



## MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 FCCJ North Campus  
 Building "C" conference room C-136  
 4501 Capper Rd.  
 November 12, 2008 Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>Pending Removal</b>
Vice Chair – Bobby Taylor, Heckscher Dr.	Golden Oaks
Angel Lakes HOA – Carmen Spates	Hart Estates
Ashford Wood – Evelyn Myers	Turtle Creek Village II
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	Johnson Creek Civic Association
Brandon Chase – John Castillo	Republican Club of N. Jax
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	Daybreak Woods
Council Appointee – Tommy Ruffin	National Park Service – Timucuan
Duval Council PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake	<b>STAFF and OFFICIALS</b>
Eagle Bend – Mike Getchell	Community Development - Mary Beth Ridderman
Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau	FDOT – Milton Locklear
Highlands – John Stuart	Duval Co. Health Dep't. – Jocelyn Turner
Lydia Estates HOA – Robert Lee	Municipal Code Enf. – Danny Connell
Northlake HOA – Mattie Nunn	Planning and Development – Paul Davis
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	Recreation and Community – Nathan Rezeau
Turtle Creek Village – Arthur Sullivan	<b>VISITORS</b>
Woodmont – Esther Sumpter	James Breland
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Warren Alvarez
Charter Member - Dot Mathias	Bob Joseph
Charter Member – Dick Berry	Tim Davis
Charter Member – David Spruill	Calvin Burney
Chair – William Baker, Betz Realty	Maryann Vaccaro
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed	Barbara Adamson
The Cape – Delores Spruill	Harold Adamson
ShAdCo Sector Q – Jennelle Bray	

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 4 p.m. by Acting Chair Robert Taylor. Acting Chair Taylor announced Chair Baker was excused. **A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
2. **JSO Report:** No representative was present. No report.

**3. Presentation:** Planned Closure of Pumpkin Hill State Park, presented by Florida State Park Manager Robert Joseph. Affect on the City of Jacksonville's Betz-Tiger Point Preserve, presented by Recreation and Community Services Division Chief Nathan Rezeau. Mr. Joseph reported the closure of Pumpkin Hill Park is temporary due to cuts in the state budget. The number of visitors to parks was studied in deciding which parks to temporarily close. The number of visitors (2523) to annually visit Pumpkin Hill Park is considerably lower than the number of visitors to other parks. This park was 74<sup>th</sup> on the list of "priority cuts". Five other parks in the area and one in Nassau County will remain open. Pumpkin Hill Park, when closed, will be maintained by Environmental Specialist Tim Davis. No trespassing signs will be posted and enforced inside the park, including on those trails connecting to the adjacent park. He added that visitors to the new kayak launch area would be ignored/not asked to leave. He said state staff members are authorized to ignore visitors using the public parking area which will remain available for public use on the condition that the COJ maintain the parking lot. The annual statewide savings due to temporary closures is about \$1.9 million. The annual savings for temporarily closing Pumpkin Hill Park is about \$150,000. Mr. Joseph was unable to commit to a firm date for the projected reopening of Pumpkin Hill Park but he said it could happen in December 2009 or January 2010. Mr. Rezeau reported nearby COJ Betz Tiger Point Preserve will remain open. Nearby COJ Cedar Point Park is scheduled in for 2009 for improvements – entrance gate, signage parking, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible board walk, a picnic pavilion, and a kayak launch. During the construction phase the park will be temporarily closed and the closure may overlap with the closure of Pumpkin Hill State Park. An archeological study of Cedar Point Park by UNF found the site to be culturally significant. The UNF archeological team approved the building locations. An archeological research center is being considered as a future goal. Mr. Rezeau said a "turn-key" neighbor (someone to daily lock and unlock the park gate) is needed and the COJ will pay \$100 per month for that service.

**4. The previous meeting summary** was approved.

**5. Old Business:** none.

**6. Chair's Report** – Acting Chair Bobby Taylor reported members of the North CPAC attended the Nov. 10 City Council Meeting and expressed their concerns about the timing of the items introduced and passed before the scheduled CPAC meeting cycle. For example, the items introduced in October were passed within 27 days of the introduction. He thanked everyone for their time and attendance. Member Geri Leigh commented it was wonderful that the CPAC gave a report to City Council and asked they ask about where trucks will go. Member Vicki Drake thanked the members who attended the City Council meeting and the members of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee who provide information about proposed changes in the area. She expressed her concern that an

application for a warehouse was made for a site near her home, but no signs were posted to notify residents of the proposed change.

## 7. Subcommittee reports

### A. Governmental Affairs: The CPAC discussed and voted on the following:

2008-863	Approved	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for .25 acres at 10352 Monaco Dr. (appl. # 2008C-015) from LDR to RPI
2008-865	Approved	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for 9.51 acres at 12780 Yellow Bluff Rd. (appl# 2008c-018) from LDR to CGC
2008-877	Deferred	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for 5.79 acres at 15249 & 15311 N. Main St. (appl# 2008D-012) from LDR to CGC
2008-878	Approved	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for 153.79 acres S. of I-295 on E. & W. side of Duval Rd., N. of Armsdale Rd. from LDR to LI
2008-879	Deferred	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for 12.17 acres at 8364 Heckscher Dr. (appl#2008D-014) from RR to CGC
2008-880	Deferred	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for 19.48 acres N. & S. of Faye Rd. S. of SR9A & W. of Longreene Rd from LDR to LI.
2008-881	Deferred	Semi- Annual Revision to the FLUM for 327.83 acres S. of Arnold Rd. on W-S of Pecan Park Rd. bet JIA & Arnold Rd. (appl#2008D-016) from AGR (II), AGR (III), AGR (IV) & PBF
2008-882	Deferred	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for 1760 acres on N. side of Arnold Rd. E. of Lannie Rd. between I-95 and Lannie Road from AGR (II), AGR (III) and PBF to MU
2008-883	Deferred	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for 141.64 acres @ S.W. terminus of Arnold Rd. bet JIA & Arnold Rd. from AGR(III) to LI. (appl#2008D-018).
2008-884	Deferred	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for 1013 acres N. of JIA at W. terminus of Arnold Rd. from AGR (II), AGR (III) & AGR (IV) to LI. (appl#2008D-019).
2008-885	Deferred	Semi-Annual Revision to the FLUM for 499.58 acres N. of JIA at E. terminus of Parete Rd. S. bet JIA & Lannie Rd from AGR (II), AGR (III), & RR to LI. (appl#2008D-020)
2008-890	Deferred	Small Scale Amend. to the FLUM for 3.93 acres at 13156 Higate Rd. & 14255 Duval Rd. from LDR to LI. (appl#2008-025)
2009-891	Deferred	Small Scale Amend. to the FLUM for 3.93 acres at 13156 Higate Rd. & 14255 Duval Rd. from LDR to LI. (appl#2008-025)
2008-937	Deferred	Rezoning 23 acres at 8226 Plummer Rd. from RR to AGR

A lengthy discussion was held regarding 2008-863 concerning a day care expansion near Highlands Elementary School. Members expressed their concerns about: a nearby existing drug haven/its possible affect on the children; insufficient parking; insufficient drop-off/pick-up areas; increased traffic congestion; size of the property (.25 acre); and the availability of existing nearby alternatives for daycare. The question was called and discussion ended. Three members opposed the change.

Bobby Taylor announced the next meeting of the Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee is scheduled for Dec. 4, 4 p.m. at FCCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.

- B. Education Subcommittee** – No representative. No report.
- C. Beautification Subcommittee** – Arthur Sullivan was present but had no report.
- D. Membership Subcommittee** - Harry Wagner introduced Geri Leigh, the new Alternate for the Heckscher Drive Community Club. He reported that Bobby Taylor was re-appointed to continue as the Primary for the Heckscher Drive Community Club.
- E. Transportation Subcommittee** – Dick Berry was excused.
- F. Social Subcommittee** – Mary Thompson announced she is passing a list around so members and guests may write in what foods they will bring on Dec. 10.

## **6. Staff Reports**

- A. Mayor's Representative** – Mike Sweat was excused.
- B. City Council Member's Reports:** No representative in attendance. No report(s).
- C. FDOT** - Milton Locklear reported that the Heckscher Drive/Zoo Parkway is a DOT facility. Temporarily, it is JTA's domain, since they are in charge of the construction. He thanked the member for expressing her concerns at the October meeting about air quality on Heckscher Drive and he suggested the member contact Pete Sothwell or Joe Napley to arrange for a mobile air monitoring station to be installed.
- D. Duval County Health Department** - Jocelyn Turner distributed a brochure Diabetes Exposed. For information, contact Jocelyn Turner at 253-2037.
- E. Duval County School Board** - Vicki Drake was present for the meeting, but due to a conflicting schedule, left before providing report.
- F. Municipal Code Compliance** – Danny Crawford reported that planning requires off-road loading and unloading areas plus one handicapped space for daycares.
- G. Planning and Development** – Paul Davis reported that Brian Small will send the schedule and other information to the CPAC. For more information, call Mr. Davis at 630-8063.
- H. Public Works** – no representative in attendance/no report.
- I. Recreation and Community** – Nathan Rezeau began to report on Sheffield Park – Phase One is funded at 90percent of the design. The Acting Chair asked that he provide information at the December meeting, since time has become an issue during this meeting. For information, contact Mr. Rezeau at 630-3507.

**J. Housing and Neighborhoods** – Mary Beth Ridderman reported she had computer problems and was unable to print the coordinator’s report. She said she will send the report via e-mail. She reported the Housing and Neighborhoods Department offers a program to assist homeowners who are at risk of their home’s foreclosure. To obtain information contact 630-CITY (2489). Ms. Ridderman may be reached at 255-8260.

**7. Public Comments:** Member John Castillo suggested that Vicki Drake’s report be moved up on the agenda because it was necessary for her to leave before she had the opportunity to give her report. Member Castillo said he thinks the School Board is doing a lot and the CPAC needs to know.

**8. New Business:** None.

**9. Adjourn:** Member John Castillo made a motion to adjourn and Member Harry Wagner seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m..

**North CPAC**

**Coordinator’s Report - November 2008**

- **The Housing and Neighborhoods Department – Community Development Division offers Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).** If you would like to apply for a 2009/2010 CDBG Grant you must attend one Technical Assistance Workshop:
  - Thursday, November 13, 2008 – 6 p.m. – Housing and Neighborhoods Dept.**  
214 N. Hogan St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 851, Jacksonville, FL 32202
  - If you are a new agency applying for a CDBG you must attend a Budget Workshop:  
**Monday, December 1, 2008 – 3 p.m. – Housing and Neighborhoods Dept.**  
214 N. Hogan St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 851, Jacksonville, FL 32202
  - For more information call 255-8200.
- **The Housing Services Division is sponsoring classes: “Facing Foreclosure?”** Call 630-CITY to get help.
- **Make A Scene Downtown** - Calendar can be viewed at [www.makeascenedowntown.com](http://www.makeascenedowntown.com)
- **Library:**
  - 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. On Dec. 11 see [White Christmas](#). For a complete list of movies visit <http://jpl.coj.net/progs/main/notjustforboomers.html>
  - Home Schooling at the Library. Tuesdays at 2:30 – Main Library.
  - Art Walk - tour 30 downtown venues. First Wednesday of every month. 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library.
  - Free Concerts: Main Library,
    - ✓ Wednesday, December 3, 2008 | 6:30 p.m. "Yuletide Swing" with the St. Johns River City Band at Art Walk
    - ✓ Monday, December 8, 2008 Music @ Main: **Piotr Szewczyk & Christine Clark**
    - ✓ Monday, January 12, 2009 Music @ Main: **Trio Solis**
  - For information about classes or events at all public libraries visit <http://jpl.coj.net/>
- **Animal Care and Control** – November is Adopt- A –Shelter Dog Month. If you cannot adopt a dog, adopt a shelter! The COJ Animal Care and Control and the Jacksonville Humane Society need supplies such as treats, clean rugs, towels or used bedspreads for bedding and new washable dog and cat toys. They need volunteers and foster homes.



**SAVE the DATE:**

- Nov. 11, 11 a.m., Downtown

Jacksonville, Veterans Day Parade.

- Nov. 29, 7 p.m.. Jacksonville Light Parade, Downtown Riverfront, following a boat parade, fireworks will be shot from **The Jacksonville Landing**, Hyatt Regency Hotel and West of the Acosta Bridge. The signature "waterfall" fireworks will be shot from both sides of the **Main Street Bridge** and the east side of the **Acosta Bridge**.
- Dec. 6, 2008 , 2-5 p.m. - Prime Osborn Convention Center , Mayor's Senior Holiday Festival - - For information call 630-7392 to purchase tickets.
- **Phone Numbers**
- City Link - 630-CITY (630-2489) \*Please have the exact address. Keep the tracking number and estimated date of completion.
- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center
- Police Non-Emergency 630-0500 Neighborhood Watch 630-2160
- 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

**Volunteer Opportunities:** The City of Jacksonville Office of Special Events is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with upcoming events. Call (904) 630-3690 or e-mail [events@coj.net](mailto:events@coj.net) for more information.

Most city government offices and facilities will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

For more information, please contact Mary Beth Ridderman, Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 255-8260.

**The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008 at FCCJ North Campus, C-136.**

**The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee will meet 4 p.m., Dec. 4, 2008 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.