



North District 6
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
Bobby Taylor – Chairman
Mike Getchell – Vice Chairman

MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 FCCJ North Campus
 Building "C" conference room C-136
 4501 Capper Rd.
 May 13, 2009 4 – 6 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONS - REPRESENTATIVES	STAFF and OFFICIALS
Chair – Bobby Taylor, FL Open Beaches	Mayor’s Liaison – Mike Sweat
Vice Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Ashford Wood – Evelyn Myers	Florida Dept. Transportation – Milton Locklear
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	JAA - Chip Seymour
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	JAA - Todd Lindner
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	JAA- Reggie Fullwood
Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau	JSO – Chief Michael Rutledge
Garden City – James Breland	Municipal Code - Maria Buchwalter
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Gerie Leigh	Planning and Development – Paul Davis
Highlands – Jack Stewart	Recreation and Community – Nathan Rezeau
Lydia Estates – Robert Lee	ABSENT
Northlake – Mattie Nunn	Angel Lakes – Carmen Spates
Northside Lions	Duval PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake
San Mateo – Roland Beiderer	Johnson Comm. Civic – Ann Burnette
ShAdCo Q- Jennelle Bray	Marshwinds – Vonda Miller
Turtle Creek Village – Arthur Sullivan	National Park Svc. – Richard Bryant
Woodmont – Esther Sumpter	
EXCUSED	PENDING REMOVAL – NON-ATTENDANCE
Charter Member - Dot Mathias	Angel Lakes
Charter Member – Richard Berry	Johnson Community Civic Association
Charter Member – David Spruill	
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Eric Smith	
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	
North Creek – Tamara Kitchens	
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed	
VISITORS	
Paul Forte, Northside Business Leaders	
Rob Oubrey, Rink Design	
Len Buffington, Rink Design	
Marlon Perry, Creekside Bend	
MaryAnn Vaccaro, Marshwinds	

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 4 p.m. by Chair Bobby Taylor. **A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development Division, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
2. **Chair's Report** - Chair Bobby Taylor announced a change in the agenda. The presentation will begin when the presenter arrives. He asked Membership to provide a report.
 - Membership Chair Harry Wagner announced the Heckscher Drive Community Club (HDCC) has a new primary representative – Eric Smith. Gerie Leigh will continue as the alternate. Bobby Taylor is the primary representative for Florida Open Beaches, Inc.
 - Chair Taylor explained that Florida Open Beaches, Inc. is a local 501-C3/non-profit organization, begun by Scott Shine when the COJ encouraged a citizens' group to represent the interests of Jacksonville residents. Florida Open Beaches strives to maintain access to all beaches for pedestrians and vehicles.
 - Chair Taylor said he was glad to have Eric Smith as the HDCC representative and explained that Mr. Smith could not be introduced because he had an excused absence.
 - A public hearing is scheduled on May 28 at UNF to discuss the proposed deepening of the channel from 40 to 50 feet to accommodate Post Panamax Ships (giants of the shipping container world.) Two sessions are planned: 2:30 -4:30 p.m. and 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 - Chair Taylor said he had talked with Mary Beth Ridderman about the North CPAC hosting a citywide CPAC Picnic. He suggested November would be a good time for a picnic. A discussion was held about possible locations. Chair Taylor said he would talk with Council Member Holt about a location on Heckscher Drive. Mary Beth Ridderman suggested Bethesda Park because it is fully accessible, has a full kitchen with room inside in case of rain. Gerie Leigh offered the Heckscher Drive Community Club for the event. No decisions were made.
3. **Presentation** – Tiffany Reeves, Community Outreach Coordinator, Florida Department of Financial Services, presented information about financial planning for the hurricane season. She suggested homeowners be prepared by checking for adequate coverage for: all perils, hurricane damage, the replacement cost of your home; the replacement cost of personal items, additional living expenses to reimburse the cost of renting a storage unit/living in a hotel/motel/restaurant expenses. She suggested residents review the Declarations Page of their homeowner's insurance to learn the exact name of the insurance company; prepare a homeowner's inventory checklist/video/photos and store them along with other important papers in a waterproof container in a safe, accessible location. She encouraged residents to obtain flood insurance even if they do not live in a flood-prone area (National Flood Insurance Program, 1-888-356-6329.) Insurance companies do not write new coverage or increase existing coverage when a tropical storm or hurricane reaches a certain distance from Florida. She advised before a storm, be prepared with cash - do not depend on ATM machines. To receive multiple free

quotes for insurance, contact the Florida Market Assistance Plan at www.fmap.org or 1-800-524-9023. Ms. Reeves provided the following brochures: Insuring Your Home; Are you Gambling With Your Financial Security?; and Homeowners' Inventory Checklist. Publications are available by calling 1-877-693-5236 or visiting www.MyFloridaCFO.com. For questions or concerns about insurance or to verify if a company is licensed to sell insurance, call The Florida Consumer Helpline at 1-877-693-5236. Ms. Reeves may be contacted at (904)798- 5817 or Tiffany.Reeves@myfloridacfo.com.

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

5. **Old Business** - none

6. Staff Reports:

A. JSO – Chief Michael Rutledge reported:

- In the past thirty days, one sexual battery and one home invasion occurred. The home invasion occurred in the 2400 block of Dunn Avenue and a suspect was captured by the Orange County Sheriff's Office. One business robbery occurred. The numbers of reported incidents of aggravated batteries were up – 18 incidents occurred and 11 arrests were made. Most of the aggravated batteries were domestic violence – the victims were related to or knew the perpetrators. Auto burglaries were down – JSO has been doing stake-outs and captured four suspects in three weeks. Three grand thefts occurred – one was at Wal-Mart.
- Chair Bobby Taylor thanked Chief Rutledge for his hard work and the hard work of other JSO officers in Zone 6. He presented Chief Rutledge with a Certificate of Appreciation.

B. Mayor's Representative – Mike Sweat announced

- The State of Florida adjusted the State's budget. The COJ is involved in reviewing budgets. COJ received a reduction from the State of Florida. Stimulus monies may be available to cover the shortfall.
- The canning center is up and running with volunteers operating the facility from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday- Friday. Appointments must be made. The entire facility may be rented for \$7.50 per hour. The industrial kitchen may be rented for \$7.50 per hour.
- The Extension Office offers classes on various subjects, for example: how to make bread and butter pickles, how to make a rain barrel, how to become a bee-keeper. For more information about classes or to request a speaker for your group, please call 387-8850.

D. City Council Member's Reports – No one present – no reports.

E. Duval County School Board – Ms. Drake was not present.

F. FDOT - Milton Locklear announced he was available for questions.

Questions were asked about the official opening date for 9-A (no official date has been set/working on signage); completion of the I-95 Flyover (Mr. Locklear will check on the date) and the name for I-295/9-A (I-295 East and I-295 West). Concerns were expressed about concrete barricades/walls remaining along opened sections of 9-A (Mr. Locklear will bring it to the attention of the project manager). Concerns were expressed about increased traffic over rural rail crossings with no

crossing arms, i.e. Alta Road. To contact Mr. Locklear, please call 360-5686.

G. **Duval County Health Department** - Jocelyn Turner was not present.

H. **Municipal Code Compliance** – Maria Buchwalter announced systematic inspections were completed in Riverview (155 new cases) and Panama Park (113 new cases/314 violations). An inspector was sent to “Jake’s Place” but he was transferred before she obtained information from him – she will follow up. Harry Wagner expressed concern about the appearance of property at the corner of Dunns Creek Road and Starratt Road where a condemned sign is posted. Officer Buchwalter replied the property was danted and condemned. Only a very limited number of people have been issued written permits to be allowed on the property. She asked residents to call JSO (630-0500) if anyone is observed on the property. Jim Breland announced he reported a property at 11505 Lem Turner Road where a roadside stand was being constructed and a property at 11500 Block of Lem Turner where a wooded area needs to be cleared. Chair Taylor asked Mr. Breland to talk to Officer Buchwalter after the meeting.

I. **Planning and Development** – Paul Davis announced the Planning Department is seeking public input on the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The plan may be viewed at www.coj.net/Planning and Development. Mr. Davis may be contacted at pdavis@coj.net or 630-8063.

J. **Recreation and Community** – Nathan Rezeau announced he was available for questions. Roland Biederer complimented Nathan Rezeau for the improvements made to the park in San Mateo. Mr. Biederer said he appreciated Mr. Rezeau’s attention to his concerns. For more information about park activities or aquatics programs, visit www.jaxparks.com.

K. **Housing and Neighborhoods** – Mary Beth Ridderman announced the Florida Neighborhood Conference is July 10-11 in St. Petersburg, FL. More information is in her printed report. Her suggestion for a new workshop topic, “Live Safe” was accepted. The workshop teaches keeping children safe from offenders, predators and others who live in neighborhoods. The COJ launched a new website: [Stay Home](http://StayHome), which provides information and resources about foreclosure prevention. If someone needs assistance, please call 630-CITY for a referral to free classes. Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260.

7. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Governmental Affairs:

- Chair Taylor recognized Subcommittee Chair Mike Getchell and thanked him for attending the Better Jacksonville Plan Bi-Annual Review Meeting last month and asked him to report. Mr. Getchell announced that during the meeting, a presentation was made about the proposed new courthouse. The courthouse will be seven stories

tall, visible from the St. Johns River or I-95. Groundbreaking is planned for this month but no date has been announced at this time.

2008-880	Deny	Proposed Semi-Annual Revision to FLUM Series – App.# 2008D-015 - N-S of Faye Rd. S. of SR-9A & W. of Longreene Road Between Faye Road & SR 9A (19.48 Acres) - LDR to LI
2009-346	Approve	Rezoning Property on Heckscher Drive at City of Jax Boat Ramp (3.62± Acres) – RLD -100A to CSV
2009-350	Approve	Rezoning 13115 Gillespie Ave. (9.85± Acres) - PUD to PUD - (Multi-Family Residential

- Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair Mike Getchell announced the next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled for June 4, 2009 at 4 p.m. at FCCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.
- B.** Beautification: Subcommittee Chair Arthur Sullivan said he had no report. Ms. Leigh raised the issue of adding “environment” to the Beautification Subcommittee. Chair Taylor asked ms. Leigh to raise the issue during New Business.
- C.** Membership: Subcommittee Chair Harry Wagner made a report earlier in the meeting. See Chair’s Report.
- D.** Transportation: Subcommittee Chair Dick Berry was excused. Chair Taylor announced he had talked with Mr. Berry. Mr. Berry commended Mary Beth Ridderman for keeping the CPAC up to date via e-mail with COJ and FDOT traffic and transportation alerts.
- 8. New Business:**
- A report of the Airport Master Plan Update was presented by Chip Seymour. Instead of the usual three minutes, the Chair allowed ten minutes for the full report. Additional time was needed for questions and answers. Chair Taylor asked JAA to schedule time with Mary Beth Ridderman for a full presentation at a future CPAC meeting. Nancy asked to be provided a copy of the report prior to the next meeting so members could be prepared. Mr. Seymour said the information is available at www.jaa.aero under technical publications or he may be contacted at cseymour@jaa.aero. Chair Taylor said the airport plan has a major impact on the community and he asked that JAA schedule time on the agenda very soon.
- 9. Public Comments:**
- Gerie Leigh made a motion to form an Environmental Subcommittee and a second was made by Roland Biederer. A lengthy discussion was held. A suggestion was made to write a charter and present it to the group. Tommy Ruffin suggested a motion be made to ask Gerie Leigh and Roland Biederer bring to the next meeting an outline with information about the proposed Environmental Subcommittee. No motion was made. No vote was taken. The Chair said he would take the matter under advisement.

- Roland Biederer suggested speakers identify themselves and include their name and identify themselves as a lobbyist or citizen before they begin presenting information to the CPAC. Chair Taylor called Mr. Biederer to order. A discussion was held. A suggestion was made that if a representative to CPAC wants to know the information he or she could ask the speaker.
- Jenny Bray said it has been almost two years since the last citywide CPAC picnic. The Mayor and at least one City Council Member attended the last picnic. In past years, the North CPAC had hosted the picnic and it was well attended by residents and officials.
- A guest, Paul Forte, announced an ordinance was passed that requires house numbers to be at least 4 inches in height and properly displayed. The Northside Business Leaders, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will install house numbers for elderly or economically disadvantaged persons who live in the Northside. For assistance to install house numbers, contact Angie Chesser at 371-0363 or Andria Barber at 728-1810.
- Gerie Leigh requested a copy of the existing subcommittees' charters.

10. Adjourn: A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at FCCJ North Campus, C-136.

The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is 4 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 2009 at FCCJ North Campus, C-136.

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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.

Coordinator's Report Submitted by Mary Beth Ridderman
May 2009

- **Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Day "Shine in '09"** – May 16. 8- noon. Meet at the following locations to receive free gloves and bags to clean up your own neighborhood. For more information, please call 630-3420.
 - Southwest – Mary Lena Gibbs Gymnasium, 6974 Wilson Blvd., 32210.
 - North – Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave., 32218.
- **Public Meeting**, May 14, 6 p.m. at the Cecil Field Conference Center. JAA will discuss a reusable launch vehicle program at Cecil Field.
- **Senior Expo**, May 20-21, 2009, Prime Osborn Convention Center. Join the City of Jacksonville for two days devoted to sharing Jacksonville's programs, resources and services available to senior citizens and their families. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 630-7392.
- **JazzFest** May 21-24, 2009 The 2009 Jacksonville Jazz Festival will feature renowned jazz performances in the heart of downtown Jacksonville on Laura Street, various downtown businesses and historic buildings. Laura Street will be transformed into a jazz club atmosphere with multiple stages of entertainment, Art in the Heart Art Show & Sale, Wine Down Tasting Experience, jazz exhibits, children's educational activities and more.
- **Memorial Wall Ceremony**, May 25, 2009, Veterans Memorial Wall. Join us as we honor the local heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The ceremony includes keynote speakers, presentation of colors, family tributes, a wreath presentation, a 21-gun salute, "Taps" and musical tributes. For more information, e-mail events@coj.net or call (904) 630-3690.
- **Sail Jacksonville**, May 29-31, Downtown Riverfront. Welcome the beauty and majesty of Tall Ships® from around the world back to our Downtown Riverfront! Tour fabulous Tall Ships®, hang out with pirates and Vikings, watch on-the-water races, land-side demonstrations, live entertainment, kids area and much more. For more information, call 630-3690 or e-mail events@coj.net.

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department offers free information about foreclosure prevention at **Stay Home**, www.coj.net or <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/default.htm> or call 255-8200.
- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free Foreclosures Prevention workshops. To register, call 630-2489.
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program, authorized by the **Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA)**, will assist state and local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increase the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households.
- Members of the Community Development Division participated in events to celebrate National Community Development Week, April 12-18.
- The Florida Neighborhoods Conference is July 9-11 at the St. Petersburg Hilton Bayfront Hotel. The conference is designed to assist communities in building strong neighborhood foundations by offering workshops, tours, speakers and opportunities for neighborhood advocates from small towns to large cities to network and share information. For more information please visit http://www.stpete.org/neighborhoods/florida_neighborhoods_conference/index or call Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260.

Jacksonville Journey: During April, the Jacksonville Journey continued to implement the Jacksonville Journey program. (1) The Oversight Committee held two meetings (2) The Jacksonville Commitment contract has been executed (3) Out of School Suspension Centers opened April 13 (4) The Jacksonville Re-Entry Portal (JREC) opened in a new location April 13 (5) The Ex-Offender programs are fully operational (6) Community Center RFP was received and (7) the Normandy Community Center held its grand opening April 25. The next meeting of the Oversight Committee is Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. Room 851. For a full report or other information about the Jacksonville Journey, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

Animal Care and Control:

- Animal Care and Control is currently offering potential pet owners who are 55 years or older a no-cost adoption for senior dogs six years old or older and senior cats three years old or older. Everyone younger than 55 may adopt senior pets for one-half the regular adoption rate.
- Pet Friendly Public Evacuation Shelters are available during hurricane season. Pet friendly shelters are **Landmark Middle School**, **Mandarin Middle School** and **Chimney Lakes Elementary School**. All pets must have proof of vaccination and registration, be properly crated or caged and be maintained by their owners. Bring a crate/cage, bedding, food, water, medication, toys and other supplies for each pet. For more information, please call 630-2489.
- Pet friendly shelters need volunteers to function. If you would like to volunteer at a pet friendly shelter, you must register with Volunteer Services. Please call 630-2489 to volunteer.

Free things to do in Jacksonville:

Check out the Jacksonville Symphony – Jacksonville’s libraries offer musical selections <http://jpl.coj.net/coll/jso/jso.html>
Plan a day trip? The SE Regional Library at 10599 Deerwood Park, houses the Freedom Shrine, a collection of 30 of the most important and historic American documents, including the **Declaration of Independence**, the **Constitution of the United States** and the **Gettysburg Address** and Martin Luther King’s **I Have a Dream** speech. <http://jpl.coj.net/coll/fs/index.html>

Other free things to do:

- o Swim at the Cecil Aquatics Center - an indoor facility open year-round.
- o Walk at Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park (Formerly Westside Regional Park), 7000 Roosevelt Blvd. Dogs on leashes are welcome.
- o Stroll at Ortega Stream Valley @ Ringhaver Park, 5198 118th St. If you have a canoe – you can launch it there! Dogs on leashes welcome!
- o Bike or hike along Jacksonville-Baldwin Rails to Trails, East Entrance: two-tenth mile north of Commonwealth Ave. on Imeson Road. Dogs on leashes welcome!
- o Fish at Bethesda Park and Lodge, 10790 Key Haven Blvd.; Phone 764-5531, a **completely accessible and barrier free recreation complex, operating year-round and providing easy access to the outdoors.**
- o **Zoom into model planes. Watch them fly and learn to participate** at Lannie Road Park, 3461 Lannie Rd., 32218.

Very Low Cost

- o Swim, surf or fish at Huguenot Memorial Park, 10980 Heckscher Dr., \$1. per person admission. Camping and RV sites available \$10 -15 plus tax. Call 251-3335 for more information.
- o Rent a cabin for overnight stays at Bethesda Park and Lodge or rent the lodge for your next event. The lodge has a full kitchen and accommodates up to 200 people. Everything is completely accessible.

Phone Numbers

- City Link- 630-CITY (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number with estimated date of completion.
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202. For information call 630-1377
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500.
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office)
[Http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu)
- Real Sense Prosperity Campaign - www.realsensejax.org – 632-0600 (United Way 2-1-1) – Help with money matters and tax returns
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 924-1710. Each Thursday morning the Southside WorkSource Center, 6800 Southpoint Pkwy.. For information call 997-3100 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com or 356-JOBS (5627) and the City of Jacksonville Jobs recording at 630-1144 or www.coj.net

If you have questions please contact Mary Beth Ridderman at 255-8260 or Marybeth@coj.net