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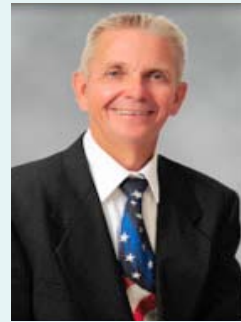
Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

September 2011

NEFRC Welcomes Two New Members

The Jacksonville City Council has appointed two City Council Members to represent Duval County on the Northeast Florida Regional Council's Board of Directors. The new members are District 12 Council Member Doyle Carter and District 6 Council Member Matt Schellenberg.



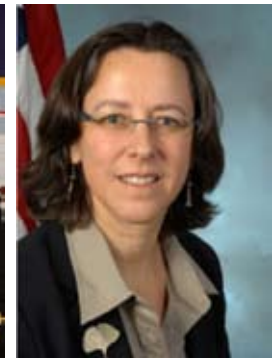
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NEFRC Hosts National Conference

The Northeast Florida Regional Council hosted the National Association of Regional Council's 2011 Executive Directors Conference in downtown Jacksonville from September 19-21, 2011. The conference attracted nearly 100 directors and presenters from around the country. NEFRC President Elaine Brown welcomed the attendees. NEFRC CEO, Brian Teeple presented a virtual tour of the Region, as well as a session on blurring the lines by working across regional boundaries. Keynote Speakers included; Congresswoman Corrine Brown; Captain Jeffery Maclay, Commanding Officer – Naval Air Station Jacksonville; and Shelly Poticha, HUD Director of the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities. For additional information, please contact Brian Teeple at bteeple@nefrc.org or (904) 279-0880.



*left to right
Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Captain Jeffrey Maclay and Hon. Shelley Poticha*

NEFRC Staff Present at Statewide Conference



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Brian Teeple, Dr. Jaap Voss, Chris Sinclair, Mary Kay Peck, Dr. Kristin Larsen, Dr. Tim Chapin*

NEFRC staffers made presentations at the annual Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference held in West Palm Beach, September 7-10, 2011. Council CEO, Brian Teeple, presented with a group of fellow distinguished panelists on the changes and future of the Development of Regional Impact process as well as moderated a session that included the heads of Florida's accredited planning programs and several experienced professionals discussing ways to bridge the divide between planning practices and planning scholarship. NEFRC staffer Jeff Alexander presented with a panel on the recently completed and award winning Statewide Regional Evacuation Study. For additional information, please contact Brian Teeple at bteeple@nefrc.org or (904) 279-0880.

Regional Mobility Coalition Executive Committee Meets

NEFRC staff, with the assistance of staff from the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) and the First Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), facilitated the first ever meeting of the Regional Mobility Coalition Executive Committee on August 31st. The Executive Committee was formed as a result of the 2010 Regional Mobility Summit, and consists of representatives from the seven Community Transportation Coordinators in Northeast Florida, the seven Local Coordinating Board Chairmen, and one representative each from FDOT District 2 and District 5. The purpose of the meeting was for the Committee to review and approve the Coordination and Cooperation Strategic Implementation Plan, which was developed by three subcommittees of the Coalition. Those subcommittees are; Technology, Policy, and Resources; which were comprised of staff representatives from the agencies that made up the Regional Mobility Coalition. These subcommittees evolved from the Summit workgroup issues, with the goal of furthering the Summit recommendations. It is anticipated that the Subcommittees will now begin implementation of the stated goals from the Strategic Plan, with these efforts culminating in a second Mobility Summit to occur in 2012. The overall goal of the effort is to develop a regional and seamless transit and paratransit system within Northeast Florida within the structure of the existing Community Transportation Coordinators. For additional information, please contact Ed Lehman at elehman@nefrc.org or (904) 279-0885 x130.

The Town of Interlachen Workshop

Council CEO, Brian Teeple presented an abridged version of the Community Planning Act commonly referred to as HB 7207, at a joint workshop with the Planning Commission and the Town Council on September 15, 2011. The presentation included changes to the Growth Management Law, and, in particular focused on the repercussions to the Town with regard to the Town's successful completion and sufficiency finding of its Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). It was noted that with the adoption of HB 7207, the Town's EAR submittal schedule has been modified and

Interlachen is now faced with the "what next" question. The situation as it related to EAR-based amendments is not unique, as all municipalities in Putnam County face the same issue of a revised EAR schedule. The workshop included the Town Council posing candid questions, and an engaging discussion. The NEFRC clarification and direction provided the Town with the options and approach to updating an outdated Comprehensive Plan, and the process leading to the new EAR notification date of 2014. For additional information, please contact Brian Teeple at bteeple@nefrc.org or (904) 279-0880.

Clay County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP)

A Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) is a requirement of all Florida coastal counties and municipalities, and is encouraged for inland communities under Florida law. Additionally, local comprehensive plans must include policies on post-disaster redevelopment planning. The Clay County PDRP will identify policies, operational strategies, and roles and responsibilities for implementation for redevelopment of the community after a disaster. The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) staff is assisting the County to complete their PDRP document. The Clay PDRP emphasizes opportunities for hazard mitigation and recovery topics including: business resumption and economic redevelopment, housing repair and reconstruction, infrastructure restoration and mitigation, environmental restoration, and financial considerations.

This one-year process began with a kick-off meeting held

at the Clay County Emergency Operations Center on June 22nd. As disasters often cross geographical boundaries; the County has involved all local municipalities in the development of the PDRP and as a part of the PDRP Executive Committee. With the leadership, participation and commitment of the Executive Committee, they will oversee the research and analyses completed by the NEFRC. The Executive Committee is to liaise with community leaders and undertake the important role of community and public outreach. The PDRP process has created a unique opportunity for Growth Management and Emergency Management leaders to develop a Plan that is clear and organized. Taking this approach to focus on long-term recovery before a disaster strikes will allow the County to not just reconstruct what was there, but to redevelop as a more sustainable, disaster-resilient community. Additional details and documents are on the Clay County website at <http://www.claycountygov.com/pdrp.htm>

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Council Staffer Elected

Council staffer, Beth Payne, AICP was elected as Secretary of the First Coast Section of the American Planning Association (APA) Florida chapter. Ms. Payne has been a Senior Regional Planner at the Council for nearly three years. She has served on the Board for the First Coast Section as an appointed member for the last three years. In her role as Secretary, she is tasked with maintaining the permanent records of the Section activities and actions; serving as Communications Officer and Editor of the First Coast Section Newsletter. For additional information, please contact Brian Teeple at bteeple@nefrc.org or (904) 279-0880.