

North District 6

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee Bill Baker – Chairman Bobby Taylor – Vice Chairman

MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ North Campus
Building "C" conference room C-136
4501 Capper Rd.

April 9, 2008 Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS		
Chair – William Baker	Highlands Unit 7- John Stuart	
Vice Chair – Bobby Taylor	Lydia Estates HOA – Robert Lee	
Charter Member – Dick Berry	Marshwinds - Sandra Thompson-	
Charter Member – Dot Mathias	National Park Svc. – Richard Bryant	
Charter Member – David Spruill	Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	San Mateo – Roland Biederer	
Black Hammock Island -Mary Thompson	ShAdCo Sector Q – Mozell Masters	
Brandon Chase – John Castillo	The Cape - Delores Spruill	
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	Turtle Creek Village - Arthur Sullivan	
Council Appointee – Tommy Ruffin	Woodmont - Esther Sumpter	
Dinsmore Civic – Janet Pringle		
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell		

STAFF and OFFICIALS

Mayor's Representative – Mike Sweat Planning and Development - Paul Davis JSO Lt. H.A. Eason Duval Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner Florida Dep't. Transportation – Milton Locklear Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman

EXCUSED none			

VISITORS

George Banks Danny Ferriera Warren Alvarez Paige Johnston

Bob McNeil Lance Hunt

Mattie Nunn
Claudia Lovett
Anna Shea
Susan Ruffin
Tom Ingram
Lonnie Weeks
Jasper Burns
Mary Ann Vaccaro
Tracey Loftis
Denise Ostertag

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Baker at 4:00 p.m. . A quorum was verified by Mary Beth Ridderman. Organizations represented: percent.

- 2. The previous meeting summary was approved with a notation of a scrivener's error on page 2, the word Hanjin was misspelled.
- 3. Old Business: none.
- 4. Subcommittee reports

A.Governmental Affairs – Bobby Taylor:

2008-239	No action required	Semi-Annual Amend. to the FLUM for 12.4 acres on North side Duval Rd. between I-95 & N. Main Street from LI/RPI to CGC (approved Oct. 2007)
2008-240	Approved	Semi-Annual Amend. to the FLUM for 8.22 acres near the N E intersection of Heckscher Dr. & I-95 from LDR to RPI
2008-241	Approved	Rezoning 8.22 acres near NE intersection of Heckscher Drive $\&$ I-95 from PUD to PUD.
2008-242	Denied	Semi-Annual Amend. to FLUM for 287 acres between Alta Drive
		& New Berlin Road N. of Faye Road LDR & RR to LI.
2008-243	Not discussed	Rezoning 287 acres between Alta Road & New Berlin Road N of
		Faye Rd. from PUD to PUD.
2008-244	Approved	Semi-Annual Amend. to FLUM for 14.53 acres at 1509 Eastport Rd. from LDR to LI.
2008-245	Approved	Rezoning 14.53 acres at 1509 Eastport Rd. from LDR to LI
2008-246	Approved	Semi-Annual Amend. to FLUM for 847.57 acres near the NE intersection of I-95 & Pecan Park Road from AGR(ii) AGR(iii), AGR(iv), LI, LDR & CGC to MU
2008-247	Approved	Rezoning 847.57 acres near the intersection of I-95 & Pecan Park Road from AGR, CGC-1, IBP & IL to PUD
2008-258	Tabled	Repeals ordinance 2006-1225e regarding zoning restrictions around airports

Presentations were made and lengthy discussions held regarding 2008-242. Bobby Taylor announced the next Governmental Affairs subcommittee meeting is May 1, at 4 p.m., FCCJ North, Building C, Conference Room 136.

- B. Education Subcommittee no report.
- C. Beautification Subcommittee Arthur Sullivan was present but gave no report. Rex Neidlinger said water restrictions are on the way the Gardeners' Association has already received notice. Chair Baker said it is largely an unfunded and unenforceable mandate at this point. An unidentified resident announced that at the St. Johns River Management meeting, they recommended watering one day per week during winter months and two days per week the rest of the year. Chair Baker suggested obtaining information from both sides of the issue and writing a letter to City Council.
- D. Membership Subcommittee Harry Wagner introduced Esther Sumpter, Woodmont and Rex Neidlinger, Captiva Bluff. He announced Arleatha Munjin is Woodmont's alternate. He announced Janet Pringle and Cheryl Jones are the representatives for Dinsmore Civic Association. Mr. Wagner announced a change may be coming for the primary of Northlake. Chair Baker announced John Lopez is stepping down from CPAC due to personal health issues and a new representative from Daybreak Woods

is needed.

E. Transportation Subcommittee – Dick Berry announced a study is planned for 2009-2010 re. Alta Drive from 9-A to New Berlin Road; for Main Street from Cedar Point to Heckscher Drive. Other studies are planned for US 17 from New Berlin Road to Heckscher Drive. Mr. Berry said \$800 million of local funds were spent to improve state and federal roads/bridges. He provided a handout re. the Transportation Trust Fund and another re. traffic counts for a Traffic Analysis Study.

7. Staff Reports

A. Mayor's Representative – Rick Sweat announced he is the new Mayor's Representative, replacing Rick Godke, who was reassigned to Youth Development. Mr. Sweat said he is the Baker County Extension Agent and the Interim Director of the Extension Service. He announced the Extension Service is working on three areas: (1) Agricultural and Natural Services - vital to Urban Agriculture (2) revitalizing the canning center/adding a teaching and education complex (3) Family Consumer Science – providing preventative programs. Mr. Sweat said City divisions and departments submit budgets by Friday, April 11, with each department required to make a 10% cut. He said he is very impressed with the work of the North CPAC and looks forward to working with everyone.

B. City Council Member Ray Holt – No report.

- C. FDOT Milton Locklear reported the Lem Turner bid is still out. FDOT hopes to begin a study n the next few months re. 9-A, to study the entire beltway starting at
 - Heckscher Drive. They will be looking at socio-economic data. A question was asked and Mr. Locklear replied that all lanes of I-95 should be open by mid-summer.
- **D.** Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Lt. Eason was present for most of the meeting. The meeting ran late and it was necessary for him to leave without making a report.
- E. Stormwater Advisory Committee No report.
- F. Duval County Health Department Jocelyn Turner announced: WJCT continues the series titled "Unnatural Causes". Recorded versions may be borrowed for those who did not have the opportunity to see the series. For more information, contact Ms. Turner at 253-2037.
- G. Duval County School Board No report.
- H. Municipal Code Enforcement No report.
- I. Planning and Development Paul Davis was present for most of the meeting, but the meeting ran late and it was necessary for him to leave for another meeting before his report could be made.
- J. Housing and Neighborhoods Mary Beth Ridderman provided a written report: The Jacksonville Journey meetings are almost over. The Steering Committee will meet on Apr. 24, 1-5 p.m. to adopt final recommendations. Meetings for community input tentatively scheduled for: Thursday, May 15, 22, 29 and June 5. For more information, call Kandi Begue at 630-4999, or visit http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey.

Jacksonville Journey subcommittee suggestions and JSO's Crime Free Multi-Family Housing Program, are beginning neighborhood associations in apartments considered "hot spots" by JSO. Meetings have taken place at Cleveland Arms Apartments and another scheduled this month at Eureka Gardens.

Florida Neighborhoods Conference, June 26-28, Tallahassee, FL. For more information, please visit http://www.talgov.com/dncs/fnc/index.cfm or call Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260.

Franchise Fee: The City of Jacksonville Franchise Fee went into effect on April 1, 2008 by a City Ordinance that was passed in November 2007. The Ordinance directs JEA to collect the fee on behalf of the City, which receives all of the revenue produced by the fee. The franchise fee is a 3 percent fee on the electric, water, irrigation and sewer usage of JEA customers living in the city of Jacksonville. For more information, visit **www.coj.net** or call 630-CITY (2489).

Solid Waste Fee: In May, 2008 bills for the new solid waste fee will arrive from the Tax Collector. The solid waste fee will be \$3 per month per dwelling unit from April to September, 2008. The fee will increase to \$4 per month per dwelling unit on October 1, 2008. For a single-family detached home, the May 2008 bill will reflect a solid waste charge of \$30 for nine months of solid waste fee charges, from April 1 to December 31, 2008 (\$3.00 x 6 months +\$4.00 x 3 months). Starting in 2009, bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Jacksonville residents have not been charged solid waste fees in the past although Jacksonville spends more than \$42 million annually to collect garbage (about \$11 per household each month). The city instituted the solid waste fee to ensure government would continue to provide that service. Collection schedules and waste haulers are planned to remain the same as before the fee went into effect. For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).

Stormwater Fees: In May, 2008, bills for the new Stormwater Fee will arrive from the Tax Collector. The bill will reflect six months of stormwater fee charges, from July 1 to December 31, 2008. Starting in 2009, bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Fees are based on the amount of impervious area on the property (does not allow water to percolate directly into the ground, for example the house, patio, driveway and shed). The average homeowner will pay \$5 per month, or \$30 for the first bill and \$60 annually. 501(c)(3) organizations and those meeting certain income criteria are eligible to be exempt from the stormwater fee. Other property owners may be eligible for fee discounts through adjustments or credits. For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).

Department of Health, please continue to view the Unnatural Causes series on WJCT at 10pm. There will be Town Hall meetings after the series ends. For information call *Jocelyn E. Turner, Director Community Relations & Health Promotion at 253-2037or Jocelyn_Turner@doh.state.fl.us Website: www.dchd.net*

The Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Florida Department of Education will partner to provide nutritious snacks and lunches to Jacksonville children from Monday, June 9 through Friday, Aug. 15. The JCC is seeking community partnerships to serve lunches and snacks to alleviate child hunger in low-income neighborhoods free of charge and in a safe, effective and efficient manner. To qualify as a Summer Lunch Program sponsor, sites must be in an area where there is a school with at least 50 percent of its students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program, allow access to all neighborhood children, provide the food free of charge and operate for a minimum of 30 days. Nutritionally-balanced meals will be provided to all children regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age or national origin during summer vacation when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. To apply to serve as a Summer Lunch Program site, visit www.jaxkids.net and click on "Summer 2008" or call (904) 630-6430 by Friday, May 2.

Free Income Tax Assistance

• The RealSense Prosperity Campaign, a locally-based coalition of agencies, nonprofits and businesses working in partnership to improve the financial outlook for Northeast Florida citizens, and its longtime partner, the City of Jacksonville, will host an Economic Stimulus Package Tax Blitz Day. The RealSense volunteer tax team will prepare free tax returns for eligible citizens (citizens who don't normally file a tax return such as seniors and veterans) at four City of Jacksonville Senior Centers throughout the community. Tax teams will be available at the following locations on Thursday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Arlington: Arlington Senior Center, 1078 Rogero Road Westside: Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road Northside: Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Road Downtown: Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 E. First St.

During the tax season each year, several of the branches of the Jacksonville Public Library serve as

sites for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Through cooperation with the **Real\$ense Prosperity Campaign** and the **American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)**, this service is provided from February through April.

Jacksonville Jazz Festival, April 11-13, The Florida Theatre and Metropolitan Park. Performers include Cassandra Wilson, Dave Koz, Najee, Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band and many more. To purchase tickets and for complete festival information, visit www.jaxiazzfest.com

2008 National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 13-19

Monday, April 14
1:00 p.m. - Hemming Plaza
Victims' Rights Week Kickoff Press Conference
1:45 p.m. - Victim Services Center
Open House, 403 W. 10th Street, Jacksonville, FL

Tuesday, April 15
5:30 p.m. - The Jacksonville Landing
Strength in Unity March
(Participants will proceed across the Main Street Bridge to Friendship Fountain)
6:00 p.m. - Friendship Fountain
Memorial Tribute and Candlelight Vigil

Thursday, April 17 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel, 225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL Workshop: The Impact of Violent Crime on Youth

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Victims' Rights Week Annual Awards Luncheon

For more information about Victims' Rights Week, contact Kay Davis (904) 345-0076 ext. 345 or Pat Alexander (904) 630-6331, or visit www.coj.net keyword VAAC.

National Holocaust Month: Exhibit Apr. 2 – 30. In honor of National Holocaust Month, you are cordially invited to visit the "Letters to Sala" exhibit. The exhibit centers on letters smuggled to a teenage concentration-camp inmate who managed to amass and save more than 350 letters during her five years of internment in a total of seven Nazi camps in Germany, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. Also visit the Library's Holocaust Collection in the Fourth Floor's Grand Reading Room. **Main Library**, Fourth-Floor East Atrium, 303 North Laura St.. For more information call 333-2262 or 630-1420.

Internet Safety: April 15, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Teens and parents are welcome to join class on internet safety and how it relates to social networking. Free. Pre-registration required. Main Library, Room 124 E-classroom. For information contact Keli at 630-0673.

Preschoolers - Jacksonville Zoo at the Library! May 14, 11 AM - 1 PM. Visit favorite friends from the Animal Kingdom! Webb Wesconnett Branch Library Auditorium.

Artwalk in Downtown Jacksonville, May 7, 2008. Free Self-Guided Tours with monthly venues. For more info. contact Michelle Brooks at 634-0303, ext. 230.

DOWNTOWN DEBUT OF MOVIES IN THE PARK: Free Movies in the Park at Treaty Oak, Jessie Ball DuPont Park, 1123 Prudential Drive, each Friday in April, 8 p.m.. Lawn chairs and picnic baskets okay. No alcoholic beverages. Free parking at Suddath Garage between Suddath and Hampton Inn.

Not Just for Baby Boomers Film Series: Free showings of Baby Boomers' favorite films, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 5:45 p.m., Main Library, Hicks Auditorium. For a complete list of movies visit http://jpl.coj.net/progs/main/notjustforboomers.html

For information about educational and recreational opportunities, please visit JaxParks.com.

To learn about classes and events at the library please visit www.coj.net.

8. New Business: none

9. Public Comments:

An unidentified resident said the railroad is planning to compete with the

trucking industry and may alleviate some of the concerns about increased truck traffic in the area.

- Denise Ostertag, Senior Services, announced a multitude of services and activities are available at Senior Centers. The Oceanway Center offers free activities, for example April 11 is a Gateway Mall Outreach Program and April 25 is Senior Fun Day. A Senior Expo will be offered on May 11 and 12 at the Prime Osborne Convention Center. Ms. Ostertag provided handouts to help reach out to seniors in the community. For more information about senior services, centers and activities, please call Ms. Ostertag at 630-4908.
- Mary Thompson invited everyone to Black Hammock Civic Association's cookout on April 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – 3. p. They will have live music, barbeque and a community yard sale.
- **Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Berry. A second was made by Roland Biederer. The vote: All in favor. Chair Bill Baker adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m..

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.

FOR INFORMATION: Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, 904-255-8260 Community Development Division, City of Jacksonville 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor ~ Jacksonville, FL 32202

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, May14, 2008 at FCCJ North Campus, C-136

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee will meet 4 p.m., May 1, 2008, at FCCJ North Campus, C-136.