



# 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.

May14, 2008 Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	
Chair – William Baker	Highlands Unit 7- John Stuart
Vice Chair – Bobby Taylor	Lydia Estates HOA – Robert Lee
Charter Member – Dot Mathias	Marshwinds - Sandra Thompson
Charter Member – David Spruill	Northside Lions – Harry Wagner
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	ShAdCo Sector Q – Jennelle Bray
Black Hammock Island -Mary Thompson	The Cape - Delores Spruill
Brandon Chase – John Castillo	Turtle Creek Village - Arthur Sullivan
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	
Council Appointee – Tommy Ruffin	
Dinsmore Civic – Janet Pringle	
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell	

<b>STAFF and OFFICIALS</b>
Council District 11 – Hon. Ray Holt
Planning and Development - Paul Davis
Planning and Development – Brian Small
Duval Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner
Florida Dep't. Transportation – Milton Locklear
Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman

Municipal Code Enforcement – Daniel Connell

Municipal Code Enforcement – Bob Crawford

<b>EXCUSED</b>
Dick Berry
Madeline Reed
Woodmont - Esther Sumpter
Duval County Council PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed
<b>VISITORS</b>
Warren Alvarez
Amos Ealey
Karen Flautt
Mae G. Fowler
Julius Fowler

<b>VISITORS</b>
Jan Ullrich
Andy Harrold
Mattie Nunn
Claudia Lovett
Dorothy Brown
Charlotte Caruso
Paige Johnston
Larry Harrold
L.D. Brown
W. Brown
Beth Hodge
Gloria Stephens
Solomon Jennings, Jr.
Susan Ruffin
Bernard Cayer
Sylvester Belden
Ronald Neal
Gary Thomas
Kevin Wright
Nancy Landau

\*indicates written reports attached as a part of the minutes

Carolyn Meacham
Gloris Presha

Samuel E. Person  
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1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chair Bill Baker at 4:00 p.m. . **A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman.
2. **The previous meeting summary** was approved.
3. **Old Business:** none.
4. **Presentation :** Brian Small, COJ Planning and Development, presented an update on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for the North District. Mr. Small answered questions and said his department needs input from residents. He offered to present the information to neighborhood or civic groups. He said he will return to CPAC with a brochure and survey.
5. **Subcommittee reports**
  - A. Governmental Affairs – Bobby Taylor:
    - Lengthy discussion and comments followed a presentation by Paige Johnston regarding 2008-07, an application for the proposed change of the approved use to allow rental of townhomes previously planned and approved for the NE corner of Lem Turner and I-295. Approximately 20 residents attended the meeting as guests to oppose rental units in the area. Member Tommy Ruffin and guests explained their concerns about decreased property values and increased crime if rentals are allowed.
    - A motion to deny support of proposed amendment 2008-07 to allow rental townhomes. Property owner, Jim Kern, volunteered to withdraw his application for amendment 2008-07. Chair Bill Baker, Council Member Ray Holt and others expressed their appreciation to the property owner for his willingness to work with residents.

2008-264	Approved	Waiver of road frontage at 16000 Shellcracker Rd. from 80' to 35' in RR District
2008-269	Approved	Semi-annual amendment to FLUM for 1.56 acres near New Berlin Road and Gillespie Avenue from LDR to CGC
2008-241	Approved	Rezoning 2.785 acres at 257 Oceanway Ave., 242,250 Vernis Ave. and 12717 Gillespie Ave. from RLD-G and CO PUD.
2008-271	No Action	Semi-annual amendment to FLUM for 1.1 acres on Southside of Heckscher Drive West of Browns Creek from WD-WR to LDR.
2008-272	No Action	Rezoning 1.1 acres on Southside of Heckscher Drive West of Browns Creek from IW to RLD-B.

- Bobby Taylor said the issue of 2006-258 was tabled last month to ask for input from the other CPACs. The Chair asked and Mary Beth Ridderman reported that she had requested input from five CPACs but had received no response other than the Southeast CPAC is planning to provide a letter and the Southwest CPAC is reviewing the issue. Mr. Taylor said he would entertain a motion to remove the issue from the table. Jack Stewart made a motion and Robert Lee seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding the issue of repealing the new airport ordinance. Jack Stewart moved to call the question and vote on the issue. All but one member were in favor of calling the question. The question was called and a vote was held. All were in favor, none opposed, of repealing Ordinance 2006-258.
- Mr. Taylor announced 2008-243 was not discussed with 2008-242 (Alta Lakes). He said he will put 2008-243 back on the agenda for the next Governmental Affairs meeting.
- Bobby Taylor announced the next Governmental Affairs subcommittee meeting will be June 5, at FCCJ North, Building C, Conference Room 136.

**B. Chair's Report** – Chair Bill Baker announced that he liked the new format of the CPAC meeting summary. He reported all of the CPAC Chairs have been invited to review and give feedback on the new COJ budget. The meeting will take place on June 5.

**C. Education Subcommittee** – no report.

**D. Beautification Subcommittee** – Arthur Sullivan was present but gave no report.

**E. Membership Subcommittee** - No report.

**F. Transportation Subcommittee** – Chair Bill Baker announced that Dick Berry is in the hospital. All members wished him a speedy recovery. Warren Alvarez announced that Jean Godbold is scheduled for surgery.

## **7. Staff Reports**

**A. Mayor's Representative** – no report.

**B. City Council Member Ray Holt** reported a presentation was made by residents in the May 13 City Council Meeting and the presentation did not accurately represent his work or his position on the Alta Road project. Council Member Holt said he met with people in their homes, answered phone calls and attended other meetings in opposition of trucks on Alta. He worked with the community and as a result, the developer eliminated truck access to Alta, added a 50' buffer with berm and landscaping near adjacent homes and agreed to build truck ports facing inwards – away from homes – to reduce noise. At the City Council meeting, the bill was

deferred and sent back for negotiations and the developer stated he will meet with residents. Council Member Holt said he opposed a zoning change in the area which would allow 650 additional homes because it does not require minimum square footage or construction types – the zoning would not protect the values of existing Marshwinds homes. Chair Baker thanked Council Member Holt for his work on the Alta Project. Bobby Taylor also thanked him and said he was proud of the CPAC's participation. Tommy Ruffin thanked CM Holt for his support of the issue tonight regarding denial of rental units. An unidentified guest said he thanked CM Holt for his support on Alta and added that he respected CM Holt's professionalism.

- C. **FDOT** - Milton Locklear reported the JTA is hosting workshops on land use changes pertaining to Rapid Transit. The meeting dates are May 28 at Bradham Brooks Library, May 29 at Regency Square Library, June 3 at the Baymeadows Holiday Inn, and on June 4 at the Webb Wesconnett Library. He said he will send information to Mary Beth Ridderman for broadcast via e-mail. The state budget has been passed, but he does not know how it will affect Duval County. Current planned projects are the Urban Core with one project at I-10 and I-95; The Southwest with three projects estimated at \$890 million, the Southside with three projects estimated at \$80 million and the North with eight projects estimated at \$164 million. Member Jack Stewart thanked Mr. Locklear for following up and having the cross arm removed at Wal-Mart. Mr. Locklear answered questions from members and guests.
- D. **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office** - no report.
- E. **Stormwater Advisory Committee** – No report.
- F. **Duval County Health Department** - Jocelyn Turner announced : The WJCT series titled "Unnatural Causes" will be shown again and recorded versions may be borrowed for those who did not see the series. She asked to present informatin to the CPAC reagrding this series. Chair Baker asked Mary Beth Ridderman schedule the presentation. For more information, contact Ms. Turner at 253-2037.
- G. **Duval County School Board** - No report.
- H. **Municipal Code Enforcement** – Danny Connell, the new supervisor for Zone 6 introduced himself and Officer Bob Crawford. Officer Connell reported in April the department conducted 14 community inspections, 114 residential inspections, cited 221 junk vehicles, 75 unsafe structures and 65 zoning complaints, a total of 1160 responses. Tommy Ruffin asked that they conduct a community inspection at Lem Turner and Perry. Chair Baker welcomed Officers Connell and Crawford to the CPAC meeting and thanked Officer Connell for his report.
- I. **Planning and Development** – Paul Davis said Brian Small had done the presentation on the FLUM and Mr. Davis emphasized the department is

seeking input on future land use. He asked residents to send e-mail with comments, suggestions and input. He said he is available for questions. Harry Wagner thanked Mr. Davis for his work and his loyal attendance at CPAC meetings and said Mr. Davis is one of the best representatives the North CPAC has had.

**J. Housing and Neighborhoods** – Mary Beth Ridderman reminded everyone to attend

the Jacksonville Journey meeting at FCCJ North, Thursday, May 15. She provided handouts with specific information about the Journey and provided a written report to save time during the meeting.

- The Jacksonville Journey meetings for community input are scheduled for Thursdays: May 15, FCCJ North Campus, Zeke Bryant Auditorium, 4501 Capper Rd., 32218; May 22, Clanzel Brown Community Center, 4575 Moncrief Rd., 32209; May 29 FCCJ South Campus, Wilson Center for the Arts, 11901 Beach Blvd., 32246; June 5 FCCJ Kent Campus, Main Auditorium, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., 32205. Exhibits – 5:30, Presentations – 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.coj.net> or call 630-CITY.
- Housing and Neighborhoods Department, Community Development Division Coordinators will assist with staffing the Jacksonville Journey meetings. Coordinators, in cooperation with Jacksonville Journey subcommittee suggestions and JSO's Crime Free Multi-Family Housing Program, have met with residents in Cleveland Arms Apartments and Eureka Gardens to begin neighborhood associations. Meetings will be scheduled at other apartment complexes. Please call 255-8200 to arrange for a coordinator to help you begin or renew your neighborhood association.
- Florida Neighborhoods Conference, June 26- 28, Tallahassee, FL. For more information, please see the brochure provided or visit <http://www.talgov.com/dncs/fnc/index.cfm>
- Solid Waste Fee and Stormwater Fees: The bills were mailed for the new solid waste fee and stormwater fees - and 630-CITY lines were jammed with callers. 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. The stormwater bill reflected 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](http://www.coj.net) or call 630-CITY (2489).
- 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](http://www.coj.net) or call 630-CITY (2489).
- Lend a Helping Paw! Animal Care and Control needs your help. Supply drive May 1-31. Collection bins at City Hall; Ed Ball Building; Animal Care and Control Shelter, 2580 W. First St. and participating libraries.
- Senior Expo - Two days devoted to sharing Jacksonville's programs, resources and services available to senior citizens and their families. May 21 & 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily, Prime Osborn Convention Center. For information call 630-7392.
- Respite Care – Do you need temporary relief from caring for your homebound loved one? Do you need information about where to go for help with medical care, food stamps or transportation? There is no fee for services. Are you willing to share your kindness, friendliness, patience and understanding with someone who needs it? Can you donate or share some of your time each week to visit an elderly person in your neighborhood? Call Independent Living, Joan Turner, 630-0966.

- Transportation may be arranged for the frail elderly through the Independent Living Program. The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) offers free transit service to persons 60 years of age and better with a Transit Identification Card, available at the Mary L. Singleton Senior Center, 150 East First Street. JTA's Paratransit Service is available for disabled persons who need transportation within JTA's routes. Call 630-0995.
- Airport Ordinance – Public hearings are scheduled for May 13, May 20, May 27, 2008 at Council Chambers, City Hall at St. James, 117 W. Duval St..
- JaxParks presents The End of Year School Dance, Friday, May 16, 2008 6:30 - 10pm, R. Kennedy Community Ctr. 1133 Ionia St. Come celebrate with friends and classmates the end of another great school year. With a live dj, free refreshments, and more. For more info call 904-630-4100.
- JaxParks presents Movies in the Park (Jumanji), Friday, May 23, 2008 7p.m. movie starts @ dusk, Carvill Park - 1302 Carvill Ave. Enjoy a great family movie on us under the stars at Carvill Park. For more info call 904-630-4100.
- JaxParks presents Flick & Float (High School Musical), Friday, May 30, 2008 6:30p.m., Cecil Field's Aquatic Ctr. 13611 Normandy Blvd., It's time for more pool action and fun. Join us at Cecil's Aquatics Center indoor pool; for pool games, refreshments, and fun. Then at dusk enjoy a movie on us., For more info call 904-630-4100.
- JaxParks presents A 3 on 3 Tourney, Saturday, May 31, 2008 9a.m. - 5p.m., Charles Clark Park - 8793 Sibbald Rd.  
If you've got game... then gather 3 more buddies and come test your skills on the court. This tourney is for kids ages 7 - 14 boys & girls. Refreshments will be available. Contact: For more info call 904-630-4100.
- JaxParks presents Carvill's Community Summer Jam, Friday, June 06, 2008 6 - 10pm, Carvill Park - 1302 Carvill Ave.  
Come meet & greet your neighbors in the community at the Carvill summer jam. with music, a cookout, games, swimming, a bar-b-que contest, and more. For more info call 904-630-4100/ or for the barbeque cookout contest call 904-764-0513.
- JaxParks presents Art on the Go, Friday, June 13, 2008 6 - 8p.m., Kids Kampus - 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd.  
Come draw, paint, make take home crafts, and even take a spin on the pottery wheel. Come release the artistic talent in you!! Refreshments will be served. Contact: For more info call 904-630-4100

For information about educational and recreational opportunities, please visit [JaxParks.com](http://JaxParks.com).

Libraries:

Zoo Trek, Preschool Story Time

Webb Wesconnett, May 14, 2008

Classic Movie Night

Mandarin, May 15, 2008

To learn about classes and events at the library please visit [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net).

## 8. New Business: none

**9. Public Comments:** Danny Ferreira said he encouraged everyone to attend the Jacksonville Journey, there are financial issues about what COJ intends to spend. He said residents need to focus on areas where help is needed. Chair Baker asked Mr. Ferreira to attend the meeting and give a presentation at the next CPAC meeting. Chair Baker asked Mary Beth Ridderman to put Mr. Ferreira's presentation on the agenda.

**10. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m..

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2008 at FCCJ North Campus, C-136

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee will meet 4 p.m., June 5, at FCCJ 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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