



**MEETING SUMMARY**

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 FSCJ North Campus  
 Building "C" Conference room C-136  
 4501 Capper Rd.  
 July 13, 2011 4 – 6 p.m.

<b>ORGANIZATIONS – REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
<b>in Attendance</b>	
Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	<b>ABSENT</b>
Vice Chair – Nancy Landau	Creekside Bend – Marlon Perry
Charter Member – Dick Berry	Northlake – Mattie Nunn
Charter Member – Dot Mathias	Northside Business Leaders – Paul Forte
Charter Member – David Spruill	San Mateo – Roland Biederer
Amelia View – Nancy Burnett	Woodmont – Arleatha Mungin
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	<b>VISITORS</b>
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	Lara Hipps, Hipps Group, Inc.
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group, Inc.
FL Open Beaches, Bobby Taylor	Donna Thomas, Highlands Branch Library
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Fran Beach	Kelvin Troutman, Angel Lakes
Highlands – Jack Stuart	
National Park Service - Shawna Allen	<b>STAFF and OFFICIALS</b>
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	Mayor’s Liaison/Duval Extension Office – Mike Sweat
ShAdCo Q – Jennelle Bray	City Council Members – Donna Barrow, Aide to Robin Lumb
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	Florida Dept. Transportation – Thomas Hill
	Housing and Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – Shawn McCormick
Betz Realty – William Baker	Municipal Code Enforcement – Michael O’Loughlin
BRC Florida Holdings – Hiron Peck	Planning & Development – Shakeeb Shariff
Duval Council of PTAs/PTA – Vicki Drake	Recreation and Community – Brian Burket
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club- Gerie Leigh	
Johnson Comm. Civic – James Shronce	
Lydia Estates – Robert Lee	
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed	

- The meeting was called to order** at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Mike Getchell.
- A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
- Guest Speaker** – Florida Representative Lake Ray was scheduled, but was not available.
- Presentation** – Matt Shirk presented information about the Public Defender’s Office. The Public Defender’s Office represents clients in Duval, Clay and Nassau Counties. Mr. Shirk was elected in 2009. During that time, the office has become more efficient. He personally approves every expenditure. The office was \$705,000 under budget and the money was returned to the State. The office has become more effective in

representing clients. Public Defenders are trying 70 percent of all cases, increasing their work loads. Attorneys have increased the number of acquitted cases (22 percent), and increased the number of lesser crimes than clients were originally charged with. Ninety percent of all cases are pleaded out. He has overhauled the investigations unit – every investigator is required to have a law enforcement certificate and all are former law enforcement officers. The office is more engaged in the community with increased community outreach. The office sponsored a (Jacksonville Children’s Commission) grant-funded summer camp for at risk youth – the State had a zero budget, providing services to 20 kids the first year and 40 kids the second year. The office identifies juveniles who need additional attention outside of their court cases and provides a reformed convict, Sylvester Black, as Mentor to twelve juvenile clients, to prevent them from becoming future clients. For more information about the Public Defender’s Office, call 630-1470 or visit

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

5. **Unfinished Business** – none.

6. **Chair’s Report:** Chair Getchell reported:

- UNF will host a public workshop to discuss the Mile Point Study. The workshop is Aug. 15 from 5 – 7 p.m. Public comments are welcome regarding solutions for erosion.
- Chair Getchell asked Fran Beach to report on a special meeting of the Heckscher Drive Community Club. The Heckscher Drive Community Club is hosting a special meeting regarding Ordinance 2011-239. Heckscher Drive Members had voted against the ordinance, which would close & abandon Heritage River Road. **The meeting is July 14, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Heckscher Drive Community Club, 9364 Heckscher Dr.**

7. **Staff Reports**

A. **JSO** – Lt. Shawn McCormick reported:

- An on-line, interactive Citizens Crime Mapping Program will be live in about two weeks. For more information, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs-Office>.
- Following JSO’s saturation of the area, suspects were arrested in a high profile homicide case.
- Reported numbers of robberies to businesses were down 200 percent in the past 30 days.
- Robberies to individuals continue in problematic areas.
- Numbers of reported burglaries to residences remained the same.
- Burglaries to businesses were down.
- Five auto thefts were reported.
- Members of one cargo theft ring were sentenced. JSO cleared over \$6 million in stolen property – tractor trailers full of merchandise were being stolen and taken to Miami.
- 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:

- The Mayor’s Budget will be presented to City Council this week. Then it is up to City Council to work on the budget. He invited residents to watch the Mayor’s Budget presentation on Friday, July 15.
- The Extension Office offers summer camps on babysitting including information on improving skills, developing business plans, and how to make business cards.
- The Extension Office offers Clover Buds day camps, nutrition day camps, and sewing day camps.

- Members of 4-H are participating in mock legislative session in Tallahassee. Other 4-Hers are taking tours of Tallahassee.
- Next week, the 4-H Congress is attending the State Conference in Gainesville. Eleven Jacksonville youth are going.
- This week 4-Hers attend Camp Cherry Lake near Madison, FL.
- Several canning classes are being offered. The next are on July 19, with Picked Okra class in the morning and Blueberry Jam in the afternoon.
- Financial Management Classes are offered all over the city.
- 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** – Donna Barrows, assistant to Robin Lumb reported the City Council is on break but assistants are available to take residents' calls.

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

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

- Sister's Creek Bridge construction is on-going. Completion is scheduled for Fall, 2011.
- Clapboard Creek Bridge repairs are scheduled to begin soon.
- Trout River Bridge repairs are scheduled to begin soon.
- The ITS System (Intelligent Transportation System) will be installed along I-95. Installation will begin October 3 and is scheduled for completion in Fall, 2012.
- Installation of overhead signs on SR 9-A is scheduled to begin on Sept 24 and finish Spring, 2012.
- As a follow up to the June meeting, a resident had expressed concern that FDOT construction equipment caused shoaling under the Ft. George Inlet. FDOT looked into the issue and found the shoaling was a natural process – it was not caused by construction. Bobby Taylor added his opinion is the sand/shoaling at Ft. George Inlet was due to erosion at Little Talbot Island.
- A question and answer period followed.
- **Municipal Code Compliance** – Bruce Chauncey's absence was excused. Senior Officer Michael O'Loughlin reported he was available for questions.
- Please report suspected code violations to 630-CITY (630-2489).

G. **Planning and Development** – Shakeeb Shariff introduced himself as the new planner for the North CPAC. He apologized for missing the Governmental Affairs meeting – he was just assigned to this position. Mr. Shariff passed out business cards and said he is available for questions. Chair Getchell welcomed Mr. Shariff to the North CPAC.

H. **Recreation and Community** – Brian Burket reported:

- Trees were donated and added to Betz Tiger Point Preserve. The fishing is good, but bring insect repellent.
- The boardwalk and picnic shelter are almost complete at Alamacani Park.
- The pump-out station is almost complete at Jim King Park/Sisters Creek.
- The King Fish Tournament is July 16 - 21. Jim King Park is currently closed for tournament staging.
- Sisters Creek Marina received a Department of Environmental Protection Agency designation for a Clean Marina Environment. Sisters Creek Marina is the 244<sup>th</sup> designated marina in the State of Florida and the 13<sup>th</sup> in Duval County. On July 20, 3 p.m., in conjunction with the King Fish Tournament, a ceremony will be held to celebrate the designation. A ribbon cutting will be held for the recent amenities: a pump-out station and a "Bait Tank" receptacle for cigarette butts.
- The construction project at Joe Carlucci is on-going, but will not interfere with the King Fish Tournament.

- It is status quo at the Palms Fish Camp. No updates.
- Vehicle closures were extended to Zone 14 at Huguenot Park. All areas are open for pedestrian access. The closed areas will reopen when the chicks become flight capable, about mid-August.
- Fourteen loggerhead sea turtle nests have been identified at Huguenot Park. The record is 17 nests. A coordinated release of hatchlings was done because the nest was damaged by crabs.
- A question and answer session followed. Concerns were expressed:
  - Signage needed at Betz Tiger Point Preserve and Pumpkin Hill. Both parks are difficult to find with the existing signs.
  - The Huguenot Park overflow parking facility is scheduled to open in October, 2011. It is needed now, during the summer months. Most of the construction appears to be completed but the entire area remains closed. Mr. Burket said he will check on it.
- 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 she prepared the 2012 CPAC calendar, which was approved by Mike Getchell and Nancy Landau. She she has begun the FSCJ contract process for the meeting room.

- 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, led this portion of the CPAC meeting. The CPAC discussed and/or voted on the following:

Zoning Exception Application E.11-34	Approve	Zoning exception request for Bio-Haz Solutions to operate a medical waste transfer facility at 2980 Faye Rd (corner of Faye and Blasius). Zoned IH. Permissible use by approved exception only; Planning Dept also requiring CON approval.
<a href="#">2011-0375</a>	Deny	ORD Amend Ord 2009-845-E which Granted a CON to Coastal Recycling Services, LLC, by Amending Stockpile Height & Vertical Side-Slope Requirements of Specific Condition 10 & the Operating Hours of Specific Condition 11 in Exhibit 1.
<a href="#">2011-0388</a>	Approve	ORD-MC Amend Sec 55.306 (Admin of Progs), Ord Code, to Estab Limited Town Ctr Landscape Maint Responsibilities.
<a href="#">2011-0276</a>	Approve	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.
<a href="#">2011-0134</a>	Approve	ORD-MC Amend Sec 120.202 (Membership), Ord Code, to Clarify Ord Language re Ability for an Elected Official to Simultaneously Collect a Salary & a Pension from City of Jax.
<a href="#">2011-0165</a>	Approve	ORD-MC Amend Ord Code Subsec (B) of Secs 120.202 (Membership) of Gen Employees Retirement Plan & 120.302 (Membership) of Corrections Officers Retirement Plan re Ability for an Elected Official to Collect Salary & a Pension Simultaneously from City; Amend Subsecs (A), (B), (C) & (D) of Sec 120.206

2011-0252	Approve	ORD-MC Amend Chapt 656 (Zoning Code), Ord Code, Secs 656.322 (Light Industrial Category), 656.323 (Heavy Industrial Category) & 656.324 (Water Dependent-Water Related Category) of Subpart D (Industrial Use Categories & Zoning Dists), 656.368 (Springfield Historic Zoning Dists) & 656.369 (Springfield Performance Standards & Dev Criteria) of Subpart I (Springfield Zoning Overlay & Historic Dist Regs), 656.399.29 (Gen Standards) of Subpt O (Riverside/Avondale Zoning Overlay) & 656.399.44 (Industrial Sanctuary Overlay Zone Permitted Uses & Permissible Uses by Exception) of Subpart P (Industrial Sanctuary & Areas of Situational Compatibility Overlay) within Part 3 (Schedule of Dist Regs) to Rename Ref to Outdoor Storage to Outside Storage for Consistency & allow for Outdoor Display of Certain Heavy Equipmt in the IH Zoning Dist & Retail Sales of Storage & Shipping Containers in the IL & IH Zoning Dists; Amend Sec 656.415 (Fencing or Screening of Certain Uses) of Part 4 (Supplementary Regs) to Modify Screening Requiremnts for Certain Uses & Estab Screening Regs for Automobile Storage Yards & Outside Storage or Outside Storage Yards.
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The next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled for August 4, at 4 p.m., Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.

**B. Membership:** Harry Wagner had no report.

**C. Transportation:** Dick Berry announced:

- Mary Beth Ridderman electronically transmits FDOT traffic reports each week.
- One lane of I-95 over the Trout River will be closed July 14 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Dames Point Bridge - One southbound and one northbound lane will be closed permanently for construction activities until approximately late fall. This work should be finished in late 2011
- Heckscher Drive over San Carlos Creek - one southbound lane will be closed tonight nightly between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. for bridge maintenance
- The JTA asked for residents' input on bus stops. This is your opportunity to speak up for needed improvements. A workshop is scheduled on July 22 at 5 p.m. For more information about the meeting contact Fred Haley at 904.683.1203. To give input on bus stops via e-mail contact FJHaley@jtafla.com.

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

**E. North Vision Plan:** Bobby Taylor reported:

- The subcommittee met on July 12. All members were present. Nancy Burnett took notes.
- The subcommittee recommended updating demographics, and an updated plan using current census information. Members discussed inviting Parks and Community Services to the next meeting.
- The next meeting is Aug. 9, 6 p.m. at Northside Lions Club, 545 Eastport Rd.

**10. New Business:**

- Dick Berry announced the City Council Reapportionment (Redistricting) Subcommittee meets July 27, 2 p.m. in the Lynwood Roberts Room. The new subcommittee chair is Dr. Johnny Gaffney. Members are E. Denise Lee, Vice Chair, Reginald Brown, John Crescimbeni, Ray Holt, Warren A. Jones and Matt Schellenberg. A proposal is scheduled for Aug. 15. As of today, the Planning Department recommends District 11 move to the Southside and the North District will lose one Council Member. In the new plan, district river crossings will be minimized.
- Harry Wagner raised the issue of the former Station 35, at 202 Oceanway

Ave. The property was deeded to the City from the Oceanway Volunteer Firefighters Association in 2006 with the understanding that by October 6, 2011, the City would demolish the buildings and build a pocket park named Oceanway Volunteer Firefighters Park. The deed has a reversion clause – if the buildings are not demolished and the park built, the property reverts back to the volunteers on October 6, 2011. Station 35 moved to a new location in 2006 and the property has been vacant. It has fallen into disrepair, has been vandalized and is standing open. Oceanway School staff members reportedly look there first for truants. In addition, it appears from the mattress, backpack, pillows and other items, that vagrants are living in the building. Ken Amaro filmed a television news article about the property. Mr. Wagner requested the CPAC prepare a letter of support to Council Member Ray Holt, to ask that the buildings be demolished and a park built and named to honor the dedicated volunteers who served, some who were injured and one who died, in service to the community. A discussion was held. *A motion was made and properly seconded. The vote – all in favor of preparing a letter.* Harry Wagner was asked to prepare a draft for the Chair's approval. Mary Beth Ridderman will electronically transmit the letter to members. If there are no objections, the letter will be mailed to Council Member Holt and copies sent to Mayor Brown, all City Council Members, the Parks Department, Oceanway School and others.

- Dick Berry announced he attended one meeting of the Mayor's Transition Committee, which reviewed the Housing and Neighborhoods Department. The committee recommended continuing the CPACs. Bill Killingsworth, Director of Planning, spoke during the meeting.

**11. Public Comments:**

- The Heckscher Drive Community Club will hold a special meeting at the Heckscher Drive Community Club, 9364 Heckscher Dr. on July 14, 7:30 p.m. regarding the closure of Heritage River Road on Pine Island.

**12. 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, August 10, 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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