

**NORTH DISTRICT  
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FCCJ North Campus – 4501 Capper Road  
August 10, 2005**

**Meeting Summary**

**Agenda Item 1. Call to Order and Verification of Quorum**

Chair Richard Berry called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2. Presentation**

None

**Agenda Item 3. Summary of Previous Meeting for Approval**

A motion was made to approve the summary from the July 13, 2005 meeting. After being seconded, the motion passed and the summary was approved.

**Agenda Item 4. Old Business**

None

**Agenda Item 5. Chair's Report**

Dick Berry – the Mayor's North Town Hall Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, August 16, at Oceanway Middle School, 143 Oceanway Avenue, at 6 p.m. At the last Governmental Affairs meeting, a bill introduced by the mayor was discussed. The bill changes the Better Jacksonville Plan. As a result, some proposed north district projects would be deleted, postponed or replaced. A request has been made for mayoral staff to come out and discuss proposed changes with North CPAC members. The only benefit to the north district so far is three asphalt plants due to resurfacing projects. Because neither the mayor nor his staff could attend tonight's meeting, a special North CPAC meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, August 16 prior to the town hall meeting. The special meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. in the Oceanway Middle School media center. The North CPAC still needs to identify a special project by September 30. According to Cami, other CPACs are considering the following projects: sponsoring a "beach bash" to raise money for the American Cancer Society; collecting school supplies to stuff backpacks for students returning to school; putting on an Education Forum wherein school board members and personnel are invited to discuss school related issues.

**Agenda Item 6. Subcommittee Reports**

**Governmental Affairs** – report given by Tommy Ruffin

- V-05-08 CPAC recommended approval
- 2005-863 CPAC recommended approval
- 2005-740 CPAC recommended approval, 1 opposed
- 2005-820 CPAC recommended approval
- 2005-821 CPAC recommended approval, 1 opposed
- 2005-825 CPAC recommended approval
- 2005-826 CPAC recommended approval, 1 opposed
- 2005-827 CPAC recommended approval
- 2005-833 CPAC recommended approval
- 2005-834 CPAC recommended approval
- 2005-839 CPAC recommended approval

**Education** – no report

**Beautification** (Jack Stuart) – no recent communication with the city regarding a clean up. Contact him regarding plans for a neighborhood clean up. Supplies will be provided.

**Membership** (Harry Wagner) – continuing to work with new neighborhoods to recruit new CPAC members.

**Transportation** (Dick Berry) – provided updates on north district road projects.

**Mayor’s Representative** (Rick Godke) – commended Dick Berry for scheduling a special CPAC meeting to address Better Jacksonville Plan changes. The city budget is at the top of everybody’s list. Hearings are scheduled tomorrow. Canning Center cuts are unknown at present. The Duval County Extension Office is holding a pond workshop on Wednesday, August 24, at 5:30 p.m., at 1010 North McDuff Avenue. Will take any suggestions and recommendations to the mayor.

Jack Stuart made a motion that a message be sent to the mayor to maintain the Canning Center. Harry Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ed Andrews voiced concerns about the retention pond located in front of the Highlands Branch Library. The pond is unsafe and needs to be fenced in.

**Councilman Warren Alvarez** – no report

**School Board Member** (Dick Berry for Vicki Drake) – enrollment at Oceanway Middle is down and up at First Coast High.

**Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office** – Lieutenant Lott answered questions regarding recent crimes reported via the media. Crime is down 3% in Zone 6. Burglaries to businesses have increased. New construction is included in those numbers.

**Building Inspections Division** – no report

**Property Safety Division** – Ron Lindsey provided code enforcement citation information.

**Duval County School Board** – no report

**Planning and Development Department** – Doug McDowell provided information about Blueprint for Prosperity, a partnership of agencies, private organizations and government entities aimed at raising per capita income in Duval County. Approximately 2000 applications have been mailed to citizens soliciting their participation.

**Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Milton Locklear reported that luminaries are down on the Dames Point Bridge. The status of repairs will be provided later. A meeting is planned regarding a Matthews Bridge project.

**Duval County Health Department** – no report

**Consumer Affairs Division** – Ty Burke thanked everyone for their support. This may be his last meeting.

**Neighborhood Services Division** – no report due to info being provided earlier.

**Agenda Item 7. Public Comments** – Dot Mathias suggested an education workshop for the North CPAC project. Ed Andrews stated that a buffer is needed between new two-story dwellings and existing properties to minimize the ability to view backyards. He suggested better signage directing motorists to the local cruise terminal and throughout Duval County.

**Agenda Item 8. Adjournment**

Chair Berry adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.