

Minutes of the
NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
July 7, 2005

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, July 7, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR), 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra, FL 32082.

President Kanbar called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

BAKER	Hugh Fish Charles Prachar Gordon Crews
CLAY	Deidra Franklin
DUVAL	Mary Louise Dungey Rea Fleckenstein Jerry Holland Elaine Brown
FLAGLER	Blair Kanbar Joann King Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Bob Spaeth Ansley Acree
PUTNAM	Chip Laibl Linda Myers
ST. JOHNS	Bruce Maguire Karen Stern Clare Berry Harry Maxwell
EX-OFFICIO	Larry Parks Linda Burnette

Excused Absence: Ginger Barber, Carol Vallencourt, Harold Rutledge, Paul Parsons, Ralph Carter, Tom Branan, Brad Purcell, Don Crichlow, Bill Green, Wes Larson

Absent: Glenn Lassiter, Mary Lawson Brown

Others: Tony Robbins, Kim Allerton, Lindsay Haga, Teresa Bishop, Jennifer Auger, Valerie Britt, Mary Billotti, Kathleen Brown, Kim Craft, John Sulik,

Geoffrey Sample Kathy Cramer, and other members of the public.
Staff Present: Brian Teeple, Barbara Rovedo, Ed Lehman, Mike Brown,
Mike Hadden, Donna Starling, Chris Bono, Tobin Lilly,
Stephen Jones, Jeanie Palmer and Peggy Conrad

Commissioner Maguire welcomed everyone to St. Johns County then led the Council in a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Ken Berk, Environmental Administrator for GTMNERR and East Coast Region, Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, Department of Environmental Protection, welcomed everyone to GTMNERR and gave a brief overview of GTMNERR and their mission. The facility will be opened to the public on September 24, 2005. Mr. Berk stated that a staff person would be available for anyone wishing to tour the facility later.

*Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stern moved approval of the June 2, 2005, meeting's minutes; seconded by Supervisor Holland; motion unanimously carried.

President's Report

None.

*Consent Agenda

President Kanbar asked if any items needed to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. **Commissioner Stern** asked that several items be moved to the Discussion Agenda. **Commissioner Stern moved approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Spaeth; motion unanimously carried.**

Discussion Agenda

*Clay County - Transmitted Amendment 05-2

Mr. Lehman reviewed Clay County Transmitted Amendment 05-2. **Mr. Maxwell moved approval of Staff's recommendation that the Council approve the amendment for transmittal to DCA; seconded by Commissioner Stern; motion unanimously carried.**

*City of Bunnell – Transmitted Amendment 05-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed City of Bunnell Transmitted Amendment 05-1 stating there was an error on Page 3. The recommendation should read "A maximum density of one unit per acre for Agricultural". **Mr. Sgroi moved approval of Staff's recommendation that the Council approve the amendment for transmittal to DCA; seconded by Mr. Prachar; motion unanimously carried.**

*Town of Hilliard – Adopted Amendment 05-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed the Town of Hilliard Adopted Amendment 05-1. **Commissioner Stern moved approval of Staff's recommendation that this amendment is consistent with the SRPP; seconded by Supervisor Holland; motion unanimously carried.**

*City of Palm Coast – Adopted Amendment 05-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed City of Palm Coast Adopted Amendment 05-1 stating there was a typographical error on Page 2 that should read City of Palm Coast not St. Johns County. **Mayor King moved approval of Staff's recommendation that this amendment is consistent with the SRPP (with the typographical error correction); seconded by Commissioner Stern; motion unanimously carried.**

*Nassau County - Transmitted Amendment 05-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed Nassau County Transmitted Amendment 05-1. **Commissioner Stern moved approval of Staff's recommendation that the Council approve the amendment for transmittal to DCA; seconded by Mr. Maxwell; motion unanimously carried.**

*City of Jacksonville – Adopted Amendment 05-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 05-1. **Mr. Maxwell moved approval of Staff's recommendation that this amendment is consistent with the SRPP; seconded by Commissioner Maguire; motion unanimously carried.**

*Twin Creeks Development of Regional Impact (DRI)

Mr. Lehman stated that the developer and the consultants were in attendance, as well as Mr. Tony Robbins of Prosser Hallock. Mr. Lehman then stated that the Planning & Growth Management Committee had adopted Staff's recommendations with a number of changes. Mr. Lehman called attention to the recommendation report reviewing:

- ?? Gopher Tortoise Habitat
- ?? Wildlife Corridors
- ?? Wetland Buffers
- ?? Wetland Impacts
- ?? Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- ?? Water Quality Monitoring Plan
- ?? Floodplains
- ?? Water Conservation – **Mr. Lehman called attention to the updated information on Recommendation 7A. The Committee recommended that the condition be revised to add the requirement that the issue of reuse be re-examined if the build out of residential exceeds five years**
- ?? Water Wise Landscaping
- ?? Water Conservation Strategies
- ?? Water Conservation Program
- ?? Wastewater Management – prohibition of septic tanks. **The lift station siting was incorrectly listed on the original recommendation report as being “1,000 feet south” of the proposed C.R. 210 – this should read “30 feet south”.**
- ?? Stormwater

- ?? Transportation
 - pipelining of improvements to C.R.210 by straightening and widening the road between I-95 and U.S. 1.

- the Interchange Modification Report for the I-95/C.R.210 Interchange will be prepared that will identify short-term improvements to be funded by the applicant and establish a concept plan for year 2030 improvements. The applicant will also contribute money into a long-term fund for year 2030 improvements.

- U.S. 1 and C.R. 210 Interchange
- transportation management organization
- contribution to St. Johns County public transportation system
- project phasing schedule
- application of conversion table - **the Committee added the DOT to the**

list of agencies to receive the exchange table

- bicycle and pedestrian connections

?? Air Quality

?? Affordable Housing – **the Committee recommended taking out the 2nd option to pay \$400,000 at the request of the County and recommended that the developer continue to work with the County – this allows the option for the payment of the \$400,000 or the ability to work with the County**

?? Education

?? Police and Fire Protection

?? Recreation and Open Space

?? Historical and Archaeological

In answer to a question regarding the timeline of straightening C.R. 210, Mr. Lehman stated that this will be paid for by the end of 2006, but construction will probably not start until July of 2008.

Mr. Maxwell moved approval of Committee and Staff’s recommendations with changes; seconded by Ms. Dungey; motion unanimously carried.

*Approval of FY05/06 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Grant Application

Mr. Jones reviewed the annual TD Grant Application. **Mr. Sgroi moved approval of the FY05/06 Transportation Disadvantaged Grant application; seconded by Supervisor Holland; motion unanimously carried.**

Regional Leadership Awards

Mr. Teeple stated that planning has begun for the Elected Officials Reception and Regional Leadership Awards program. The application forms are being printed and will be mailed to all Board members and past respondents. No date has been set yet.

FDOT/WMD/RPC – Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) Boundary Study

Mr. Teeple called attention to the information regarding SB 360 Section 10 and the boundary maps of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Water Management Districts, the eleven Regional Planning Councils, and Enterprise Florida. The boundary for the NEFRC is co-terminus with the boundary of Enterprise Florida. The existing and potential boundaries were discussed. OPPAGA is meeting with the Executive Directors of the Regional Planning Councils in Tallahassee on July 19, 2005. **Ms. Burnette** stated she would be happy to report to the

Council next month on the WMD meeting with OPPAGA. **Mr. Parks** discussed the 18 counties in Northeast Florida and stated that FDOT will comply with whatever OPPAGA suggests. **Commissioner Myers** suggested that, wherever possible, the land use, transportation, and economic development boundaries should be aligned.

Regional Legislative Agenda

Commissioner Maguire says the governor has been pushing regionalism. As the south part of the state becomes more populous (with the I-4 corridor being the dividing line) they become more powerful with more representation. **Commissioner Maguire** recommended that the NEFRC assemble a Legislative Committee that can meet with legislators from the NEFRC counties in a cohesive effort to put forth a united voice. Mr. Teeple mentioned that the Florida Regional Councils Association could be utilized for this. **Commissioner Myers** stated that our local delegation does not know the NEFRC. A discussion followed regarding the value of hiring lobbyists. A suggestion was made that Representative Kravitz be contacted as a resource as to what the NEFRC could do to have their voice heard. A Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee will be formed to meet with Representative Kravitz. The Committee will include the following representatives from each of the seven counties - **Councilwoman Brown, Ms. Franklin, and Commissioners Acree, Myers, Kanbar, Maguire, Crews, and first Vice-President Karen Stern.**

Hometown Democracy Returns

Mr. Teeple stated this has risen again and the Hometown Democracy proponents have regrouped and are collecting signatures. This has been partly fueled by the recent Supreme Court case decision regarding eminent domain for the purposes of economic development.

Members Reports

None.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Teeple called attention to Newspaper Articles and the Highlights article regarding the work with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the National Weather Service, and our local governments, in the development of videoconferencing capabilities. This is now available in each of the seven Emergency Operation Centers, the FDLE, and the National Weather Service, to facilitate enhanced communication during disasters. A proposal was made to the DCA to establish this capability in all eleven regional councils and the DCA. This could be used to host local governments and give them the ability to have face-to-face electronic meetings thereby reducing costs normally incurred when traveling to Tallahassee.

Identifying Regional Issues and Solutions (IRIS) – Public Policy Development Issues

Nassau County Update

Mr. Teeple stated that the survey instrument used in Nassau County has been changed from that used in Baker County. Stakeholders to be interviewed have been identified.

Baker County

The interviews are complete and three stakeholder meetings have been held. The data is now

being analyzed. A community wide meeting will be held where the citizens of Baker County will be asked to select their future with further analysis being done. Recommendations will be made to the Baker County Commission.

Public Comment

John Sulik, representing Pablo Point Civic Association, voiced his concerns about the Jacksonville transmittal resolution 05-616 (FLUM 2005A-018) stating that data and inadequate analysis was performed by the planning committee, the staff of the city council, and the land use and zoning committee regarding traffic, wildlife, and evacuation.

Kim Craft, representing Pablo Point Civic Association, voiced her traffic study concerns regarding the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) of the proposed Harbortown development and the fact that Atlantic Boulevard is already operating well over capacity.

Kathleen Brown, representing Pablo Point Civic Association, voiced environmental concerns regarding the destruction of the marsh for development and the loss of wetlands.

Ms. Brown called attention to the environmental information distributed, in particular soil usage.

Mary Billotti, representing Pablo Point Civic Association, voiced concerns regarding building in the CHHA especially in light of the recent hurricanes and the resultant flooding, stating that the models used to predict flooding are 20 years out of date.

Valerie Britt, representing Pablo Point Civic Association, called attention to the information she had distributed stating that the water front/water dependent category does not allow for residential development. The traffic report states that to adopt the amendment would result in not maintaining the level of service standard on Atlantic Boulevard and increase development in the CHHA. Ms. Britt also stated that reducing the conservation area presents a fragmented review.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Blair Kanbar
President

Brian Teeple
Executive Director