



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
August 2, 2007

MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

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

BAKER	Hugh Fish Mike Griffis Darryl Register
CLAY	Harold Rutledge Chereese Stewart Carol Vallencourt
DUVAL	Mary Louise Dungey
FLAGLER	Milissa Holland Joann King Jim O'Connell Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Michael Boyle Bob Spaeth Larry Williams
PUTNAM	Nancy Harris Chip Laibl Tom Williams
ST. JOHNS	Don Crichlow Karen Stern
EX-OFFICIO	Geoff Sample (Linda Burnette) Larry Parks Bill Green (Greg Strong)

Excused: Ginger Barber, Paul Bue, Deidra Franklin, Richard Clark, James Fletcher, Bill Leeper, Tom Manuel, Harry Maxwell and Cyndi Stevenson.

Absent: Mary Lawson-Brown

Others: Valerie Britt, Ed Preston, Joe Cone, Gary Kresel, Lisa Ransom and other members of the public.

Staff: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Ed Lehman, Donna Starling, Dawn Clarke, Michael Hadden, Michael Hill, Guy Parola and Angela Giles.

President Laibl called the meeting to order. **Mayor King** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fish moved approval of the July 12, 2007, meeting's minutes; seconded by Mrs. Stern; motion unanimously carried.

President's Report

President Laibl stated that Committee assignments for the upcoming 2007/2008 year will be in October.

Public Comment

None.

*Consent Agenda

President Laibl stated that representatives from Baker County asked that the Baker County Transmitted Amendment 07-2 be pulled from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. President Laibl asked if there were additional items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. There being no additional items to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda, **Mr. Fish moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. Stern; motion unanimously carried.**

Discussion Agenda

*Baker County Transmitted Amendment 07-2

Mr. Lehman stated that the Baker County representatives, Mr. Joe Cone and Mr. Ed Preston were unable to attend the Planning & Growth Management Committee (P&G) meeting, and thus requested that the item be pulled from the Consent Agenda so that they may address any issues or questions from the Members of the Board. Mr. Lehman informed the Board that the P&G Committee adopted staff recommendations unanimously. Mr. Lehman stated that the amendment consists of four changes to the comprehensive plan: 1) to change 72.02 acres from Agricultural Zone B to Residential Zone E; 2) to change 723.7 acres from Agricultural Zone A to Light Industrial; 3) to change 1056.5 acres from Agricultural Zone A and 167.9 acres from Agricultural Zone B to 710 acres of Industrial, 40 acres of Commercial, and 475 acres of Conservation; 4) a proposed change to the FLUM to change 1,515 acres from Agriculture Zone A and Agriculture Zone B to Industrial. Staff had concerns with water and sewer, conservation of wetlands and mitigation of regional roadways.

Commissioner Griffis was recognized by President Laibl and asked Joe Cone, County Manager, to speak to the Board regarding what is being done by Baker County to alleviate concerns raised by NEFRC staff about water and sewer and regional transportation. Mr. Cone stated that the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County has adopted a transportation plan in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) to address I-10 concerns; they have adopted a water and sewer master plan for 3 regional treatment facilities (developers will build facilities to be franchised by Baker County); and Baker County has adopted utility standards for developments. **Mr. Fish** stated that Baker County has worked very hard on the transportation plan. **Mr. Fish moved approval of staff recommendation to forward Baker County Transmitted Amendment 07-2 to DCA; seconded by Mayor King; motion carried unanimously.**

*Town of Callahan Transmitted Amendment 07-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed the Town of Callahan Transmitted Amendment 07-1 which consists of six changes to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) that were reviewed by the Committee and Council at the April meeting, as well as one additional FLUM amendment. The April transmittal was rejected by the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on a technicality, therefore we are now reviewing it again as a *transmitted* amendment. The changes are: 1) to change a 38.99-acre parcel to Residential Medium Density; 2) to change a 5.63-acre parcel to Commercial; 3) to change a 4.68-acre parcel to Residential High Density; 4) to change an 11.54-acre parcel to Residential High Density; 5) to change a 19.11-acre parcel to Commercial; 6) to change a 20.44-acre parcel to Residential – Medium Density; and 7) to change a 12.41-acre parcel to Commercial. Staff expressed concern in April over the aggregate effect of transportation in this area of Nassau County. The Board recommendation at that time was a traffic study be included. Staff recommends again that a traffic study be included as no data and analysis was provided with the Transmitted Amendment. **Mrs. Stern moved approval of forwarding Town of Callahan Transmitted Amendment 07-1 to DCA; seconded by Mr. Spaeth; motion carried unanimously.**

*City of Palm Coast Transmitted Amendment 07-1

Mr. Parola stated that the City of Palm Coast Transmitted Amendment 07-1 consists of two text changes to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, to promote transportation interconnectivity within the City. Staff recommends transmittal to DCA. **Ms. Vallencourt moved approval of staff recommendation; seconded by Mrs. Stern, motion carried unanimously.**

*Town of Hastings Transmitted Amendment 07-1

Mr. Lehman reviewed the Town of Hastings Transmitted Amendment 07-1, which consists of several text amendments to position the Town in their efforts to receive a Florida Communities Trust grant. The purpose of the grant is to create the Cora C. Harrison Preserve. These text amendments will help in the competition for that grant. Staff recommends transmittal of the amendment to DCA. **Mrs. Stern moved approval of transmittal to DCA; seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried unanimously.**

*Timucuan Development of Regional Impact Development Order (DO) Review

Mr. Lehman stated that the DO was reviewed by the Planning & Growth Management Policy Committee (P&G). The Committee unanimously adopted staff recommendation that it is consistent with recommendation report adopted in May. **Mr. Fish moved approval of no appeal to DCA; seconded by Mrs. Stern; motion carried unanimously.**

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Presentation

Mr. Teeple stated that this item came before the Board at the request of a Member to bring the Council and Local Governments up to speed on what is happening with the TMDL program. Mr. Teeple introduced Ms. Melissa Long, Water Program Administrator, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, along with Mr. Kraig McClane of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD). Ms. Long gave a PowerPoint presentation of the TMDL program; discussion followed.

Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Training

Mr. Lehman informed the Board that recent amendments to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, primarily through adoption of Senate Bill 360 in 2005, require the capital improvements element of the comprehensive plan to be reviewed on an annual basis in order to maintain a financially feasible schedule of capital improvements. Mr. Lehman asked that the Board Members inform their fiscal and

planning staff of these training workshops. In order to assist local government with this requirement, the DCA has requested that each of the 11 Regional Planning Councils in Florida be the primary means of delivering CIE training and technical support. In order to meet that responsibility, the Northeast Florida Regional Council staff has scheduled two (2) training workshops, and invites local government staff, particularly planning, finance and public works personnel, to attend one of these workshops. The workshops are scheduled for: Wednesday, August 29, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Jacksonville (site to be determined) and Thursday, August 30, 2007, 9:00 to 12:00 p.m., in Flagler County (site to be determined).

Legislative Special Session – State Budget

Mr. Teeple informed the Board members of the upcoming Legislative Special Session, beginning on September 18th, to address the revenue shortfall being experienced by the State of Florida. There is a projected one and a half billion dollar budget shortfall. Mr. Teeple also stated that the Council's contract with the DCA would likely be cut by about 10%. Mr. Taylor stated that a schedule for the House of Representatives was included in the Board Members binders and that no schedule for the Senate was available at this time.

Framework for Florida's Planning Reform – Florida Regional Councils Association

The Executive Directors of the Regional Councils got together with the Secretary of DCA to put together a framework for a reasonable approach to revisions of Florida's growth management laws. DCA is putting a program in place to provide a complete re-write of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes as it relates to the growth management program. Regional Visioning exercise as basis for newly created Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP), and that Regional plans when placed together, could form the basis of a "state plan". Once visions are completed, new policy plans will be created. A new state plan should be created to identify compelling state issues. Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, need to be revamped to require a regional visioning element. Plan review process will be streamlined. Discussion followed.

Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition (HSC) Future Options

Mr. Teeple spoke to the Board regarding the possible separation of HSC from the Regional Council. Mr. Teeple informed Members that the Northeast Florida HSC has been part of the Regional Council family since its creation in 1992. Due to pending budget constraints and structural and operational desires, the Coalition is considering options regarding office location and affiliation. The Board of Directors of the Coalition is scheduled to meet (via telephone conference) on August 9, 2007 to continue their deliberations and possibly take a vote to decide the future direction of the Coalition. Should the Coalition sever its relationship with the Council it would occur on October 1, 2007. Fiscal impact to the Council would be the loss of approximately \$340,000 in participation of the Council's "overhead" costs. While some of our programs may grow slightly (at least in the short run) and we may be able to lease all or a portion of the space vacated by the Coalition the impact will likely require a general tightening of our belts and possibly support staff layoffs. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

None.

Members Reports

None.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Teeple informed the Board Members that the date for the Elected Officials Reception/Regional Leadership Awards is Thursday, October 11, 2007, at the St. Johns County Convention Center at World Golf Village. Mr. Teeple also asked Members for nominations for the Regional Leadership Awards. Mr. Teeple then called attention to energy issues, particularly electric generation issues with the Seminole Electric Cooperative generating station in Palatka. Mr. Teeple introduced Debbie Dale, the new administrative assistant for the Emergency Preparedness Department. Mr. Teeple also called attention to the News Articles in the back of the binders, for members to review and take with them if they wished. Mr. Teeple mentioned upcoming events, and that the meeting may be off-site in October, and stated that Highlights were in the binders for Member review.

Next Meeting Date

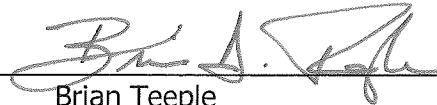
The next Council Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 pm.



Chip Laibl
President



Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer