

**NORTH DISTRICT
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ North Campus – 4501 Capper Road
Feb. 8, 2006**

Meeting Summary

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order and Verification of Quorum

Chair Tommy Ruffin called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 2. Presentation

John H. Culbreth, Director

Department of Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment

Topic: Introduction and future of the department

Agenda Item 3. Summary of Previous Meeting for Approval

A motion was made to approve the summary from the Jan. 11, 2006 meeting. After being seconded, the motion passed and the summary was approved.

Agenda Item 4. Old Business

None

Agenda Item 5. Chair's Report

Chair Ruffin briefed everyone regarding his recent meeting with the mayor and other CPAC chairs. The North CPAC presented three items of concern. 1) Library hours: adjustments have already been made. 2) Code enforcement: hopefully concerns have been resolved. Complaints can always be made by calling 630-City. Planning District #5 does not have a municipal code enforcement board to hear complaints. As a result, complaints are being heard by the Planning District #6 board. 3) Training for homeowner associations: The Neighborhood Services Division will provide this training on April 18. Input is needed regarding what topics to cover during training.

The North CPAC would like the following addressed during the April 18 training:

- * Cover deed restricted versus non deed restricted
- * How to enforce covenants not covered by city statutes
- * Developers need to notify the city when turning associations over to residents
- * What are the rights of homeowners before turnover
- * Responsibilities of board members, both fiduciary and legal
- * Pros and cons of using a management company, or not
- * Transition process from developer to homeowner
- * Remedies when developer isn't complying

Chair Ruffin announced that the mayor will visit the North CPAC on Sept. 13. Information was provided regarding the "Spirit of Rosie" Award.

Dick Berry provided an update regarding efforts to get additional senior centers in the north district. Last week he discussed pushing the project forward with C/M Yates who already has several projects pending before leaving office. Input was requested from the CPAC regarding writing to the mayor for assistance. Ed Andrews made a motion to write a letter to the mayor and city council to spearhead getting replacement senior centers. Art Sullivan suggested asking the new parks director about replacements. Bob Lee seconded the motion. Jenelle Bray suggested talking to other city staff before going to the mayor. Denise Ostertag, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment stated that the parks director would be interested in hearing about what's desired (senior programs, meals, etc.). Dick stated that the north district lacked public buildings for town hall meetings, etc. Tommy Ruffin suggested exploring other avenues before going to the mayor. Four voted in favor of the motion and five opposed. The motion died.

Agenda Item 6. Subcommittee Reports

Governmental Affairs – report given by Dick Berry

- E2006-01 Exception requested - Pond at 13350 Grover Road on 2.33 acres by owner: Caren L. Gillis. **Approve**

- E2006-06 Zoning Exception - drive up teller - at 2409 Dunn Ave. - new Police Federal Credit Union facility -agent: Tim Anderson. **Approve**

- 2005C-026 Small scale land use amend. for .98 acres at 1509 Faye Road, from LDR to IL. For a small office. Applicant: Marcelle A. Taylor. **Approve, 1 opposed**

- 2005C-037 Small scale land use amend. for 3.85 acres at the south end of Sheffield Road. From AGR II & AGR IV to AGR IV. Agent: Peter J. King. **Approve, 1 opposed**

- 2005-1464 Rezoning for a PUD - 15.9 acres 13401 Lanier Road from LDR to PUD (38 units) Agent: Karl J. Sanders. **Approve**

- 2006-068 Rezoning to a PUD - 5.09 acres at 1540 & 1542 Howard Road from RMD-A to MDR -Howard's Cove Townhouses PUD(50 units). Agent: Wyman R. Duggan. **Approve, 1 opposed**

Education – no report

Beautification – Art Sullivan announced that JaxPride week is Feb. 25 through March 5.

Membership – no report

Transportation – Dick Berry reported that a transportation study is pending for district six.

Mayor's Representative - Rick Godke reported that the mayor continues to evaluate the efficiency of various departments. Master gardeners are very busy during this time of year. New staff has been hired to get the word out about nutritious eating.

Councilman Warren Alvarez – no report

School Board Member – no report

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Officer Lewis reported that the crime rate is down 22% in the last seven days. Violent crime has increased while property crime has decreased. Burglaries to residences decreased most.

Building Inspections Division – no report

Property Safety Division – Del Miley reported that four new inspectors have been hired. Four inspectors are assigned to the north district. Please call 630-City with complaints. The division recently received new computers that will help to increase efficiency.

Harry Wagner thanked code enforcement for their efficiency and the good job they're doing in the north district.

Duval County School Board – Sherry Pritchard reported that the school system is undergoing reorganization. Region 1 no longer exists. An officer will be responsible for all high schools. New Berlin School remains on schedule. A principal will be named soon. The air conditioning project at First Coast High School is on time.

Planning and Development Department – Doug McDowell announced that Mike Koerner will give a presentation next month regarding the Dunn Avenue corridor study.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – no report

Duval County Health Department – Jocelyn Turner provided information regarding the "Step Up, Florida!" fitness campaign. The event encourages residents to get active and healthy by taking advantage of the great physical activities that Florida has to offer. During the month of February, every county will host a Step Up, Florida! event.

Neighborhood Services Division – Cami Cooper announced that the 2006 Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants Application and Instruction Package would be out soon. The deadline for applying for matching grants will be a month earlier this year, April 28. CPAC officers training will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Main Library. New magazines are out and should be arriving in the mail soon. The division will provide homeowner association training on Tuesday, April 18, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Renaissance Room, St. James Building.

Agenda Item 7. Public Comments – Denise Ostertag, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment announced the JaxParks Get Out There campaign. Everyone is encouraged to attend and get involved. For dates and additional information, log onto www.jaxparks.com

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment – Chair Ruffin adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.