
  4. **Summary** of the previous meeting was approved.
- 5 Old Business –**
- Mike Getchell reported the CPAC's request to reopen the oyster beds has become complicated due to the involvement of several agencies and lack of resources for monitoring equipment or staff.
  - Mary Thompson reminded everyone of the Holiday Social on December 8. She passed around a sign-up sheet for foods to bring.
- 6 Chair's Report :** Chair Taylor's absence was excused.
- 7. Staff Reports**
- A. JSO** – No representative. No report. A brief discussion was held regarding JSO's CPAC and other community involvement. Please call 630-0500 to report non-emergency concerns.
- B. Mayor's Representative** – Mike Sweat announced:
- The Agricultural Fair is in town until Nov. 14. The Fair Association allows schools to bring children in for free during school trips. This is the first year the fair has offered a dairy exhibit. Nov. 6 was 4-H Contest Day: Livestock Judging, Poultry Judging, Horticulture Judging and Consumer Choices. The fair offers a dog show and commercial cattle shows. Visit the fair!
  - A brief discussion was held about the possible move of the fair grounds to the Cecil area. Residents expressed concerns for the wetlands at Cecil and the affect building on wet ground might have on the ecology, building and parking. Mr. Sweat explained a feasibility study is being conducted. An historic village is planned. Warren Alvarez is collecting items for a heritage village display.
  - The Canning Center is offering classes on how to make spiced apple butter on Nov. 22. Classes are at 9-noon or 1-4. Take home 2-3 pints of apple butter. The cost is \$20.
  - GardenFest is Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. - 2p.m. The \$15 fee includes a box lunch.
  - Mr. Sweat may be reached at 387-8850.
- C. City Council Member's Reports** – Council Member Ray Holt announced:
- He encouraged members to participate in a trip to Tallahassee to advocate for COJ to continue management of the park. The Sierra Club has applied to manage the park. He said he is concerned if the Sierra Club manages the park, even more area will be lost for human use. A discussion was held about Sierra Club supporters : 80 - 90 percent of the Sierra Club supporters have never been to Huguenot Park, they live in California, Arizona and other states, but support the Sierra Club's position. The Tallahassee trip is on Dec. 9.
  - A concern was expressed about continuing the Human Rights Commission. CM Holt said he feels the City's Human Right Commission is a duplication of the State's service and discontinuing the Human Rights Commission makes

good sense for the budget, but his motion did not receive a second during a City Council meeting.

**D. Duval County School Board** – Vicki Drake announced this is her last meeting as the Duval School Board Member. She said she was available for questions.

- Concerns were expressed and a discussion held about class size. Gerie Leigh asked members to write their legislators to ask for smaller sizes. One art class room has 63 students and one teacher.
- A concern was expressed about the lack of raises for Duval County Schools support staff. Vicki Drake explained the teachers received step raises but funds were not available for raises for everyone. Support staff were provided \$500 bonuses.
- Council Member Holt recognized Ms. Drake and thanked her for your eight years of service to the Duval community. He commended Ms. Drake for tackling a lot of different issues in a difficult economy.
- Vice Chair Mike Getchell thanked Ms. Drake for her service and presented a signed card from the North CPAC. The CPAC applauded.

**E. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green announced:

- Construction bids are coming in lower than the engineer's estimates, so more projects will be completed and others will be advanced.
- A concern was expressed: the proposed tolls for Branan Field Chafee Expressway conflict with residents' vote to remove all toll roads in Jacksonville and vote for tax increase to support highway maintenance.
- A concern was expressed: Safety and quality of life concerns for proposed I-95 flyover at San Marco. Eminent domain will be used to obtain property. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2013 and last for about 5 years.
- A concern was expressed: safety and quality of life will be affected by increased truck and rail traffic and lack of infrastructure in North District when ports open/expand. Not enough is planned to support either mode of transportation. Rail traffic will also impact traffic, but no flyovers are planned for rail crossings.
- A question was raised about the traffic count on Heckscher Drive. Mr. Green said he will inquire.
- A question was raised about the work on the Dames Point Bridge, Mr. Green explained the contractors must start before March 25, 2011.
- To contact Mr. Green, please call 360-5684 or send email to [james.green@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:james.green@dot.state.fl.us).

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

- He was available to answer questions.
- Please report suspected code violations to 630-CITY (630-2489).

**G. Planning and Development** – Amy Hays Holliman announced:

**H.** The Vision Plans are finished. Her department is looking at Neighborhood Action Plans. If you know of a potential area, please let her know. A discussion was held. Dick Berry suggested studying the area surrounding a proposed multi-modal hub/transportation area. He expressed his concern that the hub will be a bigger problem than the one on 9-A and Heckscher Drive because of lack of infrastructure. The hub is scheduled to be operational by 2013 but supporting infrastructure has not been addressed. Jim Breland suggested Garden City. Amy suggested a Lem Turner Corridor Study. Jack Stuart suggested Polly Town. Nancy Laundau suggested a study about the areas adjacent to planned inland ports and Free Trade Zones. She expressed a concern that traffic safety and quality of life will be affected by planned inland ports and Free Trade Zones at Callahan and other locations because supporting infrastructure has not been addressed.

**I.** Amy may be contacted at 255-7853 or [ahays@coj.net](mailto:ahays@coj.net)

**H. Recreation and Community** – Brian Burket's absence was excused.

- 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:
- A written report was provided.
  - 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, Mike Getchell, announced:
- the subcommittee did not meet in November because there were no legislative matters to review.
  - Amendment 4 was soundly defeated with 73 percent of voter against Amendment 4.
  - The next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled for Dec. 2, at 4 p.m., Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.
- B. Membership:** Harry Wagner's absence was excused.
- C. Transportation:** Dick Berry announced:
- *The Sisters Creek Bridge maintenance begins Nov. 11 at 8:30 with one lane only. Flagmen will be on duty from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The project is scheduled to be completed this year.*
  - *He attended a meeting at the Port Authority. Grants were awarded for landings on the North and South Side of the ferry for hydraulics. The ferry will be out of service for repairs in December, traditionally the month with the lowest number of passengers.*
  - **Taxation Revenue Expenditures (TRUE) Commission:** Hiron Peck's absence was excused. Dr. Peck is extremely ill in ICU at Baptist Hospital. The family asked for no visitors at this time and asked for your prayers and thoughts.
- E. Nominations Subcommittee:** Tommy Ruffin announced:
- Bobby Taylor and Mike Getchell have done an excellent job for the past two years.
  - The election will be held on Dec. 8. The slate of officers consists of Mike Getchell or Jack Stuart for Chair and Nancy Landau for Vice Chair.
  - On Dec. 8 he will ask for nominations from the floor.
  - A brief discussion was held about Roberts Rules of Order.
9. **New Business:** None.
10. **Public Comments:**
- Tom Patton introduced himself as Candidate for the Jacksonville City Council – At Large. He said he will be available after the meeting.
11. **Adjourn:** A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2010 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010 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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