

Minutes of the
NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
December 8, 2005

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, December 8, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

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

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| BAKER | Charles Prachar |
| CLAY | Harold Rutledge Deidra Franklin Bill Basford Carol Vallencourt |
| DUVAL | Rea Fleckenstein Elaine Brown |
| FLAGLER | Blair Kanbar Joann King |
| NASSAU | Bob Spaeth |
| PUTNAM | Chip Laibl Linda Myers Mary Lawson Brown |
| ST. JOHNS | Don Crichlow Karen Stern Clare Berry |
| EX-OFFICIO | Larry Parks Gregory Strong |

Excused Absence: Ginger Barber, Gordon Crews, Hugh Fish, Mary Louise Dungey, Jerry Holland, Bob Sgroi, Ansley Acree, Tom Branan, Brad Purcell, Bruce Maguire, Harry Maxwell, Wes Larson, Linda Burnette

Others: Jennifer Auger, Geoffrey Sample, Bill Green, George McClure, Jim Robinson, T.R. Hainline, Susan Bloodworth, Mark Shelton, Jamie Suber, and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Brian Teeple, Barbara Rovedo, Ed Lehman, Mike Brown, Steve Mahaven, Stephen Jones, Mike Hadden, Chris Bono, Amanda Loach, Donna Starling, and Peggy Conrad

President Stern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Approval of Minutes

Ms. Berry moved approval of the November 3, 2005, meeting's minutes; seconded by **Mr. Laibl**; motion unanimously carried.

President's Report

President Stern welcomed **Mr. Basford** back to the Board. **Commissioner Myers** commended Clay County on making such a great decision. **President Stern** also welcomed **Mr. Gregory Strong**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) representative.

President Stern called attention to the updated Council and Committee rosters then announced that **Mr. Basford** had been appointed to the Personnel, Budget, & Finance Committee, and **Commissioners Rutledge** and **Crichlow** to the Planning & Growth Management Committee.

President Stern stated that the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Legislative Policy Committee mirrored the newly created Legislative Committee therefore the FRCA Legislative Policy Committee will function in this new role. **Commissioner Myers** asked Legislative Committee members to plan on attending the first meeting due to be held directly after the January meeting. **Commissioner Myers** then asked that members take responsibility for sending their specific county legislative agenda items to the Regional Council staff prior to the January meeting.

President Stern stated that an announcement regarding the Affordable Housing Ad Hoc Committee membership would be made at or before the January meeting and asked that any Board member, who would like to serve on the Affordable Housing Committee, contact Brian Teeple.

*Consent Agenda

President Stern asked if any items needed to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 06-1 and the City of St. Augustine Adopted Agenda were moved to the Discussion Agenda. **Commissioner Vallencourt** moved approval of the remainder of the Consent Agenda; seconded by **Ms. Berry**; motion unanimously carried.

Discussion Agenda

Mr. Lehman stated that possibly due to heavy traffic the Planning & Growth Management Committee had not had a quorum.

St. Johns County - Transmitted Amendment 06-1

Mr. Lehman then reviewed St. Johns County - Transmitted Amendment 06-1, stating that this contained five proposed changes to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) and that the first amendment is located on the east side of S.R. 13 at Trout Creek. Mr. Lehman stated that the St. Johns County Planning and Zoning Agency did not recommend transmittal of this amendment. The Council Staff had concerns with the increase in densities and the financial feasibility of the amendment although adequate roadways do exist. The St. Johns County School Board recommended waiting until concurrency is complete. Mr. Lehman then stated staff's concerns with the densities proposed in the amendment.

Public Comment

Mr. Tracy Considine, representing Trout Creek Homeowners, stated he would be living directly across the street from the proposed project. The site is actually zoned Rural Commercial and small commercial usage, such as a grocery store, is needed on that site. Mr. Considine voiced his concerns regarding the "D" designation since there are no "D" designations west of the Intracoastal waterway and he felt this was textbook sprawl. Mr. Considine distributed copies of the NW Sector Plan and an aerial photograph of the area and stated concerns with traffic and hurricane evacuation on the existing two lane roads. Mr. Considine asked that the amendment be transmitted with an objection.

Mr. Lehman then reviewed the other four amendments.

Ms. Vallencourt moved approval of Staff's recommendation to transmit the report to DCA; seconded by Mr. Laibl; motion unanimously carried.

City of St. Augustine Adopted Amendment 05-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed this amendment stating that staff had no concerns, comments or objections and stated that DCA had no concerns either. **Commissioner Myers moved approval of staff's recommendation that the City of St. Augustine Adopted Amendment 05-1 is consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Mr. Prachar; motion unanimously carried.**

*Clay County – Transmitted Amendment 06-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed this amendment stating this was received too late for mail out, and that staff had no concerns. **Commissioner Lawson Brown moved approval of Staff's recommendation to transmit the report to DCA; seconded by Ms. Franklin; motion unanimously carried.**

*Nassau County – Transmitted Amendment 06-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed this amendment stating that this was received in two parts.

Commissioner Myers moved approval of Staff’s recommendation to transmit the report to DCA; seconded by Councilwoman Brown; motion unanimously carried.

*Nassau County – Adopted Amendment 05-2

Mr. Lehman reviewed the Nassau County – Adopted Amendment 05-2. **Mr. Laibl moved approval of staff’s recommendation that the Nassau County - Adopted Amendment 05-2 is consistent with the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Commissioner Lawson Brown; motion unanimously carried.**

Ashford Mills DRI Presentation

Mr. Lehman stated that the Ashford Mills DRI will be coming before the Council in January for a decision. In February the State Road 100 Project DRI in the City of Palm Coast will be coming before the Board. In March the Silverleaf Plantation DRI in St. Johns County will be coming before the Council.

Mr. Lehman introduced Mr. George McClure, representing the Collins Group, to make the Ashford Mills DRI presentation. Mr. McClure then introduced members of his team stating that the project is located in Northwest St. Johns County and is slightly over 1500 acres in size. He then gave a Power Point presentation stating that an elementary school has already been built on land donated by Mr. Collins with ongoing negotiations for the donation of land and construction of a middle school on the property. At the moment the proportionate share for transportation is \$18 million dollars with a portion being used to assist with the C.R. 210/I-95 interchange. The entire mitigation package is approximately \$46 million.

Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Academy (RLA) Visioning Wrap-Up

Mr. Teeple stated that the Inaugural Class of the Northeast Florida RLA graduated on November 11, 2005, with 35 of the original 37 members. The NEFRC participants were **President Stern, Commissioner Purcell, Councilwoman Brown, Mr. Laibl, and Mr. Larson**. Mr. Teeple then called attention to the memorandum and the Results of the Group Visioning Process, Program Evaluation by Consensus, the Overall Program Evaluation, and the Inaugural Yearbook. The items of particular significance that the class formulated were to:

- ? establish regional visioning and benchmarks
- ? establish an annual regional summit
- ? establish a regional incubator
- ? enhance existing regional networks
- ? organize and host the NEFRC legislative delegation
- ? advocate regional improvements
- ? recognize true regional cooperation based on trust

Councilwoman Brown stated that she was inspired by the knowledge obtained from the

other counties and that there seemed to be tremendous enthusiasm for learning about each other's counties. She also stated she would highly recommend this class to her colleagues.

*Beach Access Committee Final Report

Mr. Teeple apologized for not being able to bring the Beach Access Committee Final Report to members due to color printing difficulties. The final report will be presented at the January meeting.

Fiscal Impact Analysis Model

Mr. Teeple stated that approximately five years previously the State of Florida had appropriated half a million dollars to create a fiscal impact model that the State could utilize. The contract was managed by the FDEP who hired Fishkind & Associates to develop a customized model for communities to be able to utilize and understand impacts of growth and development within their communities. Within the last year the DCA has contracted with the NEFRC to conduct an analysis of what was being done with the Fiscal Impact Analysis Model. Mr. Teeple then gave a Power Point presentation stating that the DCA has been working with a consultant who has now developed a Fiscal Impact Assessment Model (FIAM). After explaining what FIAM is, Mr. Teeple then stated that Council staff members are undertaking training to assist local governments. He then called attention to the data required to run the model. The State wants the local governments to either choose to use FIAM, or choose to use something else, but they have to either opt in or opt out of FIAM.

*Resolution 2005-12 Honoring Clay County Commissioner, Glenn Lassiter

Commissioner Rutledge moved approval of Resolution 2005-12; seconded by Commissioner Myers; motion unanimously carried.

*Appointments to St. Johns County Transportation Disadvantaged
Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB)

Mr. Jones called attention to the memorandum containing information on the appointments to the St. Johns County TDLCB stating that the appointments need to be confirmed. **Mr. Laibl moved approval of the appointments; seconded by Commissioner Myers; motion unanimously carried.**

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Presentation

Ms. Rovedo introduced Ms. Linda Levin, Executive Director, Northeast Florida Area Agency on Aging. Ms. Levin gave a Power Point presentation outlining the AAA purpose, responsibilities, goals, and duties. 2004 legislation required that all 11 Area Agencies on Aging in the State transition to Aging Resource Centers. A Local Advisory Workgroup has been assigned to assist with becoming an Aging Resource Center. The Aging Resource Center will provide true one stop shopping for the elders in the community. Ms. Levin stated that if anyone had questions they should call the Elder Helpline at 904-391-6699.

2005 Draft Annual Report

Mr. Hadden called attention to the draft copy of the report and asked Board members to please check for accuracy then send any changes to him by December 16, 2005.

Members Reports

President Stern stated that the County Commissioners from Clay County and St. Johns County are planning to meet to discuss the River Crossing Study and that she will keep everyone posted on the outcome.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Highlights – Mr. Teeple stated this issue was dedicated to the Regional Leadership Award winners. An evaluation survey will be mailed to the event attendees.

Newspaper Articles – These are in the binders for perusal.

Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) Update – The recommendations will be unveiled on December 15, 2005.

Upcoming Events - A JTA summit will be held on December 15, 2005.

Luncheon Logistics – Mr. Teeple asked that everyone take their personal belongings so staff could set up the Board room for the holiday luncheon.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216. The Planning & Growth Management meeting will begin at **8:30 am**. The Ashford Mills DRI decision will be rendered at the Council in January since the Silverleaf DRI hearing will probably held in St. Johns County in March 2006.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Karen Stern
President

Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer