



**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.  
 Nov. 18, 2009 4 – 6 p.m.

<b>ORGANIZATIONS – REPRESENTATIVES in Attendance</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Chair – Bobby Taylor, FL Open Beaches	Brandon Chase – John Castillo
Vice Chair – Mike Getchell, Eagle Bend	Creekside Bend – Marlon Perry
Charter Member – Richard Berry	National Park Svc. – Richard Bryant
Charter Member – David Spruill	North Creek – Tamara Kitchens
Ashford Wood – Kathy Myers	Northlake – Mattie Nunn
Betz Realty – William Baker	San Mateo – Roland Biederer
Black Hammock Island – Mary Thompson	<b>STAFF and OFFICIALS</b>
Captiva Bluff – Rex Neidlinger	Mayor’s Liaison – Mike Sweat
Council Appointee 11- Tommy Ruffin	City Council District 11 –Ray Holt
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Eric Smith	Housing and Neighborhoods - Mary Beth Ridderman
Marshwinds – Vonda Miller	Florida Dept. Transportation – Milton Locklear
The Cape – Dolores Spruill	JSO – Assistant Chief Michael Rutledge
Turtle Creek Village – Arthur Sullivan	Municipal Code - Nelson Beard
Woodmont – Arleatha Mungin	Planning & Development – Paul Davis
	Recreation and Community – Nathan Rezeau
<b>EXCUSED</b>	
Charter Member - Dot Mathias	<b>VISITORS</b>
Duval PTS/PTA – Vicki Drake	Sherita Bentley
Eagles Hammock – Nancy Landau	Warren Alvarez
Garden City – James Breland	Vanessa Price
Heckscher Dr. Comm. Club – Gerie Leigh	Rev. Joseph Tate
Highlands – Jack Stuart	Lou Vaccaro
Lydia Estates – Robert Lee	Jameria Richardson - UNF
Johnson Comm. Civic – James Shronce	Dr. Hiron Peck
New Berlin Enclave – Madeline Reed	
Northside Lions – Harry Wagner	
ShAdCo Q – Jennelle Bray	
DCHD - Jocelyn Turner	

<i>PENDING REMOVAL – NON-ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>REMOVED NON-ATTENDANCE</i>
<i>Brandon Chase HOA</i>	<i>Angel Lakes</i>
<i>North Creek</i>	

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Bobby Taylor. **A quorum was verified** by Mary Beth Ridderman, Coordinator, Community Development Division, Housing and Neighborhoods Department.
2. **Guest Speaker** – Council Member Ray Holt presented information about conditions at Oceanway Park. The park has been damaged by erosion, vandalism, litter, neglect and graffiti. Homeless camps exist in the park. Mr. Holt provided photos of the park, showing the damage. He said the damage is compounded by neglect because families are afraid to use the park. He asked for residents’ input to improve the park, increase its use and keep it clean. The following ideas were offered: fence and gates, a gate monitor, controlled access, surveillance cameras, on-site residence for a police officer, post numbers to report infractions/crimes/unsatisfactory conditions, build a skate park, build a dog park, build a small branch library, plan events and market the park, build tennis courts, clean the bathrooms and make it safe. Council Member Holt thanked the CPAC for the opportunity to visit the CPAC, their time and suggestions. Chair Taylor thanked Council Member Holt for his interest. Chair Taylor asked everyone to sign in and to put their cell phones on silent mode.
3. **Presentation** – Nathan Rezeau, Chief of Preservation, introduced Vanessa Price, Park Planner. Ms. Price presented the master plan for Sheffield Regional Park, located at New Berlin Road near Cedar Point Road, near New Berlin Elementary School. Currently, it is an undeveloped park. Phase I plans include infrastructure, relocating the existing roadway, basketball courts, soccer/football fields, concessions building, restrooms, skate park, picnic pavilion, walking path, canoe launch and picnic area. Funding is in place, and groundbreaking is planned for Spring or Summer, 2010. A lengthy discussion followed including questions, concerns and suggestions for the park. One concern was preventing Sheffield Park from mirroring the conditions at Oceanway Park. Charter Member Berry expressed his concerns that prior plans were approved at prior public meetings, but plans have changed and he requested a public hearing be scheduled. Chair Taylor appointed a subcommittee on Sheffield and Oceanway Parks: Richard Berry, Bill Baker, Ray Holt, and Rex Neidlinger. The subcommittee was asked to provide a report at the January 2010 CPAC meeting.
4. **Summary of previous meeting** was approved without corrections.
5. **Old Business** – None.
8. **Chair’s Report** : Chair Taylor announced
  - He completed ethics training at his job and wanted to announce that although he is wearing his work uniform for convenience (he just left his job site), his employer is not represented. If an issue is raised before the CPAC regarding his employer, he will declare a conflict of interest and will abstain from voting.
  - A moment of silence was held to honor the life and death of Bill Mathias, husband of Charter Member Dot Mathias.
  - Mary Thompson was appointed to organize the annual social. Mary Beth Ridderman will send e-mail to CPAC members/guests to remind them to contact Mrs. Thompson with what food they will bring to share. He thanked Mrs. Thompson for her willingness to serve in this capacity again.
7. **Election of Officers:** The Chair of the Nomination Subcommittee had an excused absence. Acting Chair Mary Thompson announced the slate of officers: Bobby Taylor for Chair and Mike Getchell for Vice Chair. She asked for nominations from the floor –

none were received. Member Tommy Ruffin made a motion to accept Bobby Taylor as 2010 Chair. A second was made by Member Rex Neidlinger. The vote: all in favor. Member Eric Smith made a motion to accept Bobby Taylor and Mike Getchell by acclamation. A second was made by Bill Baker. The vote : all in favor. Acting Chair of the Nomination Subcommittee Mary Thompson announced the 2010 Officers: Chair Bobby Taylor and Vice Chair Mike Getchell. Bobby Taylor said he appreciated the vote of confidence from the CPAC. He added it has been a tough year, personally, for him but the CPAC has been one of the good things in his life.

## **8. Staff Reports**

- A. JSO** – Chief Michael Rutledge reported the following: 5 robberies to individuals occurred with 2 arrests and 2 investigations suspended due to no suspect identification; 2 robberies/car jackings occurred in the 2000 block of Biscayne Boulevard, with 1 vehicle recovered, broken down, in Zone 5 on Moncrief; one attempted robbery occurred at the Wachovia Bank on Dunn Avenue – the suspect was caught via helicopter surveillance. Several auto thefts occurred in the 10000 block of New Kings Road – 1 arrest was made. Overall, compared to last year, violent crime is down 17percent and property crime is down 15percent. Chair Taylor thanked Chief Rutledge for his report.
- B. Mayor’s Representative** – Mike Sweat announced
- Agriculture has a \$2 Billion economic impact in Duval County.
  - 2009 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 4-H, which began in Alachua County.
  - Over 21,000 Duval County children are involved in 4-H.
  - Mr. Sweat may be contacted at 387-8850.
- C. City Council Member’s Reports** – Council Member Ray Holt was the guest speaker.
- D. Duval County School Board** – Vicki Drake was not present.
- E. FDOT** - Milton Locklear announced:
- A public meeting is scheduled to discuss FDOT projects planned for the next 5 years. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 5:30 p.m. at 2198 Edison Avenue.
  - Lighting is scheduled to be installed at I-295/SR 9-A / I-95 Interchange (flyover) with a change from rural to an urban configuration.
  - Lighting is planned for a 6-lane section of 9-A/future I-295 to Heckscher Drive. No time frame has been established.
  - An issue was raised at a previous CPAC meeting regarding a fruit stand at the 11000 block of Lem Turner. The fruit stand is legal – but parking on the ROW is not. The owner has been notified of this Issue. Mr. Locklear said he will explain to Member Jim Breland at the next meeting.
  - To contact Mr. Locklear, please call 360-5686.
- F. Duval County Health Department** - Jocelyn Turner was not present. Ms. Turner may be contacted at 253-2037.
- G. Municipal Code Compliance** – Officer Nelson Beard reported:
- The Municipal Code Compliance office is taking care of a portion of the enforcement duties related to the sign ordinance. The Building Department has also been assigned a portion. In addition, is also taking care of signs, Sanitation is responsible for removing “stick” signs. Call 630-CITY and the issue will be assigned to the appropriate department.
  - Please report suspected code violations to 630-CITY (630-2489).

- **Planning and Development** - Paul Davis announced he had no report, he was available for questions. Mr. Davis may be contacted at [pdavis@coj.net](mailto:pdavis@coj.net) or 630-8063.

**H. Recreation and Community** – Nathan Rezeau reported:

- The project at Palms Fish Camp has broken ground. Substantial completion is expected within 60 days. Additional boat trailer parking will be available.
- The old Trout River Bridge has pedestrian access only. Renovations for the North and South side spans are in the bid/design phase.
- Bids are out for rip rap to control erosion at Alimacani Park.
- For more information about park activities or aquatics programs, visit [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com).

**I. Housing and Neighborhoods** – Mary Beth Ridderman announced a printed report was provided. Ms. Ridderman may be contacted at 255-8260 or [marybeth@coj.net](mailto:marybeth@coj.net)

**9. Subcommittee Reports:**

**A. Governmental Affairs:** Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair Mike announced:

- He appreciates the vote of confidence in the election and it is an honor to serve the CPAC.
- He serves as the Harbor Safety Chair for the Marine Exchange.
- The dredge project at the North end of Talleyrand has been delayed by the Army Corps of Engineers because of construction a cost over run. The project should be completed in mid December.
- The U.S. and FL Fish and Wildlife Commissions have placed a moratorium on any new commercial dock permits because of manatee deaths. Fourteen manatees have been killed in 12 months. All port permits have been delayed. The delays affect employment. The commissions found the Duval County Manatee Protection Plan is insufficient and the current plan is being revised.
- Charter Member Dick Berry chaired the Nov. 5 Governmental Affairs Subcommittee and Mr. Berry chaired the following portion of this meeting. The following items were discussed or voted upon:

2009-350	Defer	Ordinance rezoning 9.85 acres at 13115 Gillespie Ave. from PUD to PUD-Multi-Family
2009-548	Approve	Ordinance amending Ch. 650 Comp Olan, requiring delay of Planning Commission and City Council review until the required signage is properly posted.
2009-790	Approve	Ordinance amending text of 2010 Comp Plan to require that all capital improvement elements be listed on a consolidated report.
2009-752	Defer	Rezoning of 9800 Plummer Rd. (212.92 acres) PUD to PUD-Residential

- Mr. Berry announced that SW CPAC Vice Chair Rosanne Vernon had been a guest at the Nov. Governmental Affairs meeting. He reported Ms. Vernon was very complimentary about the subcommittee's work and she hopes to incorporate what she learned at the SW CPAC.
- Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair Mike Getchell announced the next meeting of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee is scheduled for

December 3, at 4 p.m., Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, 4501 Capper Rd. Room 136 C.

- B. Membership:** Mr. Wagner's absence was excused.
- C. Transportation:** Subcommittee Chair Dick Berry reported the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) voted to approve the 2035 Plan. Twenty six projects were suggested - eight were approved.
- D. Nominations:** See elections.

**10. New Business:**

- Chair Taylor discussed the need to appoint a representative to the TRUE Commission. He introduced Dr. Heron Peck, who stated he will attend the TRUE meetings and report to the CPAC. A brief discussion was held. A motion to appoint Dr. Peck was made by Dick Berry. A second was made by Bill Baker. There was no further discussion. The vote: all were in favor. Chair Taylor appointed Dr. Peck to serve as the CPAC representative on the TRUE Commission.

**11. Public Comments:**

- Member Tommy Ruffin expressed his appreciation to Chair Taylor and Vice Chair Getchell for their hard work and willingness to continue to serve.
- Chair Taylor announced he annual CPAC social will be held on Dec. 9, immediately following the CPAC meetings. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Mary Thompson to let her know what you will bring. Mary Beth Ridderman will send a reminder about the food list.
- The Urban Core CPAC Chair Doug Vanderlaan announced that he asked Neighborhoods Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer which CPAC to observe and she recommended the North CPAC because they take on a lot of issues. He said he is very impressed with the meeting and congratulated Chair Taylor. Chair Taylor replied he had inherited a good organization from others who had set the standard.
- Member Rex Neidlinger expressed his concern about visitors to the city being confused about local directions and the names of the bridges. He suggested the bridges be identified by name of the street/highway they connect. A brief discussion was held regarding bridge names and colors. Chair Taylor asked Mr. Neidlinger to research the issue and provide a report at the January meeting.
- Member Bill Baker expressed a concern about the lack of appropriate, legible street numbers on homes/commercial buildings/public buildings. A brief discussion was held. Nelson Beard announced that Municipal Code Enforcement enforces street number identification. He said specific complaints may be called in to 630-CITY.

- 12. Adjourn:** A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m..

**The next North CPAC meeting is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus, C-136. The Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, 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 - November 2009

**Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department offers free information about foreclosure prevention at *Stay Home*, [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) or call 255-8200.
- The Community Development Division administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program awarded annually to the COJ through the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** (HUD). CDBG program funds are sub-granted annually to public and private non-profit agencies responsible for developing and implementing programs that principally benefit low and moderate-income citizens or aid in the prevention/elimination of slums and blight. For more information about upcoming grant opportunities, please call 255-8241
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), assists local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households.

**Environmental and Compliance:**

- Watering is limited to once weekly – before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m., odd numbered addresses on Saturday, even numbers on Sunday. Violators are subject to fines or warnings. Watering two days a week will resume on Mar. 14. For more info, please visit [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) key word search "irrigation".
- The UF Extension program offers Florida- Friendly landscaping programs and assistance. To learn more, visit <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

**Recreation and Community**

- Movies in the Park, Dinsmore Community Center, 7126 Civic Club Drive Dec. 18 6:00 - 9:00pm. Free family friendly movie inside the Dinsmore Community Center. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 904 630-4100.
- Ray Greene Park, 2149 Leonid Road, BMX track. The park also includes five ball fields, two tennis courts, and picnic facilities. The park is open 5 a.m. - 10 p.m. BMX track is open for practice Tuesday and Friday after 6 p.m. for BMX Jax members only.

**Libraries:**

- The Genealogy Collection houses material relating to Florida and the S.E> U.S. and specific records for Jacksonville and Duval County. Regional material is also available for many other states, including the thirteen original colonies. The collection includes census rolls, family histories, immigration sources, county histories, and many other resources. In partnership with the Genealogical Society of Utah, the Genealogy Department is now an official Family History Center. Customers have access to the more than two million rolls of microfilm owned by the Society. The microfilm catalog is available at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org), the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' website. This is a free site which can be accessed from home, either directly or through the genealogy recommended websites [page](#). For a nominal fee, customers with valid library cards may order microfilm to be sent to the Genealogy Department so that it can be viewed. Film will be available to customers for one month. The Genealogy Collection publishes a monthly newsletter. Main Library, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.
- First Wednesday Art Walk features original work from local, regional, national and international artists at over 30 downtown venues. First Wednesday of each month @ 5:00 - 8:00 PM. **Main Library**, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- For a full list of library events, please visit <http://jpl.coj.net/>

**Schools** - Duval County Public Schools [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org)

**Jacksonville Journey:**

- The next meeting dates are Nov. 19 and Dec. 15. Meetings are held at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. For more info contact: Tina Rehmel (904) 630-1273 or visit <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

**JSO:**

- The Community Affairs Division offers free gun locks, info. on "Firearms Responsibility In The Home", info. on safe and secure storage options and a message to kids about firearms responsibility. For more information, call (904) 630-2160.

**Riverside Arts Market** – Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Riverside Avenue. Fresh produce, arts and a Children's Creativity Center. The theme of the Market is to shop locally. Free admission.

**World Congress on Disabilities Expo** – Nov. 19-20 at Prime Osborne Convention Center. Register at [www.wcdexpo.com](http://www.wcdexpo.com) or call 1877-923-3976.

**Phone Numbers**

- Sign up for e-mail notifications from the Mayor's Office at: <http://mayornotification.coj.net/>
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.coj.net) (Search word Extension Office)  
[Http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 924-1710.
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